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

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#### A PRAYER

Jehovah, God of light and life,  
 We lift our thoughts to Thee,  
 And fain through mists of sin and strife  
 Would view Thy majesty.

We dwell too near the lowland plain,  
 Too nigh Despond and Doubt;  
 Ope Thou our eyes to see again  
 Thy chariots round the mount.

Too oft, O God, our sordid mind  
 Unknowing doth profane;  
 We view Thee as we do mankind,  
 And take Thy name in vain.

Let Holy, Holy! be our cry,  
 Thy glory stand revealed,  
 Till e'en in mortals such as I  
 Thy character is sealed.

—Worthie Harris Holden.

#### ANOTHER CHANGE

We presume the readers of the Gleaner will remember that during the last summer two new union conferences were organized in the United States, one called the Columbia Conference, embracing the territory about Washington D. C., and the other the Southeastern Union Conference, comprising the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and the eastern part of Tennessee. Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, formerly president of the Eastern, Pennsylvania Conference, was elected president of the Columbia Union, and Elder K. C. Rus-

sel the president of the Southeastern Union.

Immediately strong protests were made to the General Conference Committee against taking Elder Russell away from the religious liberty work, in which he is so well qualified to act, and placing him in this union conference. Finally the protests became so strong and the needs of the hour so great that it was finally decided to reconsider the action on the name of Brother Russell, and endeavor to find another man to act as president of the Southeastern Union. The General Conference Committee took the matter up, and have invited Elder F. M. Burg, president of the Western Washington Conference, to take this field, and have advised him to attend the General Conference Council in Washington D. C. beginning April 14. Elder Burg feels inclined to accept this call and will likely attend the council in Washington in company with the writer, when this matter will have thorough consideration. On our way we expect to visit some of our Southern institutions, such as the Huntsville School, Madison Industrial and Normal Training-school, the Graysville Academy near Chattanooga, and other institutions connected with our work. The writer will probably return to the North Pacific Union Conference about the first of May. Should Elder Burg accept the call to this Union Conference it would certainly mean a great loss to our work in the North Pacific Union, but the Lord knows what is best and his ways should be ours. We trust that he will work all things to his glory. Surely the South is a very needy field and this section of the South, the southeastern part, has

long been neglected, much more so than other parts of the Southern field. We shall know in a few weeks if this change will be brought about, but we are sure that the thing that is best will be done.

W. B. White.

#### CIRCULATE THE PETITIONS

It is well understood by all our brethren in the North Pacific Union Conference that there are several Sunday bills before Congress, and if reported upon favorably by the committees in whose hands they are placed, no doubt they will become laws, and the nation that has stood for religious liberty will commit itself to Sunday legislation. Much depends upon the action of our brethren at this time as to whether these bills pass both houses of Congress. The first thing to be done is to circulate the petitions, getting as many to sign them as possible; and as soon as the blanks are filled, send them at once. If you are in doubt as to whom they should be sent, send to W. A. Colcord, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., and he will see that they are placed in the hands of representatives from Washington, Oregon, Montana, or Idaho.

The question is a live one in Washington, D. C. A hearing was to have been held the 13th. What resulted we do not know; but we know this, that leading men of the nation are becoming interested in the matter of Sunday laws. Last week there was a citizens' mass meeting held in the city of Washington which was presided over by Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court. Strong addresses were given, and adroitly worded resolutions were

passed urging that earnest efforts be exerted in favor of the bills. We can all see by this that there is no time to lose. We must be very active from this time on in placing our literature in the hands of all who will read.

A sixteen-page tract has been prepared entitled "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation: Two Important Issues before the People of the United States." This tract fully defines our position on the temperance question and Sunday legislation, and should have a wide circulation. First, let us become familiar with what it contains, then we can intelligently present it to others. The minds of the people everywhere are being agitated over the question of temperance, and many times we have been classed with saloon-keepers and those who favor the liquor traffic; but this tract so fully defines our position that whoever reads it will understand our position upon this great and important question.

