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

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### TO THE BACKSLIDER

Have you wandered far from Jesus?  
 Has the dazzling fruit of sin  
 Turned to ashes on your palate?  
 Are you sick and sad within?  
 Have your life-pleas all been thwarted,  
 And your hopes been turned aside?  
 Have you chosen sin and folly,  
 Drifting with the tide?

Gloomy mountains rise above you,  
 Earth-enslaved is your mind;  
 But a voice to you is speaking,  
 Christ the Lord is wondrous kind,  
 "Turn, O turn, for I've redeemed thee,  
 Come and find thy promised rest;  
 In my arms are love and safety,  
 Lean thy head upon my breast."

Sunny memories wrap thy spirit  
 In a vision of the past,  
 Home and mother, happy childhood,  
 'Till a chaos dark and vast;  
 Come, O come, make known thy yearning  
 Seek the Lord in contrite prayer;  
 Though upon a desert dying,  
 God will bless you even there.

Have you known the truth now sounding  
 Far and wide o'er earth and sea,  
 Yet have failed to keep and hold it,  
 Fearing not the last decree?  
 Sad, O sad, if still rejecting,  
 Darkness deepens more and more,  
 Till the Saviour comes in glory,  
 And probation's hour is o'er.

Eliza H. Morton.

### WRITE! WRITE!! WRITE!!!

Doubtless all are aware that there are six Sunday bills now pending in Congress. Two are before the Senate and four in the House of Representatives. There has never been a more persistent and unrelenting spirit manifested on the part of Sunday-law advocates than there is at the present time to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

Last week the advocates of Sunday legislation held a mass meeting in the New York Avenue Church of Washington, D. C., over which Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, presided. The arguments for a Sunday law in the District of Columbia were strong from their viewpoint, but exceedingly weak from the standpoint of the gospel and American principles.

Senator Gallinger, the chairman of the District Committee of the Senate, has announced that in the near future a hearing will be given to all classes of people on the Sunday bills which are now before that committee. There will doubtless soon be a hearing before the District Committee of the House of Representatives. What we do to defeat these bills now before Congress must be done at once. We fear should these bills be recommended favorably to the Senate and to the House of Representatives, they may become law.

We therefore urge every Seventh-day Adventist and all lovers of liberty to write without delay letters of protest to the chairmen of these two committees, and each member of these committees, if possible.

The following are the two committees referred to:

Senate Committee: Chairman, Jacob Gallinger, of New Hampshire; other members: Henry C. Hansbrough, of North Dakota; William P. Dillingham, of Vermont; Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia; Robert J. Gamble, of South Dakota; Chester I. Long, of Kansas; Elmer J. Burkett, of Nebraska; Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia; and William Pinkney Whyte, of Maryland.

House Committee: Chairman, Samuel W. Smith, of Michigan; other members: Phillip P. Campbell, of Kansas; Edward L. Taylor, Jr., of Ohio; J. Van Vechten Olcott, of New York; Charles McGavin, of Illinois; Julius Kahn, of California; J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania; John H. Foster, of Indiana; Henry M. Coudrey, of Missouri; Frank M. Nye, of Minnesota; William J. Carey, of Wisconsin; Samuel McMillan, of New York; Thetis W. Sims, of Tennessee; Adolph Meyer, of Louisiana; Dorsey W. Shackelford, of Missouri; Wyatt Aiken, of South Carolina; J. Davis Brodhead, of Pennsylvania; Ben Johnson, of Kentucky; and James W. Murphy, of Wisconsin. Letters to these men should be addressed to Washington, D. C., in care of Capitol.

All should send the petitions containing the signatures they have secured direct to the congressmen from their respective districts.

When we learn the exact date of the hearings, either in the Senate or House of Representatives, we may notify you, so that you can wire the chairman of the committee a protest against the passage of the Sunday bills before Congress.

Write, write, write!

Yours for quick action,  
K. C. Russell,  
Chairman Religious Liberty  
Bureau.

### PROGRESS BEING MADE

We presume that all the readers of the Gleaner will be interested in the progress that is being made toward completing the work of relieving Walla Walla College from its indebtedness. It is now some weeks since we have mentioned the matter to the readers of the Gleaner; and we wish to state in this article just how matters stand and how the work is going forward.

We have received up to date, March 11, into the Union Conference Treasury, in cash, for the cancellation of the indebtedness of the training-school \$17,824.88. There has also been given us in property in Portland \$900.00. This property is a house and lot which is now rented and has been deed over to Walla Walla College. We have also received a gift of a lot in Spokane which we estimate to be worth \$75.00. This will make in all that has been received by the Union Conference in favor of the College \$18,799.88. All the cash that has come into the treasury has been used in payment of outstanding notes, and nearly \$19,000.00 worth of notes has been paid off and interest has been stopped. We believe the readers of the Gleaner will appreciate what a relief this will be to the school to not be obliged to pay out so much money in interest.

