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"THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD SPAKE OFTEN ONE TO ANOTHER."

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THE CHURCH

Be Near

Rest for the weary hands is good,
And love for hearts that pine,
Let the manly habitude
Of upright souls be roine.

Let winds that blow from Heaven re-
fresh,
Dear Lord, the languid air;
And let the weakness of the flesh
Thy strength of spirit share.

And if the eye must fail to light,
The ear forget to hear,
Make clearer still the spirit's sight,
More fine the inward ear!

Be near me in mine hours of need,
To soothe, or cheer, or warn;
And down these slopes of sunset lead,
As up the hills of morn!
—John G. Whittier.

The Study of Revelation*

Our lesson for the present time is, How may we most clearly comprehend and present the gospel that Christ came in person to present to John on the Isle of Patmos,—the gospel that is termed, "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand."

*The special article from Sister White was not received for this issue.

We are to proclaim to the world the great and solemn truths of Revelation. Into the very designs and principles of the church of God these truths are to enter. A benediction is pronounced upon those who pay due regard to this communication. The blessing is promised to encourage a study of this book. We are by no means to become weary of looking into it because of its apparently mystical symbols.

There should be a closer and more diligent study of this book, more earnest presentation of the truths it contains, truths which concern all who are living in these last days. All who are preparing to meet their Lord should make this book the subject of earnest study and prayer. It is just what its name signifies,—a revelation of the important events that are to take place in the last days of this earth's history. John, because of his faithful trust in the Word of God and the testimony of Christ, was banished to the Isle of Patmos. But his banishment did not separate him from Christ. The Lord knows all about His faithful servants, who for His sake are lying in prisons and dungeons, or have been banished to lonely islands, and He comforts them in their affliction. Christ visited John in his exile, and opened to him the closing scenes of this world's history.

The truths opened to John are of the greatest importance to us, for we are living in the very last

days. Soon we shall enter upon the fulfilment of the events which Christ showed John were to take place. As the messengers of the Lord present these solemn truths, they must realize that they are handling subjects of eternal interest, and they should seek for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that they may speak, not their own words, but the words given them by God.

The book of Revelation must be opened to the people. Many have been taught that it is a sealed book; but it is sealed to those only who reject light and truth. The truth that it contains must be proclaimed, that people may have an opportunity to prepare for the events which are so soon to take place. The third angel's message must be presented as the only hope for salvation of a perishing world.

The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn people of the danger that they are in. Let not the solemn scenes, that prophecy has revealed are soon to take place, be left untouched. If our people were awake, if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed by John, such a reformation would be made in our churches that many more would believe our message. We are God's messengers, and we have no time to lose, for He calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Advance new principles, and crowd in clear-cut truth. It will

be as a sword cutting both ways. But do not be too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Present the truth as it is in Jesus. Let Daniel speak, let Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope, "the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

Ellen G. White.

Selections from the Testimonies.

"The third angel is represented as flying through the midst of heaven, symbolizing the work of those who proclaim the first, second, and third angels' messages; all are linked together. The evidences of the abiding, ever-living truth of these grand messages that mean so much to us, that have awakened such intense opposition from the religious world, are not extinct. Satan is constantly seeking to cast his hellish shadow about these messages, so that the remnant people of God shall not clearly discern their import, their time, and place; but they live, and are to exert their power upon our religious experience while time shall last.

"The influence of these messages has been deepening and widening, setting in motion the springs of action in thousands of hearts, bringing into existence institutions of learning, publishing houses, and health institutions; all these are the instrumentalities of God to cooperate in the grand work represented by the first, second, and third angels flying through the midst of heaven, to warn the inhabitants of the world that Christ is coming the second time, with power and great glory."

"Watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be vigilant, and sleep not day nor night. But if they have not received the message from the lips of Christ, their trumpets will give an uncertain sound. Brethren, God calls upon you, both ministers and laymen, to listen to His voice speak-

ing to you in His Word. Let His truth be received into the heart, that you may be spiritualized by its living, sanctifying power. Then let the distinct message for this time be sent from watchman to watchman on the walls of Zion."

"This life is our time of probation. We are placed under the discipline and government of God to form characters and acquire habits for the higher life. Temptations will come upon us. Iniquity abounds. Where you least expect it, dark chapters will open that are most terrible to weigh down the soul; but we need not fail nor be discouraged while we know that the bow of promise is above the throne of God. We shall be subject to heavy trials, opposition, bereavement, affliction, but we know that Jesus passed through all these. These experiences are valuable to us; the advantages are not by any means confined to this short life; they reach into eternal ages. Through patience, faith, and hope, in all the changing scenes of earth, we are forming characters for everlasting life. Everything shall work together for good to those that love God."

Moffat, the missionary, preached before an African chief, who listened with delight until he spoke of the resurrection. The chief then turned and said to the missionary, laying his hand on his breast, "Father, I love you much. The words of your mouth are sweet like honey; but the words of a resurrection are too great for me. I do not wish to hear about the dead rising again; the dead can not rise; the dead shall not rise." "Tell me, my friend," said the missionary, "why must I not speak of the resurrection?" Lifting his arm, which had been so strong in battle, and quivering his hand as if grasping a spear, the chief said: "I have slain my thousands, and shall they rise?" Oh, it is a great and terrible thought that we shall have to meet again all whom we have injured, neglected, or destroyed.—Selected.

THE FIELD

WESTERN OREGON

Conference Funds

Tithe Receipts for December

Albina, \$139.00; Ashland, \$70; Beaverton, \$65.75; Blaine, \$5.00; Dallas, \$20.62; Dilley, \$5.00; Grants Pass, \$13.50; Hood River, \$3.25; Independence, \$10.00; Junctionville, \$8.40; Monitor, \$10.00; Montavilla, \$10.00; Newberg, \$150.00; Portland, \$161.61; Seaside, \$111.18; The Dalles, \$50; Williamina, \$10.00; Woodburn, \$5.00; Miscellaneous, \$50.00; total, \$884.41.

Receipts of Trust Funds

Annual offerings, \$100.00; Weekly offerings, \$11.67; Wagonary Acre Fund, \$5.00; Board, \$14.87; Sabbath offerings, \$30.44.

Nellie
Sec. Western Oregon Co.

News Items

The following persons have been chosen by the Western Oregon Conference Committee to represent this conference in the next biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference at Healdsburg: F. M. Burg, W. R. Simmons, R. Rose, C. J. Cole, and Geo. W. Pettit.

Also Elder F. M. Burg and G. W. Pettit were chosen as delegates from the conference to the P. U. M. M. & B. A., which meets in connection with the Union Conference.

At a meeting of the conference committee, held yesterday, six persons were chosen to sit with the committee to audit the accounts of the conference for the year ending March 31, 1908. The names of these persons are as follows: E. J. Patterson, David Emmerson, G. E. Cutler, S. A. Peterson, G. F. Rusch, L. I. Stiles. The time for the meeting of this committee was not settled upon definitely. This will be announced later.

A camp-meeting committee has been selected already. This suggests that the months are fast getting away from us. Though it is difficult to appreciate the fact, we are at a time now when our people throughout the conference should be planning definitely in regard to the annual feast of tabernacles. Letters have already been sent to our laborers and church elders, calling attention to this meeting which is just a little way ahead of us, and asking for advice and counsel as to the time and place for holding it. We have had some good answers to these letters, and would like to hear from others. The question as to the time and place of the meeting must be settled before long. More will appear in the "Recorder" soon in reference to the coming camp-meeting. The committee mentioned above is as follows: J. C. Scott, David Emmerson, L. Body.