A. J. Breed.

### UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

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#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

This department, with the church-school and Sabbath-school departments, are all under the direct management of of Elder E. W. Catlin as superintendent and Sister Helen C. Conard as secretary. We have five societies, with a membership of 238. I am certain that when properly conducted this work is a great help to our young people and of much encouragement to parents and the church. A working society is the one which brings the blessings. Some societies are supporting a worker in a foreign land. Others have different financial enterprises. The young people as a whole have started a fund from which to purchase a new young people's tabernacle in our conference.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

There are two sanitariums owned by the denomination in this territory. One is located at College Place, in the midst of the fertile valley of "Many Waters." Dr. I. A. Dunlap is superintendent, and Brother C. M. Christiansen is treasurer and business manager. During this term a new sanitarium building has been erected, and has had a good patronage. Patients have been successfully treated

during the past two years. There are now fourteen workers employed in the institution. The second sanitarium is situated in the famous Yakima Valley. It has been rented by its board of managers to Dr. F. M. Rossiter, and is conducted as a private enterprise. A line from the doctor reports 221 patients successfully treated during the past eleven months.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

This branch of our work is not receiving the attention that it should. We hope soon to have the work more fully organized. There seems to be no one in our conference at present who seems to have the burden of this work in particular. We are facing a situation in this country that requires no stretch of faith to realize that Revelation 13 is fast being fulfilled. While Russia has made a great change in granting religious freedom, and Rome's new mayor is a Jew, the New York Freeman Journal (Roman Catholic), in the country where we sing, "The land of the free," denounces the election of Signor Ernesto Nathan as "absurd, monstrous, anomalous, incredible"—"a most bitter and subtle enemy of the Catholic Church." Romanists are speaking in the United States. They say "Protestants must be blind if they can not see that they have lost their country." Protestantism today has joined hands with Romanism. Hear Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, of the First Congregational Church of New Haven: "Another age is at hand. The signs of it are written also across the failure of this Protestant age. Protestantism is losing mastery over the controlling forces of modern life. It has lost the old authority of the church, and in its own families. It has lost the voice of authority also in the state."

"The Roman church was once as a strong cable, one end of which was bound to the Eternal Power; the other was fastened firmly to the whole mechanism of human life. It controlled the world, and moved it whither it would. In Protestantism, the rope on its human end has frayed out into so many threads. It is like so many ramblings. A new age is coming—a coming Protestant Catholicism, to fulfil alike the ages of Roman absolutism and of Protestant individualism. It is the growth of a common Christian consciousness; no single church in existence is big enough now to hold a big Chris-

tian man. This will be the real apostolic succession, likewise a greater spiritual authority and working control of the forces of life. These two churches have a vast deal in common; they may meet and match and complete each other; then the ages of papal absolutism and of Protestant individualism shall end in the new order in which Christianity shall find still greater fulfillment."—Literary Digest, Jan. 11, 1908.

G. E. Langdon.

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### WESTERN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Delegates to the North Pacific Union Conference, Assembled in Bien-Session—

Beloved Brethren and Fellow-workers: The Western Washington Conference greets you in the Lord. We are one with you in the "blessed hope;" one with you in the faith which was once delivered to the saints; one with you in unquestioning confidence in the doctrines and tenets which constitute the reason for the existence of Seventh-day Adventists and for the work to which they are committed as a people; and one with you to give the everlasting gospel to all the world by every means and resource at our command, and in this generation.

The Western Washington Conference dates from the division of the North Pacific Conference at its annual session in Portland, Ore., May 25, 1902; hence we are now in the sixth year of our operations as a conference. The first three years of our existence and work were in connection with the Pacific Union Conference, until the division of that body at its session in Portland in the winter of 1906; since that time we have been a member of the body which is represented by the delegates here gathered. This report will therefore cover the time since the organization of the North Pacific Union Conference in February, 1906, a period of practically twenty-two months.

#### AREA AND BOUNDARIES OF CONFERENCE

The territory embraced in the Western Washington Conference is all that part of Washington within the boundaries of Oregon on the south, British Columbia on the north, the summit of the Cascade Mountains on the east, and the

Pacific Ocean on the west, containing an area of 24,552 square miles.

**POPULATION**

The population of this portion of the state aggregates about one-half million, including large numbers of other nationalities than our own, especially of the Scandinavians and Germans. Of the Scandinavians there are about 50,000 Swedes and about the same number of Danish-Norwegians, making this conference an especially promising field for prosecuting our work among these peoples.

Being on the coast, Western Washington becomes the gateway to the great Orient, and hence our larger cities, as seaport towns, have a cosmopolitan population, making them most fruitful fields for missionary operations.