We find by careful calculation that we shall have to raise fully \$25,000.00 in order to lift the financial obligations from the College, and at a meeting of the Union Conference Committee following the Union Conference at College Place, it was thought best to endeavor to raise \$3400 more in the Union Conference to insure the success of this plan. The Union Conference Committee divided up this sum, which they are asking the conferences and brethren to raise if possible. Of course there is no compulsion in this matter, but nearly all have accepted the responsibility and are going forward in the work. In order to raise this \$3,400.00, the Union Conference Committee have asked Western Washington to raise in their

churches \$500.00 more; Western Oregon \$500.00; Upper Columbia \$1,000.00; Elder Decker \$500.00; Elder Breed \$300.00; Montana \$200.00; C. M. Christiansen, probably among the business men of Walla Walla, \$200.00; and M. E. Cady among the students \$200.00, making in all \$3,400.00. We have heard from all of these parties, with the exception of Western Oregon, and all have consented to raise the amounts. Western Washington is now taking hold of the work to raise \$500; Upper Columbia is doing the same. Elder Breed has his \$300 nearly raised. Montana has raised most of her \$200, and M. E. Cady is now working with Object Lessons in the school and we understand has his \$200 nearly raised. If each one above named will now take this responsibility, we believe with the pledges that are still due, we can swing the school clear from all indebtedness. We are now taking new pledges to be paid on or before the first of next July. We hope by that time that the whole debt can be wiped out completely and the school go free.

We were very sorry that we could not sing the Song of Jubilee the 15th of January, but we have been so gratified that such good progress has been made toward the payment of these debts that we have had no time to mourn or complain because the work was not accomplished at that time. It was thought by the Union Conference Committee that it would be well if all of these pledges could be taken before the camp-meetings, and thus we would not be obliged to go into the large meetings with this matter at all. We believe that the time has come now when all of our people in the churches should be given an opportunity to assist some in this good work, and we find they are very ready to do so when the matter is properly brought before them. The raising of this \$25,000 has been a struggle and quite a hard lift, but if all who still owe on their pledges will be as prompt as possible in their payment, and if our State conferences will now take hold to raise the \$3400, we are sure that we can sing the Song of Jubilee over this great debt.

We trust our brethren and sisters will remember this good work and do what they can to assist.

All money should be sent either to C. H. Castle, Box 429, Walla Walla, Washington, or through the regular State

conference channels. Probably the latter course would be the better,—to send money to your State conference treasurer and it will be forwarded on to the Union.

W. B. White.

### THE MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This conference convened in the beautiful city of Missoula, Western Montana, February 25 to March 2, and its sessions were held in the house of worship at that place.

About thirty delegates were present from the different churches in the conferences, besides the regular conference workers, and all were heartily entertained by the church in that city.

Each morning at nine o'clock a devotional service was held, after which the conference business occupied the remainder of the forenoon. In the afternoon at three o'clock there was a Bible study and in the evening preaching. With but little variation, this was the order of each day's service.

At the devotional service the first morning of the conference, the power of God was present in a marked manner, and as the call was made to humility and consecration, all willingly and gladly responded, and a genuine work was done in the hearts of the people. The spiritual interest was good from the start, and continued to increase till the close of the meeting. We can truly say of this conference that business sessions, committee work, etc., were not allowed to crowd out the spiritual interests of the meeting, and this, we believe, is as it should be. Our conferences surely will be dry affairs if the spiritual work is crowded into a corner and neglected.

A large measure of unity and harmony pervaded the sessions, and all actions were both hearty and unanimous. The reports of the president showed a fair gain in all lines of work which was reasonably gratifying, and the reports from the tract society and Sabbath-school departments were also quite encouraging. The increase in tithe over last year was about \$1,500, the tract society had a gain of over \$300, the book sales amounted to over \$3,000—a large increase over former years,—while donations in all lines of work had been increased.

Three local camp-meetings will be held in the conference the coming summer, one each in the north, east, and west. Two or three tent companies will be in the field.

About \$150 was subscribed toward the Walla Walla College Relief Fund, and more will be raised in the spring and early summer; \$44.85 was also subscribed to the tent and camp-meeting fund. Fourteen new subscriptions were taken for the North Pacific Union Gleaner, and liberal donations were made to other enterprises.

Prof. E. A. Sutherland was present from the South, representing the Madison (Tenn.) Agricultural and Normal Institute, and received pledges to a number of hundreds of dollars from the brethren, mostly conditioned on the sale of property.

