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Your Mission

If you can not on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet,
You can stand among the sailors,
Anchored yet within the bay,
And can lend a hand to help them,
As they launch their boats away.

Do not then stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do,
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare,
If you want a field of labor,
You can find it anywhere.
—Selected.

Danger in Speculative Knowledge Part II

PAST EXPERIENCES TO BE REPEATED

The experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Most seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized.

Corruptions of every type, similar to those existing among the antediluvians, will be brought in to take minds captive. The exaltation of nature as God, the unrestrained license of the human will, the counsel of the ungodly,—these Satan uses as agencies to bring about certain ends. He will employ the power of mind on mind to carry out his designs. The most

sorrowful thought of all is that under his deceptive influence men will have a form of godliness, without having a real connection with God. Like Adam and Eve, who ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, many are even now feeding upon the deceptive morsels of error.

Satanic agencies are clothing false theories in an attractive garb, even as Satan in the garden of Eden concealed his identity from our first parents by speaking through the serpent. These agencies are instilling into human minds that which in reality is deadly error. The hypnotic influence of Satan will rest upon those who turn from the plain Word of God to pleasing fables.

It is those who have had the most light that Satan most assiduously seeks to ensnare. He knows that if he can deceive them, they will, under his control, clothe sin with garments of righteousness, and lead many astray.

I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give the people of God the warning, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked."

BEWARE OF A SENSATIONAL RELIGION

At this time we need in the cause of God spiritual-minded men, men who are firm in principle, and who have a clear understanding of the truth.

I have been instructed that it is not new and fanciful doctrines which the people need. They do not need human suppositions. They need the testimony of men who know and practise the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. You may be sure that pure and undefiled religion is not a sensational religion. God has not laid upon any one the burden of encouraging an appetite for encouraging speculative doctrines and theories. My brethren, keep these things out of your teaching. Do not allow them to enter into your experience. Let not your life-work be marred by them.

A WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHING

A warning against such teaching is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians. The apostle declares that the hearts of the believers are to be "knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance

of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." "And this I say," he continues, "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. . . . As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power."

I am instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. Do not forget that He is to be our pattern in all things. We may safely discard those ideas that are not found in His teaching. I appeal to our ministers to be sure that their feet are placed on the platform of eternal truth. Beware how you follow impulse, calling it the Holy Spirit. Some are in danger in this respect. I call upon them to be sound in the faith, able to give every one who asks a reason of the hope that is in them.

DIVERTING MINDS FROM PRESENT DUTY

The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science.

"Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Let none seek to tear away the

foundations of our faith,—the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, and that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid.

In the past many have undertaken the building of a new faith, the establishment of new principles. But how long did their building stand?—It soon fell, for it was not founded upon the Rock.

Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? Did they not have to listen to false theories, and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid"?

So we are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God's servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.

Ellen G. White.

(To be continued.)

There used to be in one of the old Greek cities a statue called "Opportunity." It was a human figure standing on tiptoes to show that it remained but a moment. It had wings on the feet to suggest the speed with which it passed by. The hair was long on the forehead to show that men must seize an opportunity when they meet it; while the back of the head was bald to indicate that when an opportunity had once passed it can not be caught.—Louis A. Banks.

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Matt 26:41.

THE FIELD

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Conference and School Work

The new year has commenced in this field encouragingly. Rains for the earth have been, to a great extent, withheld until now, but the Lord has been giving spiritual showers to His people.

Elder Thurston is now holding meetings below San Diego, close to the Mexican border. There is not time yet to report results.

Elder S. T. Hare has been working in Florence and Vernon for some time, and several in these places are rejoicing in the truth since we last reported.

Elder F. I. Richardson has been holding meetings in San Diego in the recent past, assisted in the work by Dr. Whitelock, as far as his medical duties would permit. There has been a growing interest at that place for some time. Brother Richardson has been temporarily called to assist in the Bible work in connection with the canvassing institute now being held in Los Angeles. Dr. Whitelock, in the meantime, takes the burden of the work in San Diego.

Elder Simpson has been in Riverside since the camp-meeting, which closed September 7, and he reports about fifty who have accepted the truth during this period. They are now building a church 30x50, with a basement for a school.

Elder J. F. Ballenger is at Redlands, where there have been several additions to the church. They also are building a church. The one they now occupy will be used for a schoolhouse.

Elder Healey is still looking after the spiritual and financial interests of the Los Angeles Sanitarium.

