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

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## The Church

### Two Visions

A vision I see in my dreaming,  
It follows me all the day,  
It haunts me when sleeping and waking,—  
A shadow across my way.  
The vision has death for its background,  
Its vista is dimmed with tears;  
It reaches far back to creation,  
Yea, back through the weary years.

A vision I see in the distance,  
It kindles my heart aglow,—  
A gleam of a glorious morning,  
With never a shade of woe.  
The vision has life for its background,  
Like sunrise over the sea;  
It reaches far into the future,—  
Yea, into eternity.

Eliza H. Morton.

### The Next Biennial Session of the Pacific Union Conference

No doubt many along the Pacific Coast will be interested to know of the plans which are taking shape for the next session of our Union Conference, so in this number of the paper we will give the information we have on this question at present.

#### THE PLACE

After hearing from all members of the Union Conference Committee, as well as from some others with whom we have counseled, it was decided to accept the kind invitation of the Portland (Ore.) church, to hold the meeting in their commodious building in East Portland. Another very urgent and kind invitation was received from our brethren at College Place, Wash., to hold the gathering with them, and no doubt they were some-

what disappointed that it was not so decided. We can see no good reason why such centers as College Place, Seattle, and Los Angeles should not in the future be favorably considered for our biennial sessions, but for this year the committee thought best to locate at Portland.

#### THE TIME

The month of February has been selected as possibly the most convenient season for all the conferences. At first the committee thought that a week would be sufficient time for this gathering, and the secretary has announced February 15-21 as the date, but after further consideration and counsel with the General Conference, it has been decided to have a ten days' meeting, beginning at 9:00 A. M. February 15, and closing Sunday evening, February 25. All will please notice this change and plan accordingly.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

We have assurance from the president of the Western Oregon Conference that free entertainment will be given all delegates, this including room and board during the session. We know this means much to the conference and church at Portland, but we trust that good returns may be received by them in the line of spiritual instruction and encouragement which such a meeting should bring.

#### PROGRAM

With reference to this, we would say that possibly it may not be advisable to arrange a program which can not be subject to modification or change if thought best. Likely,

however, no morning social meeting will be held earlier than 8:00 or 8:30 A. M., as delegates no doubt will be scattered over Portland, St. Johns, and other near-by towns, which will make it quite impossible for them to get together earlier than the above-named hour. Following the social service, at 9:00 or 9:30 A. M., the business sessions of the Union Conference will be held, and possibly, till the business is closed, will occupy the remainder of the forenoon. At 2:30 or 3:00 P. M., there will be public instruction; also at the evening hour. Possibly an hour each afternoon, between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock, may be given to the several departments of the work, such as the publishing, medical, and educational, meeting in smaller companies to counsel together with reference to these several lines of work, and how their interests can best be advanced throughout the Union Conference. This hour will also afford an opportunity for the regular committees to do their work.

This, of course, is only a rough outline of the daily program, which should receive careful attention from the whole Union Conference Committee before the beginning of the session.

#### AUDITING

At this time the accounts of those who have labored in the Union Conference the last two years will be audited, and the Union Conference Committee is the auditing board. We therefore request all members of the committee to meet in Portland at 3:00 P. M., February 14, one day before the beginning of the session, to do the work of auditing,



and to assist in the work and counsel of the full committee, which will likely be held the evening of the same day. We trust that all who have labored in the employ of the Union Conference during the past two years will, as soon after December 31 as possible, send a complete report of labor to J. J. Ireland, 1059 Castro Street, Oakland, Cal., that they may be ready for audit when the board meets the 14th of February.

#### REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES

At a meeting of the available members of the Union Conference Committee, held at Mountain View, Cal., a few weeks ago, the matter of reports from state conferences received some attention. It was the prevailing opinion that usually too much of the time of these gatherings is taken up in hearing reports, and it was finally recommended by vote that all conference reports be so condensed that no longer than ten minutes be used in their presentation. It was also recommended that each conference prepare a comparative statistical chart, which could be hung on the wall in sight of all present, comparing the work and growth of that conference for the biennial period of 1902-1903, with the one just closing, 1904-1905. The secretary, Brother Ireland, has these matters in hand, and will write the several conferences, making some suggestions as to how these charts may be prepared and what the reports should contain. It is also expected that the several lines of work, such as the publishing, medical, and educational departments will make complete reports, using such time as they think best to bring the progress of these several lines before the delegates.

#### SPECIAL TOPICS

At the meeting at Mountain View, above mentioned, it was suggested that during this session some subjects which are of vital importance to this people at the present time be considered by our ministering brethren. It was thought best to ask several brethren, who have since been notified, to present the following subjects:

1. The Holy Spirit, its need in connection with this work, and

what it will bring to us if it is received by this people.

2. The tithing question.

3. The Spirit of Prophecy in the church, and the sacredness of the same.

4. The sanctuary question, and its relation to the Third Angel's Message.

5. The great relief movement for our schools and sanitariums.

6. The early Seventh-day Adventist preacher, his labors and sacrifices.

These are some of the special topics which will be considered, if time permits, and possibly there will be others.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Of course all elected or appointed delegates will expect to be present, and we trust that all conferences which are reasonably near Portland will elect their full quota. We wish we could expect this from all the conferences, but some are so far away, and expenses will be so great, that this can hardly be anticipated. We trust, however, that all the conferences will be well represented. Again we earnestly hope that just as far as is possible our conferences will encourage their ministers, missionary, educational, and medical workers to be present. Many could not attend the General Conference at Washington. Why may they not attend this very important gathering? We trust our conference presidents will take this matter in hand, and see to it that as far as is consistent their workers be present and receive the benefits of this most important occasion, for we know that it will be time and money well spent.

Again, why should not many of our brethren and sisters from different parts of the Union Conference be present and spend these grand days of spiritual refreshing with us? We hope they will, as we know it will be a great blessing to them. We trust that reduced rates may be secured, which will enable many to attend at a reasonable price.

#### HELP FROM ABROAD

We are very much gratified to know that both Elder A. G. Daniells and Elder G. A. Irwin will

be with us, and we also hope that Sister E. G. White may be able to take the trip, and that Elder W. C. White will also attend. Elder Daniells writes that his mind is much exercised on the question of the ministry, and that he feels a burden to give a series of lessons along the line of the improvement of the ministry. We earnestly hope that many of our conference laborers may be present to hear this instruction.

Other matters relative to this meeting will be mentioned in subsequent issues of the "Recorder."

Remember the date, February 15-25.

W. B. White,  
Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

#### A National Reform Campaign

The National Reform Association has recently inaugurated a vigorous campaign with the fond hope of securing their long-cherished desire of obtaining "such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as will declare the nation's allegiance to Jesus Christ, and its acceptance of the moral laws of the Christian religion." This campaign was launched on the public as the result of the instructions which were given to the Judiciary Committee by the United States Senate to report a form of constitutional amendment for the suppression of polygamy within thirty days after the assembling of the coming session of Congress. This opportunity was eagerly seized upon by the National Reformers to attach onto the proposed constitutional amendment against polygamy, a rider embodying an acknowledgment of the moral laws of Jesus Christ as the basis and standard of legislation regarding the family. It will be readily seen that, if the National Reform Association should succeed in getting this religious feature incorporated into the Constitution of the United States, it will form a basis for all the evil legislation which they have ever sought to obtain.

The following is their program for the campaign, as outlined in the November number of the "Christian Statesman":



"1. To send the petition, with accompanying documents, to all church courts, and to pastors and churches.

"2. To print in sufficient quantities the documents needed in the work.

"3. To make judicious use of the newspapers, religious and secular.