The conference school at Bozeman showed a gain, from its opening in the fall to December 31, 1907, of about \$250, but we rather fear that for the whole school year a small loss will be seen. We rather think it is the purpose of the board of managers to carry in the future only ten grades of work in the school, and thus reduce the teaching force and keep the school on a paying basis. If our intermediate schools will do the work they were planted to do, and not endeavor to do work higher than the tenth grade, and not aspire to become training centers, they may become useful in the cause of God; otherwise they will meet many perplexities, both financial and otherwise, which will work to their disadvantage.

In harmony with the action of the Union Conference at College Place, Wash., Elder W. F. Martin, who has served the conference for two years as its president, will now make the Western Oregon Conference his field of labor. Elder R. D. Quinn was elected president for the coming year, with about the same committee as served with Brother Martin. Both the outgoing and incoming executives have the good will and sincere prayers of the people of this conference for their success.

All in all, the meeting was a very encouraging one, and we can see no reason why the coming year should not be one of great blessing to this field. All who attended felt greatly encouraged and blessed, and went to their homes fully determined to live for God and his truth as never before.

W. B. White.

## UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

(Continued)

### BOOK WORK

During the biennial term continued measures have been put forth to place this branch of our work on a high level, which it should always maintain. We are quite conscious that we have not accomplished all that we might in this department. We know that nothing this side of the kingdom of heaven will ever reveal all that has been done for the Lord in the circulation of truth-laden literature by our faithful bookmen. The Bookmen's Convention and special drills in the college have been great uplifts to this branch of the work. Most of our bookmen are students, who devote only a portion of their time to the work. There were 41 canvassers in the field in 1906 and 30 in 1907 (7 Ida., 23 U. C.) The entire sales have reached the amount of \$19,100.22 (\$1,835 Ida., \$17,265.22 U. C.) Our book work suffered no inconsiderable amount during the last season. Brother Johnson, our field missionary, was called to take the work in our conference office when Brother Copeland was transferred to the Southern Idaho office. Brother A. D. Guthrie is now in charge of the book work, and is getting matters well in hand.

### PERIODICAL WORK

Some of our workers have been giving special attention to the sale of our periodicals with splendid success. Brother C.K. Hoover has had good success in the Big Bend Country, and Brother R.H. Wiper has started an interesting campaign in Spokane and Palouse country. This last message of mercy to a careless world, is calling for hundreds and thousands of men and women to take up this work, who have the burden upon their hearts that "The hour of God's judgment is come." There should be such a large number of our people who are engaged in this work, that the homes would be filled with literature bearing this message. There are 290 Gleaners taken in this field (214 U. C., 76 Ida.), Reviews, 530; Signs, 1000.

### CHURCH-SCHOOLS

One of the gifts that God placed in the church (Eph. 4:10-12) is teaching. In some places, the scattered condition of the brethren—the paucity of numbers

—together with the lack of teachers, hindered us from operating as many schools as we had planned. There are 14 schools and 15 teachers in 1906 (10 U. C., 4 Ida.), with an enrolment of 297. In 1907 there were 17 schools (12 U. C., 5 Ida.) and 19 teachers (14 U. C., 5 Ida.); enrolment 378 (273 U. C., 95 Ida.), a gain of 81. There are from the Upper Columbia Conference 160 students attending Walla Walla College.

### SABBATH-SCHOOL

Probably no part of our work shows more gratifying results than the prosperity which has attended our Sabbath-school work. Nearly all of our people and their children are connected with the Sabbath-school, either in the churches or in isolated families, through the home department of the conference school. There are 2,163 members (1,713 U. C., 450 Ida.) and 64 schools (45 U. C., 19 Ida.) The financial phase of this department is no less interesting. The total donations stand at \$4,337.79.

G. E. Langdon.

(To be continued)

## WALLA WALLA INSTITUTE

As was announced through the columns of the Gleaner some weeks ago, there will be an institute held at Walla Walla College April 6-25 for the training of those who desire to enter the field as evangelistic canvassers. We hope and pray that God will work on many hearts, impressing upon them the need of getting a preparation that will enable them to go out and do efficient work in the great harvest field.

The Lord has spoken plainly, saying, "Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by his Holy Spirit has stirred his servants to write." At the above institute we expect to study the art of Christian Salesmanship. The two leading books we will study will be those truth-filled volumes; "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and the Revelation." We have been told by God's servant that these books should go to the world now.

Those desiring to attend the institute should write to brother A. D. Guthrie, College Place, Washington.

Carl E. Weak's.