**CITIES AND TOWNS**

Of these there is a large number in our territory. The seaport and larger cities are: Seattle, 240,000; Tacoma, 80,000; Bellingham, 30,000; Everett, 25,000; Aberdeen, 15,000; South Bend, 10,000. In each of these places, except the last-named town, our work is represented by an organized church. We think that Seattle should have more than passing mention in this connection, for the reason that in the nature of the case this city will always be in more than an ordinary sense a fruitful field for carrying on the work in which we are engaged. Seattle is having a phenomenal growth; and, though there has been of late something of a "boom" there, the situation of the city, located on one of the best—if, indeed, at all second to any—harbors on the coast, and on the highway of commerce between the United States and the great transpacific regions and also Alaska, gives it a prospect for growth and prominence which other cities less favorably located naturally envy. Seattle and Tacoma should have larger plans effected for the prosecution of our work within them, as well as for a better representation of this cause in church facilities and institutions.

**CLIMATE, TOPOGRAPHY, AND INDUSTRIES**

If all were written under these headings that might be—and that could not do else than arouse your greatest interest—more space and time would be required than would be consistent with the demands and aims of this meeting;

hence we pass these features by inviting you to "come and see." It is hard to pass the topography of our interesting part of the field without at least a mention of the pride of Seattle, Mt. Rainier.

**MEMBERSHIP OF CONFERENCE**

Our membership consists of 39 churches, with an aggregate membership of 1,494, which is an encouraging gain over the membership at the time of our organization five years ago. Within the time covered by this sketch there have been 7 churches organized and added to the conference. Of the 39 churches, 3 are Scandinavian, with a membership of 86. We have 58 Sabbath-schools, with an aggregate membership of 1,646.

**CHURCH BUILDINGS**

In all there are 19 church buildings in the conference, representing a value of about \$28,350. In a number of cases, church-school rooms are connected with the church building, either in the basement or in an annex.

F. M. Burg.

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**MEADOWGLADE INSTITUTE**

According to appointment, an institute for the training of those who are planning to enter the field with the printed page was held at the Meadowglade school February 24 to March 14. The attitude of the students toward this work has quite materially changed at this place, as well as at all the other schools we have visited. Only three or four entered the field from the above school last year, but the Lord richly blessed the efforts of these few, and they came back, like Caleb and Joshua, with a good report. This faithful little band had kept the canvassing work a live question throughout the year. They acted their part so well that when the institute opened and we asked for the names of those who desired to attend, fifty responded. This was far beyond our brightest hopes. All will not enter the field, as quite a large number of them are too young, and others have to spend their vacation at home; yet their manifest desire to attend the institute showed their interest in the work, and I believe that many of them who can not now enter the field will soon be out carrying this message to others.

Brother Sample, manager of the Pacific Press Branch at Portland, was pres-

ent a part of the time and rendered valuable assistance.

Tuesday, March 10, was given to field work. Our class divided into three companies, and canvassed the surrounding country. The Lord blessed our efforts richly, and all returned to the school with a testimony of courage on their lips, and with a stronger determination than ever before to do their part in this closing work.

Let us pray that God will guide and protect these dear young people as they take up work in the great harvest field.

Carl E. Weeks.

**SHALL WE REMEMBER THE ORPHANS AND AGED?**

The time is very near at hand when there is to be another offering taken for the support of the poor aged people and the orphans in our midst. The time is Sabbath, April 4, and our brethren throughout the North Pacific Union Conference will remember that only one offering a year is taken for this work. The money given last spring has been well expended as means of relief in many cases in the Union. We trust our people will remember this date and give liberally to help the orphans and aged among us.

Each conference will retain the funds raised, and will expend its funds within its own borders. This is according to an action taken by the Union Conference at its last session at College Place, Wash. No doubt there are many throughout our borders that should have some assistance. We know of quite a number that even now need help, and we hope our conferences and churches will do all they can to raise a good liberal fund for this purpose. We trust our church elders will do all that is possible to work this matter up in their churches and companies. We are told in the Scriptures that "he that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord," and that the Lord will repay him again. We are told further that the poor we have always with; and it is a blessing that the poor are with us, as it develops in us, if we are liberal to them, the traits that should be seen in our lives and characters.