Dr. Carey has resigned from his place on the conference committee, and Brother J. C. Scott has been chosen to fill the vacancy. Dr. Carey, writing from his new field, North Carolina, appeals strongly for that destitute part of the Lord's vineyard.

Dr. W. R. Simmons has returned and is at his post in the sanitarium. We are glad to have him with us, and appreciate his presence and help on the conference committee, as we are planning for the good of the cause in this field.

Brother J. J. Ireland has just spent several days in the office auditing the books of the conference and Missionary Society, and installing Brother W. C. Raley as secretary and treasurer of the conference, in the place of Sister Nellie Nelson, who has tendered her resignation, she having found it necessary to return with her sisters to Michigan. We very much regret to see Miss Nelson go from us. We hope more and more for the time when we shall all be together in the kingdom of God and receive the "well done" from the Master of the harvest.

Miss Nelson's going out of the office left us without a stenographer, so some changes to make provision for help in this line have been made. Sister Smith, feeling that to be relieved of her work would give her a chance to get a much needed rest and to recuperate her health, gladly offered her place to another, who could, in addition to the Sabbath-school and Young People's work, help in the stenography and typewriting. Sister Irma Camp is now in the office and getting hold of the details of the work in the lines mentioned.

We had hoped to send the by-laws of the Western Oregon Conference Association for publication in this number of the "Recorder," but will have to wait till the next issue, as we have not yet received the signature of one member of the board.

Brother H. H. Hall is at the office to-day. He is in counsel with the conference committee with regard to some plan for the advancement of the work in this field.

Are you one of the number who is getting the "Recorder" for three months as an expression from the conference of its interest in you? We wish to be in as close touch with you as possible, so have sent this paper to those who are not regular subscribers, at our expense, with the hope that many will show their appreciation by placing their subscription for the paper as soon as possible.

We will endeavor to have ready for the next number of this paper a complete directory of the Western Oregon Conference. Doubtless many would appreciate this for a reference.

The Western Oregon Conference has seven church-schools in operation, and employs nine teachers. All report their schools advancing, and the new year finds our teachers of good courage to press forward.

Mr. C. L. Butterfield accepted a call from Otis, Ore., to take charge of the church-school at that place. As he opens his school with the first month of this year, we join with his many friends in wishing him Godspeed in his work in this new field.

Elder J. M. Cole held a short series of meetings at Drain, Ore., in connection with the week of prayer service, and as a result of his labors that company was organized into a church. They are fully manned with officers, and start out full of courage, trusting in the Lord to still add to their number those of their neighbors who know not the truth.

The Salem church reports excellent spiritual meetings during the week of prayer. Several that were not on vantage-ground have renewed their consecration. The offering was sevenfold better than last year.

Several other churches have reported to us, but we are sorry to say these reached us too late for the "Recorder."

Mrs. Baldwin, of St. Johns, is following up the work of distributing the "Signs" at the Portland hospitals, with increasing success. This work was begun several months ago by Mrs. C. J. Cole. Sister Baldwin says these people are very anxious for their papers, and do not want to do without a number.

Sister Althouse, who has been canvassing for the "Signs" for years in the past, has now begun to handle 150 copies per week. She sells them from house to house and in the business section of the city of Portland. She finds many that are eager to procure a copy of the "Signs." One man, to whom she sold a special number of the "Signs" some time before, happened to be in a hotel where she was showing this issue, and he took the paper from her and gave six men a canvass on it, and sold one to each. She reports other like experiences.

Missionary Department of the Western Oregon Conference.

UTAH

The Salt Lake Church

The cut below will give the reader an idea of the church building, in its present unfinished condition, which is now being erected in Salt Lake City, the stronghold of Mormonism.

At first our faith could not reach far enough to pay the prices demanded for a location at a reasonable distance from the center of the city. But after considering the importance of this city as a future center for our work in this great inter-mountain region, we decided to purchase a lot on the

the various denominations who are attempting to enlighten them. And as there has been during the past year almost an epidemic of building churches among all the other denominations of this city, our returns from a general canvass have been very small.

The greatest care has been taken



Unfinished Church at Salt Lake

The effort to raise the funds for this enterprise was begun about eighteen months ago. There are many circumstances which have combined to make this proposition a very difficult one; among these might be mentioned the extremely high price of real estate.

corner of Sixth East and Fifth South Streets, for the sum of \$1,250. Our people in the state are all poor, and we could not expect large donations from them, although many have done nobly. It is against the principles of the Mormon people to aid in any way

to cut down the expense of building to the lowest possible figure. I have given up the most of my time to this work, time that I feel ought to have been spent in direct work for souls. Yet it seemed unavoidable. As workers we have not hesitated to don the garb of

the day laborer, and for weeks put in from ten to fourteen hours a day at the roughest, hardest kind of labor in tearing down an old building of sun-dried brick, thus saving the church fund at least \$300. Yet as we have consecrated our physical energies to the erection of this house of worship, we have been blessed, and this plain little building, destitute as it is of external embellishments, has been transformed, in our eyes at least, into a thing of beauty under the magic influence of the sacrifice and toil it has required to produce it. One old brother said: "Well, Brother Alway, I have decided to give the \$50.00 I have laid aside to bury me with to the church, for I believe I will yet live till the Lord comes, and will avoid funeral expenses." A sister said: "My husband has been giving me twenty-five cents each day for dinner downtown. I am going without my dinner each day, and putting it in the church fund."

Now we have reached the limit of our resources, and we need one thousand dollars more to complete the building and furnish it. We make this last appeal to you, dear reader, in faith that yours is the heart that will respond.

The controversy in progress here between truth and the peculiar errors of this field is no ordinary one. The prince of darkness is bitterly contesting every inch of ground. The Bible truth on the nature and destiny of man is the only effectual antidote for the spiritualistic teachings of Mormonism. Other church missionaries say to me, "How do you manage to eliminate the views of Mormonism from your converts?" They say, "We can get some of them to join our church, but they bring Mormonism along with them, and ere we are aware, the doctrines of pre-existence, second probation, etc., are permeating our own churches." "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." This is the secret. Oh, it is joy indeed to see the truth of God for this generation sweep away the refuge of lies that Satan has devised to hold in his grip the honest in heart!

I spent almost the entire day yesterday in a hand-to-hand struggle with these errors that had become entrenched in the life of an honest soul who had accepted the Sabbath truth last summer in a course of tent meetings. How glad I was to see the truth triumph in this instance, after so long a struggle. My heart thrills with the long cherished hope that at last the captivity of the message here must end, and these mighty truths with irresistible power will sweep over the enslaved people and many be set free.

Dear brethren and sisters, can you not hasten this glad day by now sending to the front the necessary resources to establish a permanent center of operation in Salt Lake City?

W. A. Alway,
13 South Main Street, Salt
Lake City, Utah.

UPPER COLUMBIA

A Visit among the Churches

Thursday, November 12, I left College Place to visit the churches in the southern part of Idaho. I met with the brethren at Cambridge, where Elder Willoughby lives. The circumstances were such that but few meetings could be held; but as we visited among the brethren, we found a spirit of courage manifested and a desire for work growing among them. A church school has been organized, and is being taught by Ralph Conard. I do not know when I have seen a greater interest in church-school work and Christian education, than in this school. They hope with this small beginning their school will grow into an intermediate school.

From here I returned to Union to attend the Missionary Convention which was held November 21 and 22. This has already been reported by others, so I will say but little about it. But one thing I must mention, was the interest manifested in the meetings. I am sure if the other churches entered into the work as they did at Union, that it would be the means

of creating an interest and a desire to engage in this work more than has been in the past.