## SOUTHERN IDAHO

After the Union Conference, I left Walla Walla and went to Midvale, Idaho. The brethren who left the Portland church to take up homesteads here I found of good courage. I had twenty-two meetings with them, three of which were in English; and the Lord blessed us greatly. I had the privilege of baptizing one sister, who came from Austria and was previously a very strong Catholic, but accepted the truth and is now rejoicing in it. One sister who was backslidden renewed her covenant.

Last Sabbath I organized this little company into a church of fifteen members. They are all firm in the truth, willing to pay an honest tithe, and believe in the spirit of prophecy. Quite a number are yet in the balance; the work is not finished, but I could not stay longer at this time.

I had indeed a very blessed time with these brethren. May the Lord bless the little company.

H. J. Dirksen.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON CUSTER

Soon after our good Union Conference meeting at College Place, I was invited to hold some meetings in the vicinity of Custer, where an interest was awakened by Brother Linrud and by some meetings held when I was there before. Two precious souls have decided by the grace of God to walk in all his commandments, and we hope for others. I had also a very good meeting with the brethren in Bellingham. At the last-named place, as well as at Ferndale, the tithe for 1907 was more than twice as large as in 1906. At both places I presented before the brethren the situation regarding the payment of the college debt,—that now only a few thousand dollars were lacking. Some pledges were made, which will be paid by the first of May.

Yours in the love of the truth,

L. Johnson.

## TACOMA AND PUYALLUP

I am glad to report progress in our work in Tacoma. As well as I can call to mind there has been only one instance where any of the Bible readers of

my wife or myself have dropped out during the winter for lack of interest, and it appears at the present time that most of those studying will obey. Some are now keeping the Sabbath and attending the Sabbath services, and if the work continues to grow, more room must soon be provided in the church seating capacity.

The character of the meetings held has been upon the line of Christian love and fellowship, privileges of the church relation, tithing, support of missions, religious liberty, Christ our sacrifice. Good experiences are enjoyed in the prayer meetings and in other interests.

January 11 and 12 I was with the Puyallup church, holding the quarterly communion service on the Sabbath and the business meeting the following day. In all the meetings the spirit of the Lord was present, cementing hearts together. The church is in a healthy spiritual condition and is leading others to the light. I shall long remember the precious occasions with these dear people.

C. E. Knight.

## THIS AND THAT

The writer found it necessary to go to College Place last Thursday to confer with the Union Conference Committee relative to some important matters that had come up for immediate attention. He returned to Seattle on Monday.

Some very important matters call for a meeting of the conference committee soon: hence the members of the committee together with a number of conference workers have been asked to meet at the conference office at 10:30 a. m. March 12.

Elder Nellis writes of a good interest at Friday Harbor. A new church building has been erected at that place recently and Elder Nellis is conducting a series of meetings in it. He says the opposition from the enemy is strong, but the outlook is very good for an gathering of souls. We sincerely hope that Elder Nellis will see the fruition of his hopes.

Brother C. E. Weeks writes of a splendid interest at the canvassers' institute now being held by himself and

Brother C. L. Davis at the Meadowglade school. He says the "cream of the school" are studying and preparing for active work this summer. So we hope for splendid results in book selling this season.

Elder Lewis Johnson reports several new Sabbath-keepers from efforts he has recently made at Custer. This is surely refreshing to a worker to see souls break the fetters that have held them and assert their liberty in the Lord. Soon the sheaves for the heavenly garner will all be gathered in and the faithful reapers will rejoice in the harvest home.

One young man in the conference has decided to support from his own limited earnings, and too, while continuing his school work, a native missionary in one of the benighted heathen countries. Should not this manifestation of zeal for God provoke many others to a like devotion.

The prospects for a time seemed to be that February would have a very small tithe in our conference but after all it has reached the \$1000 mark which makes the outlook very encouraging for the year. The probabilities are now that the aggregate tithe for the fiscal year, ending April 30, 1908, will exceed by considerable that of last year. Let us all be faithful in tithe paying and share the blessing.

Have you pledges unpaid to any fund or enterprise? If so why not discharge them at least before the coming camp-meeting? We have records here showing unpaid pledges as follows: To Intermediate Schools about \$600; and this after cutting out about \$400 that seemed doubtful; Young People's Tent Fund, \$76; India Mission Fund, \$5; Jamaica School Fund, \$20; Annual Offerings, \$5; Passage to India Fund, 254.50; Tent and Camp-meeting Fund, \$276. This makes a total of \$1286.50. A great many forget their pledges so a reminder like this is sometimes needed; or possibly a more direct personal reminder may be necessary. These reminders should not be regarded as other than favors; for all who make pledges surely want to know the blessedness of having paid them.