Elder Owen has the charge of the Bible study in the school at Fernando.

Elder J. W. Adams has the special charge of advance work in the city of Los Angeles. Other laborers and Bible-workers are doing house-to-house work.

Our canvassing work has been behind for some time, but we are

promised a larger corps of workers in this branch soon.

The Fernando school has a larger enrolment this year than last. The Lord is working with the school, and while there are many perplexities where many young people come together, yet the interest in the things of God is deeper now than at any time in the past. Last Sabbath was a good day for the school. After the forenoon meeting, quite a number remained to counsel over their individual needs and the subject of baptism. At the close of the young people's meeting in the afternoon, seven were baptized. These were from the oldest students in the school. Others are deciding, and the faculty of the school are of good courage.

Many things show that the Lord is lighting the world with His truth, and that the end is drawing on. It will come to many among us unexpectedly. But who will the class be who will be caught sleeping?
Clarence Santee.

WESTERN OREGON

From the Field

The writer has just returned from attending the annual meeting of the Walla Walla College board. One week was spent by the eight members of the board who were present in a very careful and prayerful study of the questions involved in operating the institution. A prominent feature of this annual meeting of the board was the unity and harmony which prevailed throughout, and the determination to come into line with the instruction which we have in the Word of God and the Testimonies.

One of the chief subjects considered, besides the election of a faculty for the coming year and other usual details, was a study of the responsibility properly belonging to the college in the matter of getting out of debt. While about \$22,000 have been raised in the various conferences of the college district by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and applied on the debts of the school, the work is not yet done, and it must go forward

till the school can sing the song of jubilee.

But now that the heavy burden in carrying forward this work has so long fallen upon various conference officers, the college board feels to recognize the obligation of the school to bear more of this burden and responsibility in the future than heretofore; and, accordingly, a resolution was adopted by the board placing the burden of leading out in the "Object Lesson" work henceforth upon the college, the principal of the school to lead out in devising plans for operation, and some one to associate with him in this who can go into the field to carry the plans into effect. Efforts are to be made to interest the teachers and students in a special sense in this work; and, as the school thus moves out in the advance, all the churches and people in the several conferences will fall into step, and we shall witness a grand forward march that will soon bring us to the end, which is in sight.

The board adopted a request, to be sent to the various conferences, that they place a man in the field at their own expense, to work in harmony with the plans which may be adopted by the college, and also that the books yet unsold and in the various conference tract societies be held at the disposal of the college in carrying forward the work.

Now, we are rejoiced at this expression of good-will by the Walla Walla College; and at a meeting of our conference committee the other day we unanimously voted to grant the request from the college board to furnish a person to work in this conference to carry into operation the plans which may be devised, and also to hold the books we have for the use of the college. We are sure that our churches and people generally will take hold now anew with the school to finish the work which has been so well begun. It was our privilege to have the presence and counsel of Elder Knox during this session of the board.

It was truly a privilege to us to be present at the first annual exhibit of the college industries.

This exhibit was held in the gymnasium. The following departments were exhibited in actual operation, in a manner to do credit to any institution: Printing, health food store, dress-making, bakery, culinary department, shoemaking, typewriting and stenography, tent-making, broom-making, and, first and last—first on entering and last in leaving—was seen the children's exhibit of dainty and attractive, as well as useful, articles, made by their own hands. A quilt made by them was sold for the benefit of their department during the exercises in the chapel which followed the exhibition.

The program in the chapel was rendered before a very large and interested audience, many being present from Walla Walla and the country adjacent to College Place.

The school is blessed this year with almost complete exemption from sickness, for which all are grateful. Those who have contributed toward the fund for improving the water supply have invested in a good cause, and I trust that the whole amount will soon be made up, so that the small margin on which the school runs may not have to be drawn upon.

In my next report I hope to say something regarding the changes which have been made in the Missionary Department of the Western Oregon Conference.

Onward, brethren and sisters, for the kingdom is near.

F. M. Burg.

Central

Owing to the sale of our residence at Beaverton, Ore., several months have been consumed in building us another, at this place. This hindered us from doing much in the work until about the first of the present year. Leaving my wife at home alone, I proceeded up the Columbia River to The Dalles, where we have a small company of faithful believers. At this place Brother B. C. Tabor took his horse and buggy and accompanied me back into Wasco County twenty-five miles, to another company, called the Friend church,

taking their name from their nearest post-office. This church might be "like a city set upon a hill" to lighten the surrounding hills and valleys with our glorious truths, and help to make ready a people to meet the Lord when He comes, but Satan, knowing there are a number there who are convinced, and almost persuaded to take a stand, has got in some of his work by stirring up discord and trouble among the brethren. We both worked constantly to restore harmony, and partially succeeded, but we fear there are a few who yet stand out. We still hope and pray that light and unity may return to them.