From Union I went to Blackfoot, and met with the brethren Sabbath and Sunday, the 28th and 29th. There are only a few brethren living at Blackfoot, and their meetings are held in a private house, but Sunday the sheriff kindly gave us the use of the court house, which was very much appreciated. We held three meetings on Sunday and quite a number of the neighbors and friends were present. I think if a series of meetings could be held in Blackfoot, it might be the means of others uniting with them, but it was quite impossible to remain longer as we had appointments at other places.

From Blackfoot I went to Boise. We held two evening meetings here, and to my surprise the house was filled both evenings. We also held meetings in the daytime, and I was very glad to see the interest that was manifested and the growth that has been made in the church in Boise during the time that Elder Steward has been located there.

We next met with the brethren at Caldwell. We held only one evening meeting here, as our appointments for Sabbath and Sunday were at Ontario. The few that gathered at Caldwell met at the house of Sister Steunenberg, wife of the ex-governor of Idaho. She has lately embraced the whole truth and united with the church at that meeting. She is doing a good work among the leading men and women of Caldwell, and is very much interested in our reading matter, and gave her order for "Patriarchs and Prophets."

Sabbath and Sunday, December 5 and 6, we were at Ontario. We had a very interesting meeting. Quite a debt rested upon the meeting-house, which had been erected, and during the meeting Sunday this was nearly all provided for, which was a source of great encouragement to the brethren and sisters.

A. J. Breed, in the "Reaper."

CALIFORNIA

Directory of California Conference

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Susanville

After completing repairs on the church building in Susanville, we held public services for four weeks, resulting in a number of backsliders being reclaimed, and three adults, with several children, taking their stand to obey the truth. We celebrated the ordinances with them before leaving, and nearly all took part. Sabbath-school officers were also elected for the ensuing quarter, and a good spirit prevails.

The dedication of the church building was postponed until after the holidays, when we expect Elder Kellogg and, perhaps, other ministerial help with us.

We left a number of interested ones and hope to continue the interest when the weather will permit. The company are of good courage, and we pray the Lord to ever abide with them.

C. E. Leland.
Reno, Nev., December 29.

Meridian, Miss.

At the close of a talk on health, last Sunday night, in Ellisville, Miss., one plug of tobacco was cast into the fireplace, and several manifested a willingness to walk in the right way. Most of the people of the South use tobacco in some form, and many ladies need to be "snuffed" before they reveal the highest type of sweetness.

So far nine adults and quite a number of children have decided to obey God's great call to this last generation, some of them under very trying circumstances. Among the number are some young men of promise, and we look for workers to be raised up from among us at an early date. Southerners can do work for their own people better than people from abroad. We realize our disadvantage in this respect.

I think we have held about forty public services in Ellisville, and besides those who have already "set out" in the truth, several more are very favorable, and we shall be much surprised if they do

not join us. As a rule people here do not move as quickly as in many other states, but there are many loyal hearts who only wait to hear what God says.

There are about fourteen hundred little towns and cities in Mississippi, and in but few have words of present truth ever been proclaimed. We need help, oh, so much! Here is opportunity for fifty workers to enter this territory and work for years in new fields, never getting in one another's way, nor holding a second series of meetings in the same place. This can hardly be said of California, only in the light of the grand and righteous vote of the people of the conference at Fresno, one year ago last fall, when it was voted and declared by unanimous voice that California's territory should be earth's needy fields, where the workers and ministers of the conference should be supported just the same as though they actually spent their time in the home field, until their work should become self-supporting. Some day, when gathered around the great white throne, many saved souls will bless God for His loving-kindness revealed through the liberality of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. May there never be a disposition manifested on the part of any, high or low, to disregard the express will of the people of the conference in this consistent and blessed work.

The other day I heard one of our faithful members, gray with years and once a slave, give in his testimony something like this: "I's on de way to de kingdom, and if I drap, I'll drap jist as nea' de kingdom as I kin." God grant us each to ever and always stand like this man for advancement, for real progress.

Some of our California people are sending papers to people here, whose names we have furnished. We can furnish names to any who may desire.

A California worker abroad,
H. G. Thurston.
Meridian, Miss., Jan. 5, 1904.

One was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" "Under nobody's preaching," was the reply; "under my mother's practising."—Wayland Hoyt.

Columbus, Georgia

As one of California's workers in this great needy Southern field, I hereby send a few of the many experiences I have passed through since coming to the city of Columbus. I arrived here about the middle of September, and began selling the "Life Boat" and "Signs" to get acquainted with the people and to introduce my work. I soon found a desire among the people to know something about health principles, so I sent for some copies of the "Pacific Health Journal" and "Good Health," and quietly worked my way into the homes of some of the well-to-do families, and everywhere I was treated with courtesy and kindness. Perhaps the reason is because I had lived in the South so long before going to the Pacific Coast that I could use the Southern dialect and be received at once as a Southerner.

This city is almost entirely composed of Southern people, and they are largely native Georgians, and are proud of the distinction.

There are thirteen large cotton mills here, besides quite a number of other kinds of manufactories. This necessitates a large number of the white laboring class, but as stated before, I have endeavored to reach the higher class first, and the work has been slow.

I find among the different churches, especially among the Baptists, who are largely in the majority, and the Methodists, who are next in numbers, an earnest desire for a better Christian experience, or as they express it, "A desire to walk nearer in the footsteps of Jesus." But they all have been taught from the pulpit and honestly believe it, that it is impossible for a Christian to live without sinning a little every day. Oh, what a field for God's remnant people to "live the truth as it is in Jesus," and show by a consistent life that one can have "Christ the hope of glory" in the heart all the time by faith, and that He can live in them without sinning. But, lest my article become too long, I will say that as a result of my labors thus far, I

can see clearly that the thing for us to do is to establish a gospel mission where those who do not attend the churches can be reached, these to be evening services, and in the afternoons meetings for the systematic study of the Bible. This kind of services will be supported by many of the people, on account of having the gospel services at night non-sectarian; and I believe it to be the very best way to carry on the work here. When I became convinced that this was true, I began talking earnestly to the Lord for a place to meet; and the result is that only yesterday I was offered the upper story of a building partitioned off almost as we would need it, large enough for a mission hall and treatment rooms, and several living rooms, for about twenty dollars a month, or for about half the price it was formerly rented. The building is centrally located, and is wired and piped for both electricity and gas, and also has water connections.

I feel that we must secure this building for our work. The Georgia Conference is not able to help at the present time, and so I want to ask if there are not some in California who would deem it a pleasure to help open up the work here. It will take about one hundred dollars to furnish up the rooms so that we can begin work. I am in excellent health, and was never of better courage in the Lord.

George B. Douglass.
1921 Hamilton Avenue.

Dr. A. J. Gordon said: "I have long since ceased to pray, 'Lord Jesus, have compassion upon a lost world.' I remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, 'I have had compassion upon a lost world, and now it is for you to have compassion. I have left you to fill up that which is behind in mine afflictions in the flesh for the body's sake, which is the church. I have given my heart; give your hearts.'"

**SABBATH-SCHOOL
AND
YOUNG PEOPLE**

Three Mottoes

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused. He answered, soft and low,—
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year?" I cried,
But ere the question into answer died
The answer came, "Nay, this remember too,—
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there still more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell,
"Yea, this one thing all other things above,—
God's will to love."
—Selected.

Can We Have the Teachers' Meeting?