Don't forget to make an offering to the Sinking Fund every third Sabbath in the month. Church elders should keep this before their churches lest the plan for creating an emergency fund be forgotten.

It is said by some that reports to the Gleaner from workers, get musty before they appear and some therefore threaten a strike. I heard this today so mention it here by way of encouraging all to report; for with such criticism we are sure that if there has been such delay there will be efforts made toward a betterment. Let none fail to report hereafter and it will appear in print at as early a date as mail movements and printing facilities will allow.

F. M. Burg.

**WESTERN WASHINGTON**

FEBRUARY, 1908

TITHES

Bellingham	-	\$ 98 20
Ballard	-	50 85
Colby	-	5 00
Carrollton	-	7 58
Cedar Home	-	53 03
Centralia	-	28 51
Connie	-	6 00
Deming	-	25 75
Everett	-	50 30
Friday Harbor	-	17 40
Ferndale (Eng)	-	25 50
Green Lake	-	46 72
Kent	-	54 29
Kelso	-	6 95
Mt. Vernon	-	72 00
Personal	-	58 15
Poulsbo	-	5 00
Seattle	-	179 51
Sara	-	6 70
Snohomish	-	4 55
Tacoma (Scand)	-	80 89
Tacoma (Eng)	-	118 74
Vancouver	-	10 50
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>\$1012 12</b>

TRUST FUNDS

Annual Offerings	-	\$ 11 00
Colored Work	-	1 00
Self Denial	-	2 30
Second Sabbath Offering	-	2 35
S. S. Offerings	-	71 91
Weekly Offerings	-	44 26
Religious Liberty	-	100 67
Mission Board	-	18 29

\$150,000 Fund	-	53 30
Sinking Fund	-	8 15
Second Title	-	1 80
Tent Fund	-	4 55
Teachers' Salary Fund	-	99 64

Total - \$419 22

C. E. Knight,  
Treasurer.

**FOREST HOME CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE**

We wish to call the attention of our people to the Forest Home Canvassers' Institute, which will open March 7 and continue to April 4. Much valuable instruction will be given, and we hope many will take advantage of this occasion. Brother Weaks has promised to spend ten days with us. We also expect other valuable help. The time seems to have fully come to take advance steps along this line. It would do you good to visit the institute now being held at Meadow Glade. Brethren Weaks and Sample are giving valuable assistance, which is much appreciated. A goodly number expect to enter the field from this school.

We have reached the time long looked forward to by this people, when all parts of the message are taking on large proportions; and the sale of our books is not far in the rear; in fact, it is marvelous what has been accomplished the past year. Volunteers are asked for to leave the common vocations of life. Now, the Lord does not call without giving power to perform his word, which will not return unto him void. Pray for the work.

C. L. Davis.

**MONTANA**

FEBRUARY, 1908

TITHES

Bozeman	-	\$271 13
Butte	-	7 00
Great Falls	-	68 69
Helena	-	15 00
Hamilton	-	18 70
Isolated	-	73 75
Kalispell	-	159 12
Missoula	-	36 27
Mt. Ellis	-	10 00
Rollins	-	5 00

Rockvale	-	10 00
Red Lodge	-	67 70
Stevensville	-	10 00
Twin Bridges	-	12 25
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>764 61</b>

FUNDS

First Day Offerings	-	11 15
\$150,000 Fund	-	61 10
Religious Liberty Fund	-	47 55
Orphans and Aged	-	2 00
Southern Work	-	10 00
Sabbath-school Donations	-	3 95

135 76

A. E. Everett, Treasurer.

NOTES

At the close of our good conference at Missoula, we were detained two days on committee and board-meeting work. We then came to Stevensville, and went eight miles into the country to visit our church-school at the house of Brother W. Whitmore. This is the only church-school we have in this part of the state this year. We found the students nicely housed in a comfortable building, and, under the direction of Sister Vinna Hart, doing good work. This school is small, but is doing nicely. The children are quiet and orderly, and are doing their best to complete the grades they are in. An excellent spirit prevails, and it is just such a school as I believe Jesus would love to visit if he were here in person. May the Lord bless this little school.

Elder Quinn and myself began a series of meetings in Stevensville last night. We are here for souls. Brethren, pray for us.

J. C. Foster.

Dear Friends throughout the North Pacific Union: We wish to tell you something of the good feelings we of Montana have in our hearts toward those engaged in the book work.

We realize that this is one of the most important phases of our message, and that we can not do too much to encourage consecrated young men and women to devote their lives to this work.

There is no part of the great Northwest which is more in need of faithful workers in this line, and which affords

greater promise of success, than does the territory of Montana, for there is much rich territory, both country and city, which has scarcely been entered by the canvasser. Last year our agents met with unparalleled success, and this year we already have proof of still greater things.