We did not accomplish as much as we hoped, owing to the short period of time we could spend among them. Brother Tabor rendered valuable help, both in visiting and speaking. This company will lose one of their number, a sister; though alive when we left, will die from terrible burns received by her clothing being burned off her, catching unawares from a hot stove.

A severe snow-storm coming on, we hastened out of this "hill country," fearing we would be shut in, and fail to fulfil our other appointments.

Leaving Brother Tabor at The Dalles, I came home. My wife and I then went ninety miles down the Columbia, where a few of our brethren are located and asking for help. We commence meetings to-morrow evening in a school-house, well furnished, with organ and other conveniences. What the result will be we leave in the hands of God.

R. D. Benham.

January 27.

News Items

The canvassers' institute for Western Oregon begins February 16, at Portland. We hope to see a large number of our canvassers present at this institute, also those who can devote a portion of their time to this work.

The principal of the Western Oregon Conference Industrial Academy reports that the work is progressing very encouragingly.

They have a good class of students, and both scholars and teachers are enjoying their work. They have recently installed a printing-press, which is an additional phase to their industries.

Elder R. D. Benham and wife are spending a few days at Swensen, Ore., where he is holding a series of meetings. We hope to hear of good results from his labors there, inasmuch as there is a good interest.

Brother B. C. Tabor, who is laboring at The Dalles, reports the work at that place as progressing very nicely. We relate an experience which Brother Tabor gives in his letter to us: "I called at a house the other day, and I found it to be the home of one of the leading Baptists of the city. The lady of the house, after giving her views of our faith, and extolling theirs, brought out a copy of 'Marshaling of the Nations,' and said, 'Here is a book that you ought to have,'" stating that after he had read this book he would be convinced that the Baptists were right in their views. After further conversation, she found out that this was an Adventist book, and said that intelligent people know good literature when they see it, and are glad to read anything that is based on Bible facts. Will you not place some of these books in the homes of those who are hungering for truth?"

Elder Knox spent a day at the Sanitarium on his way to the Walla Walla College board meeting. They were glad to have him visit their institution.

Miss Nellie Nelson, who has been connected with the work in the Western Oregon Conference since last camp-meeting, has returned to her old home in the East. She, with her two sisters, left Portland Saturday night, January 30. We have enjoyed the association of Miss Nelson in our conference office during the year, and were sorry to have her leave this field. Those who have been associated with her in the office, as well as others of our people who know her,

join in wishing her much of the Lord's blessings in her future work.

Brother Pettit spent a portion of last week in the interests of the missionary work at Albany, Monitor, and Woodburn.

The Jewish Calendar

Some of the laborers in the Western Oregon Conference, who had to meet W. S. Gamble's theories, have requested us to write to the Jewish rabbis of Portland in regard to the Jewish calendar, as their congregations desired some direct information from the rabbis. In accordance with these requests we have written to three of the Jewish rabbis, and in every case they have responded promptly. One of them being in New York City for a few days, wrote from that place as soon as he received our letter. Below is a copy of our letter and the reply, which were published in the "Jewish Tribune" of January 22. We would call the attention of our people to this subject.

"Portland, Ore., Jan. 5, 1904.

"Rev. N. Mosessohn, Editor "Jewish Tribune," Portland, Ore.—Dear Sir: We have had a number of queries coming to our office in regard to some facts pertaining to the time of the Passover, etc. I will herewith enclose three questions, and if you will kindly answer them briefly, it will be very much appreciated by us. I would like to talk to you personally, but it may not be my privilege at present. These three questions are as follows:—

"1. How did the Jews in Bible times locate the time of their Passover, and hence the beginning of the year?"

"2. Was the first day of the Passover week always to come on the Sabbath of Exodus 28, or was the order of the week changed so as to bring the Sabbath on the first day of the Passover?"

"3. Were the Jewish years of uniform length, and how long were they?"

"Thanking you in advance for

a brief reply to the above, we remain, Yours very respectfully,
 "W. Ore. Missionary Society,
 "G. W. Pettit, Sec.'