This depends solely upon the superintendent and his helpers. That the meetings can be maintained is proved by the fact that they are carried on successfully in schools of all sizes and amid all kinds of conditions in city and country. That they have failed many times, is no argument against them. Many failures have been due to bad plans. Where failure has once occurred, better methods have brought success. Where teachers and superintendent work unitedly, there can be no doubt that the meetings can be maintained and made the key that shall unlock the door leading to the best things in Sabbath-school work. But the teachers must be ready to follow, as well as the superintendent to lead. We may say that it is the duty of the pastor, the superintendent, or whosoever the leader may be, to render the meetings so attractive that the teachers will not remain away; but that is merely evading the question. More than that, it is shifting the responsibility to where it does not belong. The leader can not lead unless his subordinates follow.

But with superintendent and teachers working together, the

teachers' meeting can be sustained. "The way to succeed," says Beaconsfield, "is to succeed." The way to make the teachers' meeting a success is to make it a success. The leader can not do this of himself. If the teachers do not attend, of course the meetings will fail. The same is true if the teachers simply come and leave to the leader the sole responsibility of awakening and maintaining an interest. The teachers must plan to attend and plan to help. Frequently social engagements and study-club duties will have to be shirked for preparation and for attendance on the meetings. Pleasant evenings with favorite books may be broken in upon. Inclement weather may have to be faced. But he who is seeking to sow the seeds of eternal life ought to be ready for these little sacrifices. They are but momentary. The efforts we make as Sabbath-school workers are for eternity.—Selected.

The Fruits of Temperance

At a public dinner given to General Harrison, when he was a candidate for President of the United States, one of the guests rather conspicuously "drank to his health."

The general pledged his toast by drinking water. Another gentleman offered a toast, and said, "General, will you favor me by drinking a glass of wine?"

The general begged to be excused. He was again urged to join in a glass of wine.

This was too much. He rose from his seat and said:—

"Gentlemen, I have twice refused to partake of the wine. I hope that will be sufficient. Though you press the matter ever so much, not a drop shall pass my lips. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink. That vow I have never broken. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated at college together. The other sixteen members of my class now fill drunkard's graves, and all from the pernicious habit of wine-drinking. I owe all my health, my happiness,

and prosperity to that resolution. Would you urge me to drink it now?"—Occident.

The World's Madman

It has been well said, "There never was anyone who spoke out the truth who was not called 'a howling idiot' for his pains at first." They said that Jesus was crazy, and His own family tried to quietly get Him home. Paul was more than once adjudged insane. Luther was called a fool, a heretic, and a madman. The mission of William Carey to India was characterized as the "mission of a madman." The witty preacher, Sydney Smith, called the first batch of missionaries "a little detachment of maniacs." And when the brilliant Fanny Forester turned her back upon the fame and fortune of literary distinction which were just opening before her to become the wife and helper of the missionary Judson, all America cried, "The woman is mad." Nor does the truth apply alone to the religious world. Fulton's proposition to propel a boat by steam was met with jokes and sneers, and Stephenson was considered a fit subject for an insane asylum when he declared his purpose to run a railway train by steam.

If a man gives himself up to money-making, or to the pushing of business plans, and drives at it year in and year out, he is "a very enterprising fellow." If he is carried away with political partisanship, he is "a wide-awake citizen." If he lives for pleasure and pursues it recklessly day and night, he may be called "a little fast." But if he is in dead earnest in his purpose to honor Christ and to save souls, then he is "a religious enthusiast," or "a fanatic."—H. Clay Trumbull.

Everything that gets up must struggle up. I saw a glorious oak, mighty, many-branched, far-stretching. But the cause of its magnificence was that it had met and mastered the testings of the storms.—Wayland Hoyt.

"Cleave to that which is good."



The Bible Work at Fernando

There is a good degree of interest in Bible study in our school. We are hoping and praying that this interest may increase until the recitation in this line shall be the most loved and welcomed period of every day's school work. Not only by a few, as it is now, but by every member of the school.

The daily recitation in the seventh and eighth grades is conducted by Professor Millard, who has the charge of these grades, and is assisted by the normal class of the school. They are studying Old Testament history. An excellent interest has been maintained during the past term. Each student has been required to make an outline of each chapter studied, in order to fix more clearly in the mind the principal events, while at the same time care has been taken to impress the mind with spiritual lessons to be woven into the daily life.

The ninth grade Bible class is taught by the writer. The subject matter is also the Old Testament, but in this class we are selecting the portions which contain figures, types, and shadows, and are searching to find in the New Testament, in Christ, and in the work of the gospel, the antitypes and substance of these. The object of this line of study is to become acquainted with the spiritual truths set forth in the Old Testament, rather than to acquire the historical facts.

The B ninth and the tenth grades are two divisions of the class in Bible doctrine. They are thus divided, and a separate recitation conducted with each division in order to accommodate all who wish to take this line of work.

The interest in both divisions has been excellent, and the papers written by the students at the close of the study of each subject has indicated a very good under-

standing of the matter. The subjects studied thus far this year are: "Inspiration of the Bible," "Inspiration of the Old Testament," "Purpose of God in Creation," "Plan of Salvation," "Origin of Sin," "Fall of Satan and of Man," "Ministration of Evil Angels," "Spiritualism," "Ministration of Holy Angels," "The Gifts of the Spirit," and "The Spirit of Prophecy."

We are at present considering the glorious doctrine of the second coming of our Saviour.

The eleventh grade work is a study of the Life of Christ, conducted by Brother Ralph Miller.

We have also an advanced class in Bible study, composed of students in the normal class and those who are fitting themselves for Bible workers or ministers. The work in this line is designed to give actual experience in imparting to others, either in Bible readings, discourses, or teaching the truth of God's Word.

This work has been somewhat broken and irregular during the past term, but we hope to be able to continue it without interruption during the remainder of the year.

Parents and friends, please pray for the Bible work at Fernando College.

Roderick S. Owen.

Montavilla Church-school

The first three months of our school ended December 18. Our work in general has been very encouraging.

There are two departments, one of grades from first and fourth, inclusive, with Miss Irene Anderson as teacher, and the other consisting of grades fifth to eighth, with the writer as teacher.

The present enrolment is forty-five. During the middle of the term, owing to the damp weather and sickness, the attendance was not as regular as we desired, but it was better during the last month.

Miss Anderson has enjoyed her work with the little ones very much. They have almost finished piecing a quilt, which they intend to use for missionary purposes.

The little ones sell the "Life Boat," and use the money for missionary purposes. They all seem to love their teacher, who in turn loves her pupils and is doing her best, with the Master's help, to train them for work in this vineyard.

I have enjoyed my work in the schoolroom very much. It is encouraging to see the pupils working to finish school here so that they may take a higher course,

that in the end they may be prepared to enter into the Lord's work.

Some of them are not waiting until they have finished school to do work for the Master, but often go out with our periodicals to sell and distribute among the people. From these experiences they have received many blessings.

Though our work is progressing nicely and is encouraging to us, I will say, for the encourag-

Report of the Church-School Work, California Conference, Second Month, 1903.