Our regular institute is to be held at the Mt. Ellis industrial school. Elder Quinn and Brother Weaks will be present to make the meeting a success. We cordially invite our old agents and those who wish to prepare to enter the work for the first time to attend.

Board and room will be provided free to all who enter the canvassing field.

To those attending the Walla Walla College who wish to come to Montana to work during the vacation, we will say that we have arranged to refund to you your fare from the college to the field by allowing an additional five per cent on your regular sales until the amount is covered.

All who have thought of coming to Montana for the season's work, please write me at once, stating the territory you would like.

Very truly yours,

A. V. Oliver.

Missoula, Mont.

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### "PROHIBITION AND SUNDAY LEGISLATION"

The above is the title of a sixteen-page tract, just from the press, which we have mailed to all church elders, asking them to give these tracts a wide circulation. It clearly defines the position we hold as a people on these two important and intense questions. We are often accused of being in league with saloon-keepers because we oppose Sunday laws. The tract is very concise, and contains many valuable quotations. It will place us in a true light before the people, and, further, it will appeal to every honest-hearted soul that he should be a strong temperance advocate and at the same time denounce Sunday legislation. I want to appeal to all of our people to circulate this tract broadcast among the people. The price is only one cent, postpaid. They can be ordered through the tract society, College Place, Wash.

G. E. Langdon.

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### CAMP-MEETING

Are you coming to the camp-meeting this year? It is now planned to hold this most important gathering June 4-15. The brethren at Spokane have invited the Conference to hold its annual camp-meeting there. This meets the mind of of the committee. We have decided to accept the invitation. Brethren, begin now to lay plans to attend.

### TELEPHONE

We have put a phone in our Tract Society building. It is in the name of T. G. Johnson. The number is F. L. 33x2. It might be well to make a note of this in case you should ever have occasion to phone to the office.

### WALLA WALLA SANITARIUM

We are having more patients of late than can be accommodated in the institution. Several have had to be put into nearby cottages. Plans must be laid to add a few more rooms to the Sanitarium in the near future. Last Sunday and Monday 14 patients had operations. All are doing well.

### BOOKMEN'S INSTITUTE

Near the end of each school year drills have been held in our schools for the purpose of preparing those who wish to engage in the sale of our religious books. This is an excellent opportunity for getting a good training in becoming acquainted with the book you are expecting to handle and with the best methods of meeting and interesting the public in these truth-laden books. This institute is open to all our people in the conference who wish to take up this line of work. The instruction is free and the fare of the canvasser is paid from the school to his field of labor, providing he stays by his work. All who sell \$275.00 worth of subscription-books, may if they wish, have a years scholarship in the College. This includes board, room, tuition, laundry, heat and light. The canvassers' institute will begin in Walla Walla College this year April 3, and last three weeks. Board in the College dormitories will be \$3.00 per week. We hope many of our people will come to the institute and take the drills, and enter the work of the Lord.

### A WOMAN'S WORK

Sister Lila Chase went to Burns, Harney County for a few months last

summer and while there, sold over \$300.00 worth of Great Controversy, Steps to Christ, and Best Stories. I believe there are others of our sisters who could do a good work like this. How many souls will be turned toward the Kingdom of God from these books? Eternity alone can tell. The influence of these books will help greatly whenever a minister goes in there to present the truth. We hope to send a worker there soon.

G. E. Langdon.

## SURROUNDED BY FLAMES

Last week, Thursday night, Elder Wilson, who has charge of the Scandinavian Mission in Portland, Maine, had a most startling experience. He and his wife occupy rooms in a building in which is the Cosmopolitan Hall where their meetings are held. Their sleeping apartment has a large skylight in the roof and directly under it is their bed. They were awakened in the night by a glare of flames over the skylight. Springing from the bed, Elder Wilson was impressed to read the ninety-first psalm aloud, after which he and his wife knelt in prayer, asking that the angels might protect them. They then dressed and hastened to the door. They soon saw that the City Building, which is not more than fifteen feet from their quarters, was enveloped in fire. The flames shot up and out into the air twenty feet or more toward and over their home.

As they gazed, an unseen power swayed the flames back and around where they stood. The Methodist church on the same street, two doors below, was seriously damaged and other buildings near caught fire. Elder Wilson made no effort to remove any of his books or furniture, saying calmly, "We are safe". He then used all his energies in supplying the firemen with refreshments and in helping his neighbors. Although the City Building was ruined, and other property injured, the mission was unharmed. When the landlord inquired anxiously concerning his property, Elder Wilson told him that the Lord had saved it; and certainly it was a miracle, for the wind was in that direction, and the building being of wood seemed an easy prey for the devouring element.