"In reply to the above, we must say that the solution of the questions is found in the Old Testament:—

"1. From the expression, 'And let them [the lights in the expanse of heaven] be for signs of seasons, days and years' (Gen. 1:14), we may deduct that the people, even before the Deluge, registered their time by astronomical years and seasons.

"2. Every year contained twelve months, five of which had thirty days each. This supposition is based on Gen. 7:2; 8:3, 4, where the number of days from the seventeenth day of the second month till the seventeenth day of the seventh month are recorded to be one hundred and fifty.

"3. As the tenth months is recorded in Gen. 8:5, and that from the tenth month till Noah's six hundred and first anniversary, a period of fifty days has passed (Gen. 8:6, 10-12), and probably more, as several days might pass from the day when the dove did not return till Noah's anniversary, we may conclude that the eleventh and twelfth months counted no less than thirty days each.

"4. As to the first, eighth, ninth, and tenth months, though we have no data how many days each of them contained, but in view of the heavenly bodies being 'the signs of seasons and years,' we may be near the truth by supposing them to number one hundred and fifty-five and one-third days, distributing the days respectively. As the Pentateuch does not record any change of that old calendar, we may safely determine that the Jews had the same system; and by it they located their feast-days, Passover included.

"5. The Passover, according to the Pentateuch (Ex. 12:6), must begin on the eve after the fourteenth day of the first month, and last seven days (id., 15), of which the first and seventh days were holy convocations (id., 16). 'In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall

eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even' (id., 18). This ordinance does not prescribe that the first day of the Passover should necessarily fall on a Sabbath day; it requires only it shall begin on a certain eve of the month.

"6. True it is that in Lev. 23:11, 15, 16, in the ordinance of Passover and the first-fruit feast, Sabbath is mentioned, but in the eleventh and fifteenth verses it means the feast-day, and in the sixteenth it means a circle of seven days, irrespective from which day of the week this circle of days begins. The translation of the mentioned verses should be as follows: eleventh, 'And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you; on the morrow of the feast [original, "Shabboth"] the priest shall wave it'; fifteenth and sixteenth, 'And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the feast [original, "Shabboth"] from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven weeks [original, "Shabboth"] they shall be complete; even unto the morrow after the seventh week [original, "Shabboth"] shall ye number fifty days. . . . That this translation is correct is evidenced by the following facts:—

"a. The first and the seventh day of the Passover are ordered to be days of holy convocation, prohibiting any work on them. Ex. 12:16; Lev. 28:7; Num. 28:18-25. If the first day of Passover must be on no other day of the week than Sabbath, all the ordinances concerning it would be superfluous, as Sabbath by itself is a holy convocation, and all manner of work is prohibited on it. Lev. 23:3. This proves by the word 'Shabboth' the feast was meant.

"b. The words 'Shabboth,' in Lev. 23:15, 16, are replaced with 'b'shovuothechem' (your weeks), in Num. 28:26, and with 'shovuth' (weeks) in Deut. 16:9, which prove the original 'Shabboth' to mean not Sabbath, but weeks.

From all the aforesaid it follows:—

"1. The Jews located the time of their Passover in Bible times by a systematic calendar accepted from the older nations.

"2. The first day of Passover must not necessarily fall only on the seventh day of the week. According to the Jewish calendar of to-day, it may fall on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; and,

"3. The Jewish years were of uniform length of 365 1-3 days each.

"N. M."

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Canvassers' Institute

There will be a general canvassers' institute for Western Washington, held in Seattle, March 1 to 13. Everything possible will be done to make this one of the most profitable occasions for this branch of the message ever held. Brethren S. C. Osborne and Lee Moran will have charge of the work, and some of the conference laborers will also be present.

Brethren, do we really sense the shortness of time and the great work to be accomplished? Do we realize the great importance of scattering our literature just now? Do we understand that at this very time there are strong influences set in to prevent us from doing this work? We can not be excused for neglect at this time. There is but one thing for all who believe the truth to do now, that is, to seize upon every opportunity to spread the truth. We shall lose our young people unless we so present their duty before them that they shall be moved to give themselves to this work. Shall we not now make a grand rally, and urge upon every young person, and also older ones, and even the aged who can, to attend this general gathering, with the intention of engaging in the work?

May the Holy Spirit lead us to see what we should do is my prayer.