NAME OF SCHOOL	No. Boys Enrolled.....	No. Girls Enrolled.....	Total Enrolment	No. New Pupils	Average Daily Attendance...	Average No. Belonging.....	Per cent of Attendance...	Tardinesses....	No. Visits by Board.....	No. Visits by Others.....	Scholarship.....
Healdsburg:—											
Advanced Department	15	29	44	0	36.7	39.5	94	20	1	22	84
Intermediate Dep't.....	19	18	37	4	32.4	33.8	95.8	17	3	15	82
Primary Department...	25	25	50	8	40.8	43	94.8	34	1	1	90
	59	72	131	12	109.9	116.3	94.5	71	5	41	85
Oakland:—											
Advanced Department	8	10	18	0	16.5	17	94.4	20	0	0	.....
Intermediate Dep't.....	15	14	29	1	23.6	25.8	91.6	48	2	15	.....
Primary Department...	11	11	22	2	15.5	16.4	94.8	40	2	22	89
	34	35	69	3	55.6	59.2	94	108	4	27	.....
Fresno:—											
Advanced Department	24	19	43	9	33.6	35.2	96	30	0	6	88
Primary Department...	14	12	26	0	22.2	23.2	95.6	5	0	4	.....
	38	31	69	9	55.8	58.4	95.5	35	0	10	.....
San Francisco:—											
Advanced Department	8	13	21	0	19.3	20.2	94.2	17	0	15	86
Primary Department...	12	7	19	0	16.9	18.2	92	10	0	10	90
	20	20	40	0	36.2	38.4	94.3	27	0	25	88
Sanitarium	18	18	36	4	25.3	26.7	94.6	16	2	6	.....
Santa Rosa.....	11	12	23	3	18.3	19	95.3	15	5	4	86
Hanford.....	16	21	37	4	31.9	32.8	97.1	?	?	?	.....
San Jose.....	12	15	27	0	19.9	22.2	89.7	39	0	0	80
Eureka.....	14	12	26	2	19.2	22.2	87	85	1	3	86
Red Bluff.....	6	13	19	1	12.2	13.7	88.7	14	4	9	89
Pepperwood	5	4	9	1	7.8	8.5	91.7	?	?	?	.....
Reno, Nevada	8	8	16	4	13.8	15	92.1	9	7	7	93
Alameda.....	6	3	9	0	7.6	8.4	90	7	2	0	91
Petaluma.....	6	7	13	4	9.2	10.4	88	25	0	6	.....
Burrough.....	2	3	5	1	3.9	4.2	91	10	0	3	90
Armona.....	6	7	13	0	12.6	13	97.5	4	0	0	.....
Glennville.....	3	2	5	0	4.6	4.8	96.8	0	2	2	90
Calistoga.....	3	4	7	1	6.1	6.2	95.3	1	0	2	96
Alton.....	4	6	10	2	8.4	8.8	96.2	0	0	3	94
Santa Cruz (no report)...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stockton (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phoenix (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	271	293	564	51	458.3	488.2	93.9	466	32	148	87

It will be noticed that there is quite an increase in the totals this second month over those of the first month, notwithstanding three schools are not represented.

Santa Cruz is another new school recently organized. The enrolment there is about ten or a dozen. This added to the enrolment at Stockton and Phoenix last month makes the total enrolment about six hundred.

J. S. Osborne,
Sup't Church Schools.

Healdsburg, Dec. 28, 1903.

ment of those who are in the same work with us, and who have the same trials as we, that our work is not all sunshine, but sometimes the clouds come. He who has ordained these schools has said, "In their work they shall find clouds. There will be clouds and darkness; storms and tempest." When they come, let us stop and listen, and we shall hear the gentle whisper, "Lo, I am with you;" then remember this, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Helena Hughes.
Montavilla, Ore., Jan. 5, 1904

Our School Work at Honolulu

The day school has given Mrs. Colcord and me plenty of hard work. We have had between forty and fifty pupils to teach. This attendance means much class work and not a few classes. We have the school altogether in the chapel, with a doorway cut through to the next room, where classes are sent to recite.

Elder and Mrs. Behrens have been conducting an evening class for twelve or fifteen Chinese boys. From reports they seem to be doing well.

I have also been teaching at the consulate for nine months, and the consul, Mr. Tso Fan Chang, wishes me to teach again the coming year (1904). It has been a little taxing to teach so many hours. I never retire before ten o'clock. I have had to begin almost at the A B C's with these Chinese diplomats, but we have gotten along nicely, till now they have a grip on some English words and sentences. The coming year I expect to place a Bible in their hands, using the Scriptures as our text-book. Thus far they have taken sentences written by me. But they are now far enough advanced to read in the Bible, as they are in the second reader. They do not seem to be adverse to Christian sentiments. Mr. Haw, the interpreter, is now studying with Elder Behrens each Sunday forenoon, with some other Chinese young men. I taught

Mr. Haw through the summer, from nine to ten o'clock, P. M., but when our school began I had to give him up. He is a fine young man, and seems desirous of knowing the truth.

I. C. Colcord.
292 Kamakela, Honolulu, H. T.

The Everlasting Gospel to All Nations

As I am now teaching a church school, many of our friends are wondering why I have taken this step. I desire to state my reasons for having gone out to be a self-supporting minister. When my dear wife and I for the first time read the following statement it made a deep impression on our minds: "We expend sixty per cent of our efforts upon four per cent of our field." We felt strongly that this was not as it should be. The question came at once, What can we do to help the other ninety-six per cent of the field? Here is another statement: "We spend nineteen-twentieths of our means and labor upon one-twentieth of the population." Then we read these statements from Vol. 6, page 18, of "Testimonies for the Church:" "Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign fields." "Our people are not half awake to do all in their power, with the facilities within their reach, to extend the message of warning. The Lord God of heaven will not send upon the world His judgments for disobedience and transgression, until He has sent His watchmen to give the warning." "The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other, to prepare the way of the Lord," etc. When we had read these and other similar statements, we sought the Lord earnestly to ascertain what He wanted us to do with reference to this matter. As soon as we knew assuredly what was the Lord's will concerning us, I went to our conference president, stating that the Lord wanted me to become a self-supporting minister in order that the tithe which I received might be appropriated for the work in

the foreign fields. This is the reason why we have taken this step. Of course, we have no authority over the tithe, and hence can not decide how this or that part of it should be used. But I have been blessed in taking the work of a self-supporting minister, in order that the tithe, which I should otherwise receive, might be used to help the work in the more needy fields. Brethren, it is necessary to live so near the Lord that we can know His will at every step and follow the leading of His Spirit. When we trust in the Lord and obey the Spirit's leadings, we shall always be full of joy and courage wherever we are. Praise the Lord for this blessed fact! We have experienced an abundance of joy and blessedness in making this sacrifice. We want in every way to hasten the coming of the Lord. In "Education," page 263, we read: "Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry. The whole world is opening to the gospel. Ethiopia is stretching out her hand unto God. From Japan and China and India, from the still darkened lands of our own continent, from every quarter of this world of ours, comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for the knowledge of the God of love. Millions upon millions have never so much as heard of God, or of His love revealed in Christ. It is their right to receive this knowledge. They have an equal claim with us in the Saviour's mercy. And it rests with us who have received the knowledge, and with our children to whom we may impart it, to answer their cry.

What stirring appeals in the "Readings for the Week of Prayer." Tears filled our eyes as we read them, and we thank God that He led us to take the step we have taken. Those readings ought to awaken every Seventh-day Adventist to action. They who are not aroused by such appeals will find themselves in the same predicament at the last day, as were the five foolish virgins.

I am now teaching church-school in the winter, and working with my hands in the summer, and

at the same time doing all the missionary work possible, preaching and visiting on Sundays, and sometimes on the Sabbath. God has been very near to me in the work. I enjoy the church-school work, leading young hearts to Jesus. We have here in the Royal church school nineteen pupils, ranging in ages from eight to twenty. I teach the first, second, fourth, and the seventh to ninth grades. The average scholarship for last month was 91¼; the per cent of attendance, 96.

We had a very blessed experience with the special number of the "Signs of the Times." All the children, except the little ones, went to Cottage Grove, five miles away, and sold papers. We divided the town into sections, and gave it a thorough canvass, and disposed of 178 copies. We each praised God for the privilege of being Christ's lightbearer, and truly "of His joy a sharer."