When God is our refuge, we may claim the promise that no evil shall befall us, and we may know that when we call upon him he will answer us. Let us praise the Lord.

E. H. Morton.

**SOUTH INDIA.**

For some time our workers in India have known that there was a large company of Tamil Sabbath-keepers in South India, and they recently paid a visit to this field. Elder J. L. Shaw wrote from there January 1, to Elder W. A. Spicer as follows:

"We have at last found our way to the Tamil Sabbath-keepers in company with Brethren Enoch and James. Our reception has been far beyond our expectation. They have welcomed us with outstretched arms, and together we are studying God's word. Their knowledge of the Tamil Bible is surprising, and their zeal in Sabbath-keeping refreshing.

"They claim five churches with one thousand members, and four church-schools, with one hundred and seventy pupils. They are possessed of a missionary spirit, and desire the Sabbath truth published throughout South India. To this end they are beseeching us to place a missionary among them, to give them further instruction, and offer land upon which to build a house.

They keep the Sabbath, are looking for the soon coming of Christ, believe in baptism, in the Lord's supper, and support their work by tithes and offerings."

Watch the Review for a full report of this trip to South India. "What hath God wrought?" "I know that thou canst do everything." Human agencies are not needed, but God in his great love permits poor, fallen mortals to share in his joy of seeing souls redeemed through their instrumentality. Let us work and pray with renewed zeal.

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL "STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED"

Are you getting the full benefit of our present Sabbath-school lessons? You are not unless by diligent study you are becoming so familiar with the different subjects considered that you will be able to give a reason for your hope. Can you make clear to those who have never heard these things that the judgment began in 1844? Can you explain when the 2300 days began? and can you give the events and dates that divide this time according to the prophecy? Do you understand the difference between pagan and papal Rome? and can you tell when the change took place and how

long papal Rome will continue? Can you tell why we believe this country will follow in the footsteps of "the first beast?" Can you give examples to show "we ought to obey God rather than man?" Can you show clearly what the mark of the beast is? and can you show just as clearly what God's seal is and who will receive it?

These are all points which you should understand thoroughly, and be ready to explain without hesitation if you have studied these Sabbath-school lessons as they should be studied. We are told: "The great work of opening the Bible from house to house gives added importance to the Sabbath-school work." Why?—Because the members of our schools will become intelligent with regard to the truths we are to make known to others. Each lesson should be studied over and over again until the principal points are firmly fixed in the mind; and if this be done the interest will be so great that it will be a pleasure rather than an effort to tell others the things we have learned—and the more we tell them the better will they be remembered. Make the most of these opportunities for gaining Bible knowledge.

## SABBATH SCHOOL EXPENSES NO. 1

Number thirty-five of the resolutions passed at the Ohio Convention last July reads as follows:

Whereas, a liberal donation to missions tends to deepen consecration; and,—

Whereas, the Lord has greatly blessed our Sabbath-schools in giving their donations to the work of extending this message in all parts of the world; therefore,—

Resolved that our Sabbath-schools be encouraged to give all their donations to missions, providing for their supplies from other sources. This of course is not a new thing, but simply the echo of a conviction that has been gaining lodgment in the minds of many for years. When Sabbath-schools were first organized among us, and for a long time afterwards, it was considered quite the proper thing to follow in the footsteps of our predecessor, the Sunday-school, simply collecting funds sufficient for the running expenses of the school; but in course of time a thought—which I shall term heaven-born—came to somebody,

and as a result about twenty years ago our schools began to give regularly for various enterprises connected with the spread of the message for which they stood. In the January Sabbath School Worker for 1908, appeared an interesting tabulated report covering this twenty-year period. We see from this report that there has been contributed by the Sabbath-schools during this time the sum (including the gift of \$700 from the California schools to Australia) of \$832,711.92. \$515,249.35—over half a million dollars—have gone toward the support of mission work. Of the remainder \$45,658.48 was given to the Haskell Home, and \$272,504.09 was used in the schools for local expenses. And so this ever-augmenting inflow has gone steadily on until from \$10,615.72 for missions in 1887 it has increased to \$57,915.81 in 1906, and we know there has been no check of the current in 1907.

But the question just now under consideration is the expenses of our schools. Not that we have any idea that extravagance is being practiced,—not that we have any wish to curtail these expenditures, but simply that we may reason together as to the best way of meeting them. We are told by those at the head of our General Sabbath-school Department that all over the world the tide is setting in strongly in favor of sending all our regular contributions to the fields abroad in harmony with the foregoing resolution. Shall we in the Northwest just let loose of all our former ideas on this subject and allow ourselves to be carried along with this tide? Is there any good reason why we should not? On the other hand, are there valid reasons why we should? Let us see.