Let us remember April 4, and do what we can to assist these classes above mentioned.

W. B. White.

## MONTANA

March 5th we began meetings in the church at Stevensville with a fair attendance. Our congregations have ranged from fifty to one hundred and twenty-five. There was a good spirit and some interest from the start. The Lord gave freedom in presenting his word and souls were awakened. The church was refreshed and strengthened and a good work done by way of seed sowing.

Six united with the church the last Sabbath of the meeting and one other good soul came out fully and confessed Christ, but was not able to attend the last meeting on account of sickness and so did not come into the church at that time.

The last Sabbath was a good day. The Lord came very near as the sacredness of the Lord's Sabbath and the Lord's tithe were dwelt upon, and it was shown that they were equally a test of loyalty to God. Confessions were made and promises to God that we would be faithful to God in these matters in the future. The Lord came in by his Spirit and witnessed to our consecration.

\$145 was raised on the \$150,000 fund, five dollars on the tent fund, and six subscriptions were taken for the Gleaner. The meetings closed Sabbath afternoon, the 14th, with a shout of victory in the camp.

We are now at Victor and to-morrow we go to Hamilton for a missionary rally. We hope to visit several of our largest churches the coming week and are expecting victory in the Lord. Brethren pray for us.

R. D. Quinn,  
J. C. Foster.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON SOUTH TACOMA

After coming home from the Union Conference meeting held at College Place, Wash., the writer in connection with Elder Stone, began working in South Tacoma. We have had our meetings in the Tabernacle belonging to the conference, three times a week. The work here is making slow but steady progress. We find here and there souls who are hungering for the bread of life. The meetings have been well attended when the weather has not interfered, and good attention has been given to the word spoken. Some fruit has been seen. To the Lord be the

praise. I find that the Family Bible Teacher, which I carry with me from house to house, is meat in due season for hungry souls.

Some are planning on being baptised when the weather gets warmer, and we hope soon to see others make their decision. I feel confident that much fruit will be the result of the seed sown here although it may not appear at this time.

May God sustain you and me with that blessing of consecration, to be co-workers with him to share of his spirit in its fullness, that we may love him and his service above all things.

Hoping to have the prayers of God's people for the work among the Scandinavians of this conference, I remain,

Yours in the Master's service,  
Adolph Johnson.

## SNOHOMISH

The Snohomish church has a membership of twenty-eight and the Sabbath-school a membership of fifty. Our church-school has now nine pupils. The church and school building is worth about \$1000.

We have a prayer meeting and missionary society meeting once a week. Spiritually the church is in a good condition. Recently we bought 1000 copies of the late tract on religious liberty and are circulating them. We secured ninety-four signers to the religious liberty petition and are planning to get some more.

In the past two weeks at least two souls have taken their stand for the truth, and there are four others very near the kingdom, one of whom has partly committed himself to the keeping of the Sabbath.

We have several youth planning to attend our intermediate schools this coming winter, and one who may go to College Place.

The brothers and sisters are talking camp-meeting and the school children are piecing quilts for the industrial exhibit. We hope to have a good representation at camp-meeting.

We have just gotten our seats for the church partly done and are planning other improvements, such as a fence, a carpet, clearing and leveling of the grounds, etc. Though the brethren are heavily burdened financially, we do not mean to let that restrict us if we can help in giving to the general needs, knowing "that he that soweth bounti-

fully shall reap bountifully, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Our testimony is that we are of good courage, that we are pressing on, that we are praying for the whole church of God that we may be delivered from the snare of the evil one, and we are praying steadfastly for the conversion of souls.

Yours in hope and in service,  
Faith Burch, Church Clerk.

The work of the Lord is onward here in Snohomish. Since my last report three more souls have decided to obey the truth. Others are convinced. Some of these have given up tobacco, others still are almost persuaded. Our missionary society and prayer meetings are attended by some of the church who come several miles in the evening, and all have a testimony to bear which is encouraging. We ask the prayers of God's people for the work here.

Wm. Boynton.

## WESTERN OREGON FALLS CITY

The writer came to Falls City six weeks ago, and has been working in this place and vicinity.