"4. To arrange for an effective hearing before the Judiciary Committee like our former hearing on the same subject, with which the committee was so impressed that they printed five thousand copies of the report of it, or five times the usual number, for the use of the members of Congress and for general distribution.

"5. To send some one to Washington for the months of December and January for continuous labor with the members of both houses."

Should not every lover of Christian liberty recognize in this wicked movement on the part of the National Reformers a danger signal? While we are unalterably opposed to polygamy, yet we do enter a most solemn protest against the proposed religious feature which the National Reform Association is seeking to secure. The religious liberty department has already organized a counter campaign, which will be carried forward as the Lord may indicate.

We hope that every Seventh-day Adventist will be ready to cooperate with us when a definite plan of operation is submitted.

K. C. Russell.

### Our Influence

As a stove parts with its heat to bring all surrounding objects into its own heated condition, so we affect those surrounding us.

Not more certainly does a rose diffuse its fragrance than human beings dispense their influence wherever they go. . . . Is a man religious?—Not more truly does the sunshine impart its glory to surrounding objects than that man's religious influence passes from him to all persons and things within its sphere.

Houses become so imbued with the influence of the people who live in them that sensitive persons can feel that influence as soon as they enter.—Selected.

## The Field

### WESTERN WASHINGTON Oakville

For the last three weeks Elder Godfrey, who has lately been transferred to this conference from Kansas, has been holding meetings in Oakville. Since our dear Brother Nellis left eight years ago, the gospel of the Third Angel's Message has not been heard from the pulpit in this town except upon two occasions.

Earnest prayer has been made that the truth might be proclaimed here; but the field is wide, and it was not until this fall that the Lord gave us the answer for which we have waited. None the less, we thank Him, although some who might once have been reached have now gone forever beyond call.

Our meetings have been held upstairs in a rented hall, poorly lighted, inconvenient, and very expensive; but in spite of disadvantages, we are hopeful of good results. Though the two or three Seventh-day Adventist sisters in Oakville are hampered with years, infirmities, and much serving, and Brother Godfrey is not able to get about very well, yet he has had some help from a brother who has been here during most of the meetings selling "Signs," visiting the people, and acting as janitor and usher.

The brethren from Connie, and five new converts, joined with us last Sabbath in Sabbath-school, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for five dollars toward the hall rent. Others who were deeply interested, but who have not yet declared themselves for the truth, were also present.

At the evening meetings we have had a fairly large audience, though the attendance is not so regular as we might wish. Six or eight are perhaps about all who do not miss any of the meetings. So far, all who have become interested are members of the Campbellite or Christian Church, and the result has been that "the Assyrian"—in other words, the remainder of the Campbellite contingency—"has

come down like a wolf on the fold." Their ministers have challenged Elder Godfrey to give proof of the truths we hold in a debate with them. The following proposition has been submitted to the Campbellites for debate, and if they accept, Elders Godfrey and Martin will hold a discussion with them.

"Resolved, That the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, according to the Holy Scriptures was set apart by Jesus Christ before His crucifixion as a Sabbath of rest and worship, and was commanded to be kept holy by Christians."

They will be expected to submit the following to our ministers:

"Resolved, That the Sabbath of the Decalogue, as contained in the fourth commandment, is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, and is binding upon all men for all time."

We had intended, because of the large hall rent, to discontinue our meetings, but have now decided to stand like the brave, with our face to the foe, and, if possible, continue at least another week in order that the enemy may have no occasion to say they have triumphed over us.

Even though the meetings result in but few converts, yet we will never regret the sacrifice that has led to them, for, whether accepted or not, the truth has been well presented to the people of our town, and in the day of judgment we may feel free from the burden of their souls.

May God prosper and bless, not only the work here, but in every such place; and may the seed sown bear an abundant harvest, even though it may for some time lie dormant, while we possess our souls in patience and wait for it, trusting in the promise of Him who has said, "My word . . . shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Faith Burch.

November 10.