I am willing to grant that in this case it is more convenient to hang to the old way than to be carried with the majority in the new. What could be easier than simply to put the hand into the Sabbath-school treasury and take out whatever is needed in the way of supplies? And some say there is nothing gained financially by the new way:—that people have just about so much to devote to the Sabbath-school, and that the donations to missions would remain practically the same. That may be true; and if the financial phase of the situation were all we had to consider, perhaps after all the easier way would be the better way. But I can not feel that the financial phase is all we have to consider, nor is it to my mind the most important thing

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to consider. I believe there are principles involved in this question which are above all considerations of mere money,—even principles of character development.

Helen C. Conard.

## WALLA WALLA COLLEGE FUND

Total to March 8, 1908	-	\$17738 38
March 8-14	-	106 50
		\$17844 88

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## CLIPPINGS

It appears from recent despatches from Winnipeg that the Lord's Day Act is being enforced with a vengeance. More than five hundred summons have been issued. The police of the city are watching closely for violations. Funeral directors, newspaper men, men transcribing notes of Sunday sermons, fail to escape the strong arm of the Sunday law. One man was arrested for taking a bath on the "venerable day of the sun." It would seem that we are repeating the history of the old colonial times, when it was a grievous sin, and a crime punishable by law, for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday. Surely there are some "Crafty" and "Tuft" men working in the interests of religious persecution in Manitoba, as well as in the United States. I have been wondering if the "Gambling" man is in evidence in Winnipeg, with his sliding scale, a veritable wheel of (mis)fortune. These names are certainly significant, and appropriate to the work chosen by the men bearing them.

Milton.

## WESTERN OREGON

FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1908

Agent	Hrs.	Cloth	Lib.	Book	Value
Wm. Curtis	23	2	1	Home and Health (Eng.)	\$10 00

## ADVERTISING

At the session of the North Pacific Union Conference just past it was voted that a limited amount of space for advertising purposes be allowed in the Gleaner. A committee was appointed to take under consideration the question of rates and amount of advertising and character of the same. This committee recommended that no advertising of any sort whatsoever be solicited and that no display advertising or advertising of a strictly commercial nature be accepted. Only such advertising as for the securing of help for our institutions, or to assist worthy persons in obtaining employment, or for charitable work, or to assist our brethren and sisters in the disposition of property whereby they may assist the cause or be enabled to enter the work, will be accepted.

The rates for this class of advertising will be as follows: A charge of 50 cents per insertion of forty words or less, and 10 cents per line for each additional line; no discount to be allowed for several insertions.

## ITEMS

Elder White spent last Sabbath with the Seattle church.

Brother Adams has been auditing the books of the Upper Columbia Conference during the past week.

This week's Gleaner is full of interesting things, and, more than that, of such things as we all need to know.

Elder R. D. Quinn, recently returned from Australia, was elected president of the Montana Conference.

One day last week we received twelve new subscriptions for the Gleaner from one conference.

We all need the magazine Liberty to keep ourselves informed regarding the rapid strides now being made to estab-

lish Sunday laws throughout the country. Subscribe at once through your local tract society.

## OBITUARY

Guize. — Died at the home of her daughter, Sister V. M. Woniach, near McMillan, Wash. Feb. 24, 1908, Sister E. M. Guize, aged 75 years, 7 months and 23 days. Sister Guize was born at Kokoma, Ind., in the year 1832. She accepted the third angel's message at Rockcreek Kan., 1876, remaining an earnest and faithful follower of the Lord. All that skillful and loving hands could do was done, but without avail, and she passed away quietly and peacefully as one who, at peace with God and man, lies down to rest. She leaves one daughter and other relatives who sorrow, but not without hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 2:10, to a sympathizing audience.

Adolph Johnson.

## FOR SALE

Ten and seven-tenths acres good bottom land; four acres cleared and in crop last year; balance easily cleared. Three-room house, comfortably furnished. Barn partly finished. Good cow and some chickens. Small apple orchard just beginning to bear. Good well; small creek. Located on good gravel road, two miles from Denning; one-fourth mile from church-school. Price, \$850; \$300 down, balance to suit purchaser.

Address F. B. Graham, Denning, Wash.

WANTED—Seeds, bulbs, plants, etc. The Graysville Sanitarium at Graysville, Tennessee, is in position to make good use of flower and vegetable seeds, plants, bulbs, vines, etc. With considerable ground to improve and limited means, it feels warranted in giving others an opportunity to assist in this way. Address as above.