### BRIDGEPORT

I first began work at a place called Bridgeport, three miles below here. I tried to procure the church at that place, as it was not being used. The pastor, who resides at Dallas, not only refused the use of the church, but forbade me visiting any of the homes in that community and from distributing literature, stating "it was his territory, and no other person had any right in his territory." To be sure, I spent some time visiting, holding Bible-readings, and distributing Signs, tracts, etc. There are a few interested ones, with whom I am still working.

### BLACKROCK

This place is five miles above Falls City. Here I obtained the use of the schoolhouse, and began public meetings. The interest grew as I presented the prophecies, and some began to express themselves as to their convictions.

Elder J. M. Cole visited Falls City, after an urgent appeal for a few days' help, and decided to stay a week. We had some precious seasons seeking God

in lonely places, where only he who has promised never to leave or forsake us could hear. Also in the homes of the people we had much of the Lord's blessing.

The meetings grew better and better, and I greatly appreciated the associations and labor of Elder Cole. A number are convinced of the truth and are under deep conviction. At least four have taken a stand to obey all God's commandments. While we rejoice to see these, we are hopeful of others.

I am holding two public meetings each week at Falls City and two at Blackrock. I am also using forty Signs and scores of our message-filled tracts along with the meetings, Bible-readings, and house-to-house work. I am of good courage in the Lord and in the consummation of our hopes.

Pray for the work in these places.  
G. W. Pettit.

### UPPER COLUMBIA COLLEGE DEBT

Plans were well laid and nearly completed to free Walla Walla College from debt by the middle of January this year. Owing to the crisis in financial matters our hopes were not quite realized. There still remains \$3,000 to be raised. Our conference has been asked to assume the responsibility of raising \$1,000 of this amount. Other conferences will take the remainder of the amount. It is now hoped that by July 1 the whole sum will be raised. I believe our portion can easily be raised by that time. We don't need to put our "shoulder to the wheel" either—just "one hand to the wheel" will tell the story. Will you take hold now and help in this grand undertaking?

We have no debt in the conference to be raised, and the Lord is prospering every department of the work. We have finished our portion of the \$150,000 fund some time ago. There is nothing to prevent our taking up this work and carrying it through by the time set, which is July 1.

The amount received up to March 15 is \$260.

Elder F. D. Starr	\$ 5 00
John Shoeneveld	20 00
Mrs. P. F. Schnabel	10 00

Who will be the next? Keep watch of this fund from week to week and help it all you can. Send in your offering to

this fund to the Upper Columbia Tract Society, College Place, Wash.

G. E. Langdon.

### ECHO, OREGON

We arrived here the 6th of March, and were met by Brother and Sister Raley, who live about two and a half miles from town, and taken to their home, where everything they have seems to be ours. We spent the Sabbath with them, Sister Fulford, who lives at Echo, being with us.

Sunday Brother Raley's folk took us for a drive out to Hermiston, going around by the great dam being built by the government about four miles from this place. We were much interested in this immense project for making the "desert blossom as the rose." The dam, we were told, would be ninety feet high when completed, and fifty feet wide at the top, and nearly a mile long. We were told that the water in the reservoir would cover 85,000 acres, and would be eighty-five feet deep at the dam. The water is now running into the reservoir and can soon be used on some of the land.

As I saw the possibilities for the desert lands around Hermiston, and how people become absorbed in temporal things to the exclusion of eternal things, I became the more interested in my mission to this place,—to make people acquainted with the life-giving stream flowing from Calvary's mountain, that the briars and thorns of the natural heart might give way to the fragrant truths of the third angel's message, the fallow ground of the heart be broken up, and the Rose of Sharon planted there.

We called on Brother J. Pelmulder and wife, with three little ones, living at Hermiston. Brother Henry Pelmulder and wife were out in the country, and we did not get to see them.

Monday morning Brother Raley, myself, and wife came to Echo to look for a place to hold meetings. We secured the Odd Fellows' Hall, and appointed a meeting for Tuesday night. There were not many out, but the next night there were more, and the next still more. We have now been holding meetings a week, with an average attendance of about thirty. Quite a number have attended every night and seem to be somewhat interested. We ask the prayers of the Gleaner readers for these

souls who are called upon to make decisions for eternity.

Brother Raley's folks kindly asked us to live with them during our stay here, but we thought we could handle the work better here in town. We have never lost our relish for farm life; and after spending so much time in Alaska, where if you go any place you have to walk or take a boat, it was a great temptation to us to accept an invitation to live on a farm awhile, with a horse to drive, cows to milk, hay to haul, etc.