During the week of prayer we had our readings in the school from nine to ten every morning. They were blessed seasons. The Lord came very near at times, His Spirit moving upon hearts. If we could only have such readings every day, I believe that all of these young people would reconsecrate their time, means, and talents to God. I hope and pray some of them will hear the call to the needy fields, and go out as medical missionaries. May those who have the gift of prayer remember us before the throne of grace.

John J. Westrup.
Cottage Grove, Ore.

Is your life what you want it to be? Is it satisfactory? I hear people sometimes say in prayer meeting, "I want a few crumbs from the Master's table." Well, you may have them if you want to; crumbs are good for cats and dogs, but I am going for the whole loaf. The Lord doesn't want His people to live on crumbs; He is longing to give them a whole loaf.—D. L. Moody.

**MEDICAL
MISSIONARY**

**Articles of Incorporation of the
"Upper Columbia Medical Mis-
sionary and Benevolent
Association."**

(As Amended at Special Meeting, Sep-
tember 29, 1903.)

This agreement, made this 28th day of June, 1900, witnesseth:—

First: That we, the undersigned, G. W. Reaser, J. R. Leadsworth, L. R. Foos, Greenville Holbrook, J. W. Posey, G. F. Haffner, and W. M. Fee, subscribers hereto, have associated, and do hereby associate ourselves for the purpose and with the intention of forming a corporation under the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of Washington, entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation of associations for social, charitable, and educational purposes, approved by the Governor of Washington, on the 21st day of March, 1895."

Second: The name of the said corporation shall be the "Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association."

Third: That the object and purpose for which said corporation is formed are, and shall be:—

1. To found a charitable, medical and surgical sanitarium, hospital, and asylum at the city of Spokane, County of Spokane, and other places in the State of Washington, and elsewhere, for the care and relief of indigent or other sick or infirm persons, at which institution may be received also patients and patrons who are able to and do pay for the benefits there received, and which institution shall devote the funds and property acquired and received by it from time to time, from all sources, exclusively to maintaining itself, improving its conditions and facilities, extending its benefits and usefulness, and facilitating and promoting its purposes by such sanitary, dietetic, and philanthropic reforms and effects

as are germane or auxiliary thereto; all of said purposes being undenominational, unsectarian, philanthropic, humanitarian, charitable, and benevolent, and in no manner directly or indirectly for private profit or dividend paying to anyone.

2. For the performing of such work and acts as are in the line of sanitary, dietetic, dress, and other hygienic and temperance reform by classes, lectures, and publications and other appropriate means, and also such works and acts aforesaid as will oppose the use of tobacco, tea, coffee, and other narcotics, as well as alcoholic liquors, disseminate the principles of social purity, find homes for homeless children and outcast men and women, and care for the aged, infirm, train and send out missionary physicians and missionary nurses, who shall engage in the promulgating of the principles of hygienic and temperance reform and Christian philanthropy, and enter upon various lines of work for the relief and betterment of the ignorant, unfortunate, and degraded, and the suffering, both rich and poor.

3. To manufacture, buy, sell, or otherwise dispose of all manner of wholesome and health reform foods and other articles of diet, and to devote profits arising therefrom to the furtherance of the purposes and objects of this association, as heretofore stated, or for such other purposes not inconsistent herewith as the Board of Trustees of this Association may determine, provided, however, that said profits shall never be used directly or indirectly for private profits or dividend paying to any one.

This association shall have a constituent body or membership, consisting of,

(a) All members of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the same being the delegates elected from year to year to the annual sessions of said conference.

(b) The superintendents of each and every regularly organized sanitarium, or treatment rooms,

the managers of each and every regularly organized food factory located within the territory embraced in the jurisdiction of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and operated under the auspices of this corporation; and,

(c) Five delegate members to be appointed by the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, a corporation, of San Francisco, California.

The annual meetings of this corporation shall be held at the same time and place, when and where the annual sessions of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are held, and the notice given of the annual meeting of said conference may be deemed sufficient notice of meeting of this association.

That the affairs of said corporation shall be managed by a board of seven Trustees, having the power of directors, to be elected annually by the said constituent members of the Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, at the annual sessions of said Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which said trustees so elected to hold office for term of one year from and after the date of their election, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

At all meetings of the constituent members duly called, a quorum for transaction of business shall consist of such duly qualified members as are present and voting.

That the present trustees of corporation shall continue to act as trustees of said corporation until the next annual meeting of said Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, or until their successors are elected and qualified under the terms of this amended agreement.

No member of the constituent body of this association shall cast more than one vote for any one person in an election of trustees, and no member shall vote by proxy, but must exercise the right of voting in person.

If this corporation should at any time come to an end by statutory proceedings, or otherwise, or should fail and cease to use its property and effects for its corporate purposes, as herein set forth, all its assets of whatsoever kind or nature, either real, personal, or mixed, or wherever situated or located, shall at once by operation of law become the property of the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, a corporation, of San Francisco, California, or its legal successors, to be held by said association for substantially the same objects, uses, and purposes for which it is now held by this corporation. And it shall be the duty of the then trustees to make the legal transfer and conveyance to effectuate this object.

4. The said corporation shall be located at Spokane, in the County of Spokane, State of Washington.

It is hereby further certified that the by-laws of this corporation have been amended to conform with and be consistent to the foregoing amendment of the original articles of agreement of this association.

BY-LAWS OF THE "UPPER COLUMBIA
MEDICAL MISSIONARY AND BENEVO-
LENT ASSOCIATION."

(Adopted at Special Meeting, September 29, 193.)

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

ARTICLE II

Corporate Powers

The corporate powers of this association shall be vested in a Board of seven Trustees, who shall be members of this association, and four of said trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III

Trustees

The trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members of this association, to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and enter upon their duties. Their term of office

shall begin immediately after election. As soon as possible after the annual meeting the Board of Trustees shall organize by electing a president, who shall be of their number, and a secretary and treasurer, who may be or may not be members of the Board, and the same person may fill both of said offices.

ARTICLE IV

Vacancies

Vacancies in the board of trustees shall be filled by the other trustees in office, and such person shall hold office until the first meeting of the members of the association thereafter, provided, however, that the office of trustee may at any time be declared vacant and another person elected in place, by a two-thirds vote of the members of the association at any meeting duly called and held for that purpose.

ARTICLE V

Power of Trustees

1. To call special meetings of the members of the association, or of the board of trustees, whenever they deem it necessary.

2. To appoint and remove at pleasure all officers, agents, and employees of the association, prescribe their duties, and to determine the rate of compensation to be paid.

3. To conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the association, and to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Washington, or the by-laws of this association, or the amended articles of incorporation, for the guidance of the officers and management of the affairs of the corporation, and to supervise all officers, agents, and employees, and see that their duties are properly performed.

4. To incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and the note or obligation given for the same signed officially by the president and secretary, with the seal of the association, shall be binding upon the corporation.

5. To invest and apply, subject to the ratification and approval of

the members of the association, the income, profits, earnings, and proceeds of this association in and to the establishment, maintaining, and carrying forward of new and additional enterprises formed for the same purposes and objects as are specified for this corporation.

6. Generally, to do any and all acts and things consistent with the objects of this corporation, conferred upon them by the authority of the laws of the State of Washington.

ARTICLE VI

Duty of trustees

It shall be the duty of the trustees to cause to be kept a complete record of all their minutes and acts, and of the meetings of the members, and to present a full statement, certified by the auditor, at the annual meeting of the association, showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the association, and generally the condition of its business and affairs.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

The officers shall be a president, secretary, and treasurer, which officers shall be elected by and hold office during the pleasure of the board of trustees. The compensation and tenure of office of all officers of the association shall be fixed and determined by the board of trustees.