E. L. Stewart,
 Pres. W. Wash. Conf.

"Signs" Work

My wife and I disposed of one hundred and eighty copies of the Capital and Labor "Signs," she selling sixty-six in ten hours. My best record was to sell sixteen in about half an hour. Selling papers in this thinly settled country is

not like selling in the city. We canvassed the little settlements up this valley for twenty miles.

We are working this country with tracts, and holding meetings every Sunday evening at Gold Bar. The attendance is good and regular, and some are very much interested. The other evening, after meeting, an infidel came up to me and said, "Well, it looks as though there was something in the old Book after all."

J. E. Van De Mark.

Startup, Wash.

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Golden Side

There's many a rest on the road of life,

If we could only stop to take it;
And many a tone from the Better Land
If the querulous heart would wake it.
To the sunny soul that is full of hope,
And whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth,
The grass is green and flowers bright,
Tho' the wintry storm prevaleth.

Better to hope, tho' the clouds hang low,
And to keep the eyes still lifted,
For the sweet, blue sky will soon peep
through

When the ominous clouds are rifted,
There was never a night without a day,
Nor an evening without a morning,
And the darkest hour, the proverb goes,
Is the hour before the dawning.

There's many a gem in the path of life
Which we pass in idle pleasure,
That is richer far than a jewelled crown,
Or the miser's hoarded treasure.
It may be the love of a little child,
Or a mother's prayer to heaven,
Or only a beggar's grateful thanks
For a cup of water given.

Better to weave in the web of life
A bright and golden filling,
And do God's will with a ready heart,
And hands that are swift and willing,
Than to snap the delicate, silver threads
Of our curious lives asunder,
And then blame heaven for the tangled
ends,
And sit and grieve and wonder.

—Selected.

Amadeus, Duke of Savoy, being asked by certain ambassadors that came to his court what hounds he had, for they desired to see them, showed them next day a pack of poor people feeding at his table, and said, "These are the hounds wherewith I hunt after heaven."—John Trapp.

NOTES FOR TEACHERS

(Taken at a Sunday-school Convention.)

There is a difference between the teacher who has something to say and the one who has to say something to fill up time.

There are teachers who wish the closing-bell would ring, and others who wish it would not.

Five important principles of teaching are: (1) Adaptation, (2) cooperation, (3) gradation, (4) illustration, (5) repetition.

Thoroughly master the facts of the lesson.

Select the truth to be emphasized. Perhaps you can not teach all the truth there is in the lesson at one time, so select the special truth for your class or for each individual in your class.

Have a teaching plan. Adapt your teaching to your class.

The illustrations used must be common, must be clear—easily comprehended; must be consistent—either true or may be true. Bible stories that have a likeness to the truth you wish to present are the best stories to use for illustration.

An Old Friend Has Returned

When a dear friend returns after a long absence, how gladly we welcome him! What satisfaction his very presence brings! Perhaps he has helped us over some hard place, or encouraged us in some trial—has in fact proven himself "a friend indeed."

Just as gladly do the Sabbath-school officers and teachers welcome the return of the "Sabbath-school Worker." Its familiar face brings encouragement to all. It was a help in the past, and we have missed it so sadly during its absence that it now seems doubly welcome.

We are not disappointed on a closer acquaintance either, for although smaller in size than before, it still has just the helpful suggestions, the reports from other schools, the instruction for teachers and officers, which we all need. Its "Helps on the Sabbath-school Lessons" for each week and for every division of the school are more valuable than ever, and contain just the information for which

every earnest teacher feels the need.

The price, too, is so low that all can now afford to have it—35 cents a copy to individual addresses, or 25 cents a copy where two or more copies are sent to one name and address.

You will surely need the "Worker" for 1904.



Fresno Church School

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The primary department of the Fresno church school at present numbers twenty-five in regular attendance.

Besides the usual school work, the children have been doing so much missionary work that it was decided to organize a missionary society. The officers were chosen from among the children, and at our first meeting the secretary gave a partial summary of the work which was done before the organization of the society: Papers ("Signs" and "Life Boats") sold, 265; pages of tracts loaned, 1,647; papers given away, 20.

Friday afternoons are given to our meetings. After a song and reading of the minutes, the reports are given. Many of these are quite interesting. One little girl carried a satchel to the depot for an old lady; another sold papers, and used the proceeds to buy shoes for a little girl who had none. One boy reported combing the hair of an old man who was unable to do it himself.