Brother J. Pelmulder and family came over to Brother Raley's for a visit, and were with us the first two nights of our meeting.

A. M. Dart.

### THE SABBATH SCHOOL SABBATH SCHOOL EXPENSES NO. 2

At the close of my little article in the last week's Gleaner I expressed the belief that there are principles involved in this question which are above all considerations of mere money, even principles of character development. Let us notice briefly some of these things.

What is the condition that has occasioned the greatest foreboding in this denomination in recent years? Is it not the decadence of that intense missionary zeal that was the life of this message in the pioneer days? We are constantly being exhorted to return to our first love; yet what will be the manifestation of that "first love" but a revival of that same missionary spirit? But where shall we begin with this revival? It seem to me that the most logical point of beginning is in that department where we can reach the greatest number of our people who are susceptible to influence; and where is this but in the Sabbath-school? Here we have every class represented as in no other gathering; and it is every class that we wish to reach. It is of the utmost importance that the missionary idea be early instilled into the children, and to do that, the greatest care must be exercised in both precept and example.

Let us suppose that we are in the midst of a lively missionary campaign like the building of the ship Pitcairn a few years ago. I speak of that because it was my first experience in missionary effort among this people. It was my privilege at that time to see how even

young children can be so enthused with an enterprise that sacrifice for its advancement becomes the pleasure of their lives. But now suppose that after this enthusiasm has been worked up to its white heat of earnestness and self-denial, the reading of a quarterly report reveals the fact that after all only about one-half of the money paid in is going to the real object, the other half to be used for supplies of the school. If you have never just happened to note the effect of such a thing, you would be surprised to see how quickly the interest cools; and for the next enterprise you will have occasion to wonder why you can not seem to get hold of the children. You will be fortunate indeed if you are able ever again to raise them to that high standard of interest. You may make a nice little talk on the necessity of meeting the running expenses of the school, and that this is only another form of missionary work and all that—and it is all truth—and the children will not attempt to frame an argument against it—but deep down in their hearts there will remain a feeling that the money which they gave should have gone to the object for which they were encouraged to give it, and that in a sense they have been cheated. A seed of distrust has been dropped that will surely bear its fruit. The missionary idea in the minds of those children has received a check to its normal growth from which it may never fully recover. It takes a very little thing to turn a strong current if the power is applied at just the right point. This is a comforting thought if the channel has been turned in the right direction, but a very disturbing thought if we discover when too late that it is going in a wrong direction. In next issue we will speak of another phase of the subject.

Helen C. Conard.

### SUPERINTENDENTS

A superintendent full of enthusiasm and activity is what the school needs. Constant efforts should be made to have life and interest in every part of the Sabbath-school service. Even the cheerful expression of the countenance will have its influence. "If any have clouds encompassing their souls, let them work out into the sunlight before they enter the Sabbath-school."—Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work, page 19.

"Don't go before your school without

a carefully prepared program of the entire session. Always know what you mean to do first, and next, and next, and last. Then quit." Do not let the exercise drag at any point; keep the ball rolling until the last song is sung.

"Don't fail to clinch the central truth of each lesson by a brief, but pointed, review.

"Don't allow general exercises, however attractive and beneficial, to infringe one moment on the teacher's time.

"Don't forget the one object of all Christian work is to bring souls to Christ and to develop Christian character. Aim at nothing else.

"Don't do the work in your own strength. Of yourself you are nothing; keep close to Christ. He is more interested in your school than you can possibly be. Tell him all about it. Ask him to lead and guide you. Let his light and love shine through you in all that you do. Be cheerful. Be prayerful. Be humble."

### THE UNITED STATES NAVY

Sixteen mammoth battleships, the flower of the United States Navy, are now slowly making their way from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

It is expected that the fleet will enter San Francisco harbor about May 6, 1908, and then will occur one of the grandest naval demonstrations in the history of the world. In addition to this battleship fleet, the entire Pacific Coast squadron will be in the harbor.

The mayor of San Francisco has appointed a large representative committee to make preparations to receive this fleet, and a very elaborate program has been arranged.

From fifteen to twenty thousand men are on these battleships, and their arrival will bring together a vast concourse of people.