ARTICLE VIII

Duty of Officers

The duties of the officers, including president, secretary, and treasurer, shall be those usually pertaining to such officers.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Sec. 1. The annual meetings of this association shall be held as stated in the amended articles of incorporation. Special meetings of the members may be called by the president, or by the board of trustees, at any time, by publishing a notice in one issue of the "Pacific Union Recorder," and "The Reaper," or any other paper of general circulation among the members, or by giving ten days' notice thereof by mail, addressed

to the last known residence of each of said members.

Sec. 2. Regular meetings of the board of trustees may be held on the first Tuesday of each and every month, and may be called with or without notice; special meetings of the board may be called by the president, or, in the absence of the president, by the secretary, at any time.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

These by-laws may be altered or amended at the annual meetings of the members of this association, by a two-thirds vote, or at any special meetings of the members duly called for that purpose, as herein provided.

ARTICLE XI

Seal

This association shall have a comon seal in the usual form, with the words, "Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association," or some similar device.

(All notices, affidavits, executions, and jurats in harmony with the provisions of the statutes of the State of Washington, in such cases made and provided.)

Keep the lamp of love shining day after day amid the multitude of home cares and home duties, amid the criticisms of home playfulness and thoughtlessness, amid the thousand little irritations and provocations of home life, which so tend to break peace and mar sweet temper. Let home love be of the kind that never faileth. Wherever else, far away or near, you pour the bright beams of your Christian life, be sure you brighten the space close about you in your own home. No goodness and gentleness outside will atone for unlovingness and uncharitableness at home.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

Many indeed think of being happy with God in heaven; but the being happy in God on earth never enters into their thoughts.—John Wesley.

MISSIONARY WORK

THE BOOK WORK

Western Washington Conference

Report for Two Weeks Ending January 1, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
Wm. Furber...	28	7	\$19 75	\$ 50
Fred Wright...	25	1	3 00	.....
A. H. Booth....	26	1	2 50	.....
F. W. Ham....	50	5	13 50	1 50
G. B. Collett...	32	6	17 75	8 35
Mrs. S. Bryan..	15	...	.....	3 00
Ada Greenleaf	6	1	2 50	1 25
Mabel Butler...	26	7	22 50	5 50

DESIRE OF AGES AND HOME HAND BOOK

G.H. Beerman..	144	...	59 60	4 00
Total.....	352	28	\$141 10	\$24 10

Western Oregon

Report for the Month ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Name of Book.	Agent.	Value.
Great Controversy	Wm Heinrich	\$16.00
"	Ford Dodds	26.75
"	Ed Rogers	8.00
Patr'chs Prophets,	C. W. Gibson	.....
C. O. L.	J. F. Tolson	68.75
Miscellaneous		38.50
		\$158.00

Report of the Western Washington Canvassing Company

The canvassing work of this conference took a new start last February, although many thought it a poor time of the year to commence.

Brother Lee Moran, who has had several years experience in the book work, desired to form a company as we were inexperienced in this work, and some were new in the truth.

The company plan has been a great blessing to us. After being out in the field a week or two we found it very encouraging to return to the "home" and spend the Sabbath with the other members of the company relating our experiences to each other; also to pray with and for each other and for the advancement of the work. This we proved to be a source of great strength. Although it was early in the year for canvassing, the Lord blessed us in giving us orders and many friends. We first

located our headquarters at Kent, which is situated between Seattle and Tacoma. From that place we worked King County. This took us until the camp-meeting in June; after that we located at Centralia. From this place we worked the greater part of Thurston and Lewis Counties, which took us until the first of October. We next moved to Tacoma to take up city work, where we are still located. After we were settled, we took up class studies, Elder T. H. Watson and Brother Moran assisting in the studies. Our daily program is as follows: Rising hour, 5:00 A. M.; 6:00 to 7:00 study alternately the Testimonies and "Great Controversy;" 7:00 to 8:00, breakfast and worship. Then we start out for our territory. In the evening we have had studies from 7:00 to 8:00, after which we have devotional service; then retire. Our first series of evening studies were Mind Culture and Physical Development, in connection with spiritual growth and eternal existence. These studies we found to be very interesting and profitable. We spent several weeks on these subjects, then took up the study of the seven trumpets of Revelation. The studies have grown more interesting with each lesson, and we find them of great assistance in our canvassing, as it helps us to better understand our books, and to present them in a more intelligent and interesting manner.

Wm. Furber.

Missionary Experiences

I was called to the Hydratic Dispensary and ship mission work in San Francisco for a few weeks before the holidays. In this dispensary work, God has provided a two-fold opportunity for ministry, first in administering the healing principles to the sick body, and second to the sin-sick soul. Several hours daily were spent in visiting the ships in the harbor, providing literature on all points of present truth, which placed in the reading racks, is read by travelers going to all parts of the world.

Two meetings a week are held at the old Helping Hand Mission, which is now used as a vegetarian hotel and lodging-house. Several hopeful cases are interested. Meetings are also held by our people at the jail and the Presidio. Day by day, as our book and paper workers go from house to house, they find patients to send to the dispensary.

After giving some instructions to Brother Speedie, who was chosen to take charge of the men's department of the dispensary, I was called to Oakland to assist in completing the "Object Lesson" canvass. There I received many blessings in meeting the people and have had many encouraging experiences. One evening at the close of the prayer meeting in the Oakland church, I was impressed to go for some books that were turned over to me to sell. On my way back, though it was past ten o'clock, I saw a light in a Swedish church. I entered and found some men putting up a Christmas tree. I showed them my book, and, after looking at it a few minutes, the superintendent of the Sunday-school said, "That is the very book I want for my work." He paid me the money and took the book at once. I spoke to another man, who answered that he read only Norwegian. I told him I could furnish him a copy in that language, and made arrangements to deliver the book to him the next morning at eight o'clock.

I realize how often I have gone forth fearful, afraid to meet people, but the good Book says: "Perfect love casteth out fear," and I earnestly pray that I may have a heart so full of love for God and man that I shall, henceforth, know no fear. All around us are open doors for service. People are hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life; shall not we improve our opportunities? "With the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption."

Chas. W. Peter.

"God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34.

An African Missionary

Brother Westworth writes from Scotland of a sister who has had years of experience in Nyassaland, the field just entered by us:—

"Now a word about Sister E., the deaconess of whom I wrote in my last letter, and of whom you suggest that she might wish to return to Africa to work. Strange to say, not a week before your good letter came, she had said to me that she was very desirous of going back to Africa, and now that she has the truth wants to go more than ever. She asked me what the chances were for that to be done.

"I had promised to write about it, and only waited for an opportunity so to do. She has now kept the Sabbath for about two months, and has been superseded in her work by another, so that now she is without work, and something must be done for her. She is at present spending three afternoons a week at my home, studying the truth. She sees it and accepts it, but is now working with the idea of knowing how to give it. As I said, she has had ten years' experience in Africa. She speaks, in fact, can preach in Mang'anji and also the Yao. The first follows from the mouth of the Zambesi to Tanganyika, and well east and west of this. The second from the full length of Lake Nyassa to the coast and the Blantyre district. She is ready to be used wherever the Lord can use her and Providence directs. Will you please let me know as soon as you can what to advise her?"

"She is a lady of good family; is well up on the Word, and can be very useful, I am sure. She could do good work with us here, as she is well acquainted with this place. In fact, during this waiting period she has worked like a Trojan, and I think I can safely say she has brought as many, if not more, to the services, than any one else here. I spoke yesterday in an established church as the result of her endeavor, and to-morrow make final arrangements to

address a large temperance meeting from the same source. Is it asking too much of the board at this time to have her services? She has already waited a long time."