All are urged to keep their eyes open for opportunities for homework, and many reports come in of help given to fathers and mothers and neighbors.

We expect that many of these little home-workers will soon be out in the world's white harvest-fields, doing loyal work for the Master.

Lena E. Howe.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT.

We have had many interesting experiences since our last report.

An ingathering service was held in December, in the interests of the Life Boat Rest at Chicago. Two large bundles of clothing and dried fruit were collected and about \$16 in cash. The children furnished the program, and all enjoyed the services.

The week of prayer meetings were much better attended than those of last year, and many precious experiences were gained. Elder Kellogg and Prof. Cady spent a few days with us, and added much to the interest of this annual feast.

A special effort is now being made to clear up the debt on our church property. We think we can see the end. It is located somewhere about the first of March.

Two more have united with us by baptism. One has been quite a prominent W. C. T. U. worker of New York City, and the other a life-long Episcopalian. Both are very happy in the newly-found truth.

The last rally on "Object Lessons" has not resulted in the sale of many books as yet, but it has aroused an earnest desire on the part of the church to clear up the church register, and know as nearly as possible just where every member stands. The Lord will surely add His blessing to such a move.

I spent one Sabbath at Farmersville with the Capital and Labor "Signs." Those who were interested last summer received me gladly.

Our Sabbath meetings are occasions of much interest. There is quite a liberal outside attendance. Some are convinced, and are only waiting for further instruction, when they expect to unite with us.

The church has taken over 1,300 copies of the special "Signs." These have been sold mostly by the young people and the children.

Our school is still increasing in numbers and interest. The enrollment is now seventy-one. Forty-five of these are in the advanced department.

I have two Bible classes. One is studying the book of Daniel, and the other is taking Bible doctrines. This class has taken subjects in the following order: The Creation of Man; His Nature be-

fore Sin, in Sin, and when Converted; The Condition of Man in Death; the Resurrection; The Coming of Christ; The Holy City; The Earth Made New, etc.

B. L. Howe.

✻ MEDICAL ✻ MISSIONARY

Notes from the Portland Sanitarium

We are glad to report that the work at the Portland Sanitarium is steadily advancing, and all the helpers seem to be enjoying their work in every way. All seem to have an interest in their work and in the work of the institution, and harmony and unity prevail in all the departments.

We have the usual number of patients for this season of the year, who seem to be enjoying their stay, and appreciate what is being done for them. Many are desirous of learning something concerning the principles held by us as a people, and thus the way is opened to present the truth to them.

The presiding elder from the Methodist Church has been with us recently. He appreciated what had been done for him, and, upon his departure, thanked us very kindly for the care and attention given him while with us. Also the superintendent of the Japanese work on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii and a retired Baptist minister, at one time editor of the "Pacific Baptist," of Portland, have been with us for some time. Our Baptist brother came to the Sanitarium through the recommendation of some of his personal friends, who had previously been patients at our institution.

Some very good work is being accomplished by our missionary meetings, which are held every Tuesday evening. Aside from the wrapping and addressing of the periodicals taken by the society, the following program is given, except when some prominent speaker is with us, then the hour is given to him: Scripture reading, prayer, roll-call, reading of letters, news notes.

When the roll is called, the one

answering to his name gives the history of some country or a biography of some missionary, his work, and the people for whom he is working. The letters read are those received from former patients, or from those to whom letters have been written concerning the papers sent them, or from those who have gone out as missionaries. The current news of the day of any religious movement which pertain to the signs of the times is collected, and read before the society. We find that, by carrying on the missionary meeting in this way, enthusiasm is created among the helpers, and all seem to be interested in the work.

In a recent letter just received from Brother and Sister B. E. Rees, two of our nurses, who left us for that far-off land, Japan, we quote the following: "We are enjoying our work very much. For the last three weeks we have given from forty to forty-two treatments a week. Although we do not have the conveniences we had at home, yet the patients enjoy their treatments, and receive benefit so quickly. The Japanese Sanitarium is also doing very well, giving several treatments daily."

MISSIONARY WORK

THE BOOK WORK

Western Washington Conference

Report for the Week Ending January 22, 1904

TWO WEEKS' REPORT FOR GREAT CONTROVERSY

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
Wm. Furber...	48	4	\$10 75
A. H. Booth....	79	9	26 25
Lee Moran.....	42	16	45 00
G. B. Collett...	29	7	18 00
F. W. Ham.....	64	1	2 75
Cassie ".....	15	1	2 50
Ada Greenleaf	20	1	2 50
Total.....	297	39	\$107 75
Miscellaneous Sales.....			\$41 25

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"Whate'er our thoughts or purpose be,
They can not reach their destined end,
Unless, O God, they go with Thee,
, And with Thy thoughts and purpose
blend."