The attention of the whole country—yes, of the whole world—is now turned toward this event, and their arrival here is being watched with great interest. It is a subject of general conversation.

This presents another splendid opportunity for us to get the truth before the people. We have therefore decided to make the Signs of the Times dated May 13 a number devoted especially to this subject.

This number will be beautifully illustrated with special half-tone engravings.

On the first page there will be a large

portrait of Vice-Admiral Evans, commander of the fleet, surrounded with an illustrated naval border, printed in colored ink.

The fourth cover page will contain a view of the United States battleship fleet.

On the first page of the paper, inside the cover, there will be a cartoon by Mr. Maybell, our New York artist, entitled

"CONSECRATED SERVICE."

Here is presented a large figure of a soldier leaving behind the attractions of the world and pressing on to victory.

The whole paper—sixteen pages and cover—will be filled with live articles on the great themes of the gospel, written with a view not only to interest the reader, but to save souls. Here are some of the subjects:

God's Call to Service: The Conflict; The Captain; The Reward.

Signs of the Times: Riches, Intemperance, War Preparations, etc.

The Law of God.

Bible Readings on Important Topics.

The Outlook Department, specially illustrated. Here we will give the statistics of the ~~world~~ of the world, their wonderful growth within the last few years, what all this means, etc., etc.

Altogether it will be one of the most interesting, attractive, and important numbers we have ever issued.

The California Conference expects to circulate 25,000 copies, at least, among the soldiers, sailors, and marines, and in the cities around San Francisco Bay.

It will, no doubt, sell equally as well all over the United States, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to give it a wide circulation. This event present another opportunity to give the truth to the people in an attractive form.

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### A NEW TRACT

The readers of the Gleaner noticed Elder Langdon's article of last week calling attention to the new tract entitled "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation." This tract places us in the right light before the people, and should have a wide circulation. The price is only one cent, and it can be ordered from your tract society.

Years ago the Spirit of Prophecy said: "The silent messengers of truth should be scattered like the leaves of autumn." Why may not this new tract be scattered everywhere? While circulating the petitions it would be well to take a quantity for distribution.

Do not hold the petitions until all the blanks are filled, but send as fast as you can. Then write the members of the two committees in whose hands the Sunday bills are placed. A list of these committees are found in the Gleaner of March 18.

There are many among the churches who can spend some time in securing names to the petitions, also in placing the tract in the hands of the people.

We have reached very important times in our work, and we must awaken to the situation as never before.

A. J. Breed.

### 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 whatever 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 of 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.

### OBITUARY

Allen—Died at College Place, Washington, March 16, 1908, of Pneumonia, after an illness of only two days, Sister Adelia Allen, Wife of James T. Allen, in her seventy-fourth year. Adelia Flint was born in Alleghany County, New York. She was one of a family of five children, two only of whom are now living, one sister in California and one brother in College Place, Washington. Sister Allen was first married to William Dolson who lost his life with several others by the sinking of a boat in the Mississippi River. By this union one son was born who is now living in Kansas. She was later married to James Allen of Wisconsin in 1862. Eight children were born to them, seven of whom are now living, also an aged companion to mourn their loss. Sister Allen had been a faithful sister in the Lord's vineyard for many years. The way in which her old Bible was marked from the beginning to the end shows it to have been her daily companion and hourly meditation. Her last words to her

family were, "Make sure work for the kingdom." Her funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elders W. B. White and A. J. Breed.  
G. E. Langdon.

Brother and Sister C. K. Hoover are happy over the arrival of a little son on March 15.

Elder E. W. Catlin is at Malaga, Wash., in the interest of the school and young people's work.

Brother F. M. Oliver writes that one family has embraced the faith where he has been giving Bible-readings at Pomeroy.

The work is moving on apace in all parts of the field. Be of good cheer brethren and sisters and "sow thy seed beside all waters."

Miss Clara Rogers closed her school at Genesee, Idaho, last week and will teach in Walla Walla College till the close of the year.

Brother C. W. Gibson of Colville, Wash., spent nine hours canvassing last week for Great Controversy, gave eleven exhibitions of his book, and took nine orders amounting to \$23.50.

Are you planning to attend the bookmen's drill in Walla Walla College April 9-26? This will be an excellent opportunity for any who are thinking of taking up work for the Lord.