Although we were unable to set this sister at work at once, yet we certainly should have her services in Africa this coming year. It is a great gift offered us when a consecrated worker comes with a knowledge of languages requiring years of expensive work to acquire. Ought there not to be a move on in our mission campaign so that we shall not have to defer action in such cases? As we pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers let us remember this sister whom He has prepared for service and so graciously given us.

Mission Board.

Systematic Effort for 1904

Do you read from week to week the stirring reports from our missionaries in foreign fields? Have you noticed with what zeal and earnestness the message is being extended into all lands? Does not the very reading of these things fill you with a burning desire to have a part in this great closing work? Would you not even like for every member of your family to have a personal experience in sending this gospel into the regions beyond? You may not be able to go to the distant fields yourself, but you may have your representative there; you may have a part in this work according to your ability and your willingness. The Lord has set His hand to this work, and it will be finished. Upon some He has placed the burden to go, while upon others He extends the privilege of assisting those who do go. Thus all may have a part.

The giving of the closing gospel message to all the world in this generation puts into the hands of every believer the grandest opportunity to engage in the most important work ever committed to this world. But is it not spasmodic effort; that accomplishes but little in any line. The

servants of God must now put on the whole armor and press the battle to the very gates. Every individual who loves God's truth, and who understands it for this time, has a definite, specific work to do, and this he will continue in until it is accomplished; it will be the one great ambition of his life. And he who misses the opportunity eventually loses all.

Let every one consider these facts in all seriousness, and begin at once to make plans for earnest, systematic effort during 1904. The Lord will certainly bless all such work. A good way to do this is to adopt and faithfully carry out the ten-cent-a-week plan of contributions to foreign missions. Many rich experiences have come to those who have adopted this plan; and the amount received by the Mission Board during the year just closing, from this source alone, has amounted to almost twenty thousand dollars.

Now, at the beginning of the new year, is a splendid opportunity for others to join this company of systematic givers. We wish every Seventh-day Adventist might be induced to see the great importance of this work. If they did, the carrying of the message to all lands would be blessed with an additional fund of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Let your good resolves for 1904 include this one of weekly offerings, and the Lord will surely bless the efforts.

W. T. Bland,
Asst. Treas. Mission Board.
222 N. Capitol St., Washington,
D. C.

The Year Book for 1904

Owing to the discontinuance of the "General Conference Bulletin," the directory of our denomination is now issued in the form of a Year Book, the chief features of which may be stated as follows: A complete directory of the General Conference, and all its officers, committees, departments, and laborers, complete directories of all union and state conferences and union and local mission fields throughout the world, with the

territory, population, membership, and churches thereof specified, as well as the names and addresses of all officers, committees, departments, and laborers given, and church schools in operation therein; full directories of all colleges, academies, and intermediate schools with boards, branches taught, and faculties; directories of all publishing houses, with boards, officers, and departments connected therewith; a complete list of all periodicals published under the auspices of the denomination, with specifications as to frequency of publication, prices, size, and editors thereof; a directory of sanitariums, with boards and faculties, treatment rooms, restaurants, cafes, and benevolent institutions. The work also contains an exhaustive summary of officers, with their addresses, a complete directory of ordained and licensed ministers, and of physicians, together with statistical reports, and the constitution of the General Conference.

This work will be found very helpful to our people in giving them a correct understanding of our organized work in the various parts of the world, and will, we believe, lead to a greater interest in extending the message to parts as yet unentered. The book contains a number of features not contained in any previous directory, is issued in the most convenient form, at a very low price, and should be in the hands of all our people. Price, 25 cents. Order of your Tract Society.

"We receive." "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments," continues the apostle. Believers, as such, ask only what is in accordance with God's will, because their petitions are indited by the Holy Spirit; or if they ask what God wills not, they bow their will to God's will, and so God grants them either their request, in form, or something better than it. The reason of our receiving is, "because we keep His commandments"—not for personal merit, but because it is God's will.—Selected.

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A canvassers' institute for Southern California will be held in Los Angeles, January 18 to 31.

A canvassers' school in Walla Walla College began January 3, to continue twelve weeks, and close with a two weeks' institute.

Canvassers' institutes will be held at the following places: Northern California, February 1 to 13; Western Oregon, February 16 to 29; Western Washington, March 1 to 13.

Elder J. H. Behrens writes from Honolulu: "We have had a good week of prayer here. The best in fact, that I ever attended. The meetings were held with the different families. Those who had grown indifferent were awakened, and we were all much revived. So far offerings have come in to the amount of \$86.00.

A subscription to the "Recorder," with the following letter, has just been received from Elder H. H. Dexter, formerly of California, now at Welsh, La.: "Since leaving my dear home conference I have labored over three years in Maine. The cold winters drove me south, and I am now enjoying the work in this beautiful, sunny state. For a few weeks I shall be laboring in the rice belt section. New Orleans is to be my permanent field. I shall endeavor to reach the French population of this southern metropolis."

Wanted

Mr. L. F. Sparhawk, Waldo, Ore., would like clean copies of the "Signs," "Life Boat," "Health Journal," tracts, etc., sent to him post-paid, to be used in the mines.

Homes Wanted

Good homes are desired, with Christian people, for the following children:—

No. 1. A bright girl, about eight years of age; quick to learn, ready, willing, and obedient, and of gentle, affectionate disposition.

No. 2. A girl of eleven years of age; brown hair, and bright, sparkling brown eyes; clear complexion, with rosy cheeks. Responds quickly to training, and naturally inclined toward art.

For further particulars, address, with references,

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What We Believe and Why

An active worker among our young people said not long ago, "Our young people do not know what we believe, nor why." This referred to the principles of Bible truth which Seventh-day Adventists believe and teach, and was spoken of their children.

If this is true, and it undoubtedly is, then it is high time that some vigorous effort was made to encourage these young people to study these important truths. Most helpful to this end are the articles by Eld. G. B. Thompson, now appearing in the "Youth's Instructor."

The subjects of the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, the Home of the Saved, the Kingdom, the Judgment, the Prophecies, the Sabbath, the End of the Wicked,—in fact all the distinctive points of Bible truth will be taken up.

Parents who wish their children to grow up in the truth, instead of out of it, should see that they are thoroughly instructed in the Bible, and this series, together with the many other articles of great in-

terest to the young, now being printed in the "Instructor," will help to solve the question of how the winter evenings can be profitably and pleasantly occupied. These studies, too, may result in establishing your children in the truth.

Seventy-five cents sent now to the "Youth's Instructor," 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C., will secure to new subscribers the paper for 1904, and in addition the publishers will send free the last seven issues of 1903, which contain articles of a series for boys, entitled, "Around the Work-Table."

Olives for Sale

We have a quantity of ripe olives put up in five-gallon packages, and upwards of fifty-five gallons. Price, fifty to sixty cents. Special freight rates. We have circulars of honey and olives, which we would be pleased to send.

W. S. Ritchie,
Corona, Riverside Co., Cal.

Wanted

A middle aged woman to take charge of and do the work for a small family. Heavy work not required. The mother is suffering from nervous prostration. She is studying the truth, and just beginning to get hold of the things of God, therefore she wants one of our people to help her spiritually and to be a friend and companion to her. Wages, \$15 a month. Write to H. E. Brighthouse, 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco, Cal.

For Sale

A \$350 Smith and Barnes upright piano for \$125. The piano is owned by a brother who has lately accepted present-day truth. He was formerly a telegraph operator at Yuba City, Cal., but gave up his position that he might keep the Sabbath. He is in need of money, and desires to sell his piano at this reduction. Any who wish to correspond with him concerning it should address, Leonard R. Doty, Sweezy St., Marysville, Cal.