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"I will fear no evil, for Thou art
with me."

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The Bethren Bond, of California, have started a small school in Sabadell, Spain, near Barcelona, in connection with which meetings are being held. Nearly all who have attended—about twenty—have acknowledged the Sabbath, and several have already begun its observance.—Missionary Worker, London.

Elder J. O. Corliss and family sailed on the White Star "Cedric," January 13, for New York. After laboring in Birkenhead and Leicester, Elder Corliss, at the opening of the London Bible School last October, took up work as Scripture teacher. Ill health finally required him to relinquish active work entirely, and he now hopes that in a warmer climate his health may be regained. May his anticipations be fully met, and he be spared for many years of service in the cause he loves so well.—Missionary Worker, London.

Elder Corliss and family arrived in Oakland, February 7.

From Brother S. B. Taft, of Rio Grande, Texas, comes the following report of his work: "I arrived in Rio Grande, Texas, March 27, 1903, from Lake County, California, via Healdsburg. The physical conditions here are quite opposite to those in California. The people are principally Spanish, and are Catholics. I have worked largely with our periodicals, tracts, and pamphlets. We need tracts in Spanish very much. There are four individuals who have professed to accept the Sabbath. Many are interested. The tract,

'Elihu on the Sabbath,' is liked best, and we could use more of these if we had them."

Most encouraging reports have been received from our company of workers in inland China. The Lord has gone before the workers in a remarkable manner, and opportunities for service press in on every hand. The sick crowd around their doors, asking for help. So many have come that it was necessary to station a boy at the door to keep them from crowding into the house. They have asked for a place to treat their sick. Our response will show whether we mean to hasten the message throughout that vast empire, with its 400,000,000 people. Our physicians are the only ones in all the province of Honan, where there are 22,000,000 people.

The Better Way

In no better way can we manifest our interest in the progress of this world-wide message than by supporting it. And this can be done more effectually by the weekly offering than by waiting to make one large gift at the end of the year. As a rule, those who give weekly find themselves able to give more than they dared think of doing when all was given at one time. The interest rises with the gifts, and the prayers always accompany the intelligent interest. Try it. The year 1904 should close with the best record for mission work in this denomination. We are nearing the end, and our work must be done quickly. More workers must be sent out. Old fields must be strengthened and enlarged, and unentered ones must not be neglected longer. What do we say? Now is the time to begin to give, if 1904 is to be the banner year for missions in your experience. He who is able to supply all your need will open ways for you to earn money for His cause which you least expected. And you will have the blessed privilege of sharing in the reward with the workers at the front, when the Master comes. The joy of giving the gospel to the benighted souls

of heathen lands is alone worth all the sacrifice our giving may cost.
Estella Houser.

The sad news from Africa of the death of Brother J. H. Watson is another signal to advance. It is one more tie to draw us into service for the Master in the dark continent. Only eternity will reveal what his few brief months of labor have accomplished for Africa's sons; and even now, while he rests, his works continue. That one has fallen means that others must gather up the standard and press farther into the thick of the battle. We can not afford to sound the word of retreat, but must hasten until all in that land of heathen darkness have heard the warning message. The ministry of intercession is one in which we all can engage, and in these trying hours our missionaries need to be remembered personally before the Father, that their work may be effectual, and their lives preserved. Let 1904 be a year of prayer for our missionaries and their work.

How a Sick Sister Works

In renewing her "Signs" club, Mrs. L. E. Charlton, of Wichita, says:—

"For many months I have been a great sufferer, only able to be around the house a very little; but have not lost my interest in the 'Signs.' It was my intention to visit and talk up the interest of the paper among my neighbors, but since I could not do that I thought I would send the paper to some inmates of the State penitentiary, with whom I had been doing missionary work previously. Eight copies have been used in this way, while the other two are distributed among the friends who come in to visit me.

"I can truly say that I am glad the dear Lord can use me in this way; yet I am not at all satisfied with the accomplishments of 1903, and have resolved that with returning health I will devote more time to the 'Signs' work than ever before."

May we not expect that many "Recorder" readers will join Sister Charlton in her good resolutions?

H. H. Hall.