Brother T. G. Johnson says orders are coming in well for the tract "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation." Send in your orders right away; these tracts will do great good. \$1.00 per hundred post-paid.

Elder E. H. Huntley, Bossburg, Wash., sent in a large order for books and tracts last week. In the order was fifty-two oxford Bibles, amounting to over \$150. He states that they have about fifty members in the Sabbath-school.

G. E. Langdon.

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C. H. Castle,  
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To those using stereopticons and lanterns I wish to announce that until June 1st I will make first class slides for 30 cents each, colored; and 20 cents for the plain. Colored slides are artistically hand painted. List covers the message from Adam to the restoration, over 200 on the life of Christ. Slides are clear and sharp. Try some.

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### NOTICE

Let all remember the date of our Walla Walla institute, April 6-25. There are many, I believe, among our churches who should attend this institute and prepare for this branch of God's work. He has plainly said that "this work is to be revived," that "where there is one in the field there should be one hundred." Where are the ninety and nine? They must be somewhere in our ranks. If the Lord is speaking to you, by brother, my sister, telling you by his spirit that you should enter the field, come and join us at the institute and prepare to enter the field.

Remember the date, April 6-25.

Those desiring to attend should write immediately to A. D. Guthrie, College Place, Wash.

Carl E. Weeks.

### ITEMS

Brother Adams is now auditing the books of the Southern Idaho Conference.

A canvassers' institute is being held this week at the Forest Home Academy, Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Elder A. M. Dart, now laboring in Echo, Ore., reports some interest to hear the truth in that place.

By private correspondence we learn that Elder L. A. Gibson and Brother Wiper are holding meetings in Hillyard, near Spokane, and that a good interest prevails.

Brother Weeks writes: "Our work is going fine here at Laurelwood. We have a class of about thirty. All will not enter the field, but a large number of the older students will."

During the past week some of our field workers have sent in nice lists of new subscriptions for the Gleaner. Just a little effort is all that is needed to enlist the co-operation of our brethren and sisters.

Elder White left Tuesday night for the East to attend the General Conference council to be held in Washington, D. C. He goes by Portland, San Francisco, and the Southern Route. Elder F. M. Burg of Western Washington accompanies him.

A. V. Oliver, writing from Missoula, Mont., says: "At present I am doing some personal canvassing here in Missoula for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the different books and to get a fresh supply of experience before the institute which will be held at Mt. Ellis Intermediate School April 20 to May 6. Am having good success and many interesting experiences."

One brother in sending in new subscriptions for the Gleaner says: "I have worked only a little for the Gleaner and have taken three names. It does not take much time,—only to speak of it,—and they are not so unwilling to subscribe for it. I think one reason why the list is not larger is because we have not thought of it and spoken to the people about it."

We are glad to report that our Gleaner list is growing quite rapidly now, and why should it not be so? The Gleaner occupies a field distinctively its own, and to keep pace with the progress of the work in our own Union Conference we must have it.

Some have asked, "When must copy be in the office to appear in the next issue of the Gleaner?" We reply: The Gleaner is mailed at the Walla Walla post-office every Wednesday morning. It is printed on Monday, and most of the copy goes to the printer Thursday of each week. So please plan to get your copy to us as early as Wednesday, so that it may be looked over and made ready for the printer. However, any special notices, announcements, or important matter that may be delayed, and reaches us by Sunday, will be given space in the current issue. But to give the boys a fair show in setting the type, please send copy as early as possible.

### BRIEFS

#### HOW TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

1. S-eriously. Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15.
2. E-arnestly. Ps. 119:11; 1 Thess. 2:13.
3. A-nxiously. Acts 8:32-34; Jer. 15:16.
4. R-egularly. Acts 17:11; Job 23:12.
5. C-arefully. 2 Tim. 2:15; Jas. 1:25.
6. H-umbly. Isa. 66:2, 5; 57:15.

The greatest boasters are the most ar-rant cowards.

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

It appears that some persons are very much in love with themselves. All others "pale into insignificance" when compared with "self."

Hope is composed of two elements, desire and expectation. Desires for the good, holy, and pure are products of the Holy Spirit. Expectation is the fruit of faith. Desire without expectation or faith of realization is a dead hope. Christ "hath begotten us again unto lively [live] hope." Faith is absolutely necessary.

Sojourner.