Good nature is the beauty of the mind, and, like personal beauty, wins almost without anything else—sometimes, indeed, in spite of positive deficiencies.—Jonas Hanway.



## Everett, Bellingham, and Lynden

During the past year Mrs. Sharp and I have done a good deal of work with our literature in Everett, beginning with the special "Signs of the Times" last November, and continuing with "The Family Bible Teacher" and tracts. We held one series of meetings in the church and two in the tent, each effort bringing some to a decision for the truth. Twenty-five have been added to the church by baptism, profession of faith, and letter, eight or ten others are keeping the Sabbath, and several more, with whom Mrs. Sharp is holding Bible studies, are much interested. A good degree of interest was manifested in the missionary conventions at Everett and Bellingham.

October 23 I came to Lynden, where, for nearly a year, the friends of the message have been working to build a memorial to God. The soliciting and pushing of the enterprise has been largely done by the sisters. I helped them the last two weeks, acting as carpenter, painter, and business man. Assistance was kindly rendered by many of the citizens in cash, material, and labor. The building proceeded no faster than the money came in to pay the bills. They have a nice house, with auditorium 24x36, and suitable vestibule. It is well plastered, finished in natural wood, and seated with chairs. All bills are paid, and they have a surplus in the treasury. They need lamps and an organ, which they expect to have ere long.

Brethren Wollekar and Rogers rendered very acceptable assistance in the dedication services November 5. The citizens showed their kindly feelings by filling the house from the platform to the outer doors, and paying good attention to the word spoken. Our friends are very thankful to God for enabling them to build such a satisfactory church home. The prospect is encouraging for the advancement of the message at Lynden, for which we are all truly grateful.

W. W. Sharp.

True religion is a close personal friendship with the Lord Jesus.  
—A. Murray.

## WESTERN OREGON—Conference Receipts

TITHES	August	September	October
Albina .....	\$ 24 00	\$ 44 61	\$186 97
Albany .....	2 00	10 00	68 72
Ashland .....	80 00	68 00	25 80
Astoria .....	24 50	36 30	10 57
Blachly .....	350 00	6 60	21 30
Brownsville .....	13 00	.....	.....
Coquille .....	.....	.....	85 75
Dallas .....	.....	5 50	76 50
Eugene .....	36 66	.....	94 40
Grants Pass .....	.....	.....	96 57
Gravelford .....	.....	15 00	137 41
Hopewell .....	35 60	.....	118 06
Jacksonville .....	30 00	.....	11 00
Lake Creek .....	.....	.....	50 15
McMinnville .....	.....	.....	32 50
Park Place .....	.....	55	16 05
Portland .....	88 47	536 28	164 05
Royal .....	3 15	.....	135 30
Tillamook .....	.....	2 00	106 41
Willamina .....	.....	.....	30 00
Woodburn .....	.....	.....	197 27
The Dalles .....	21 75	92 20	21 30
Beaverton .....	3 60	5 00	18 00
Chitwood .....	50 50	5 44	27 20
Dilley .....	1 90	6 69	21 99
Drain .....	5 10	.....	3 50
Friend .....	.....	.....	72 84
Falls City .....	.....	.....	35 50
Laurelwood .....	12 07	16 50	41 16
Montavilla .....	76 43	37 21	203 10
Mount Tabor .....	7 50	156 43	298 60
Myrtle Point .....	13 85	.....	20 50
Monitor .....	9 35	.....	194 13
Newberg .....	13 30	23 47	102 40
Portland Scandinavian Church ...	.....	.....	32 37
Roseburg .....	30 00	32 46	111 46
St. Johns .....	53 63	13 90	194 18
Svensen .....	46	.....	23 16
Sheridan .....	.....	.....	43 70
Salem .....	34 96	53 80	170 12
Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	2 00
	\$1,021 78	\$1,167 94	\$3,301 99
TRUST FUNDS	August	September	October
Annual Offerings .....	.....	.....	20
Haskell Home .....	.....	50	4 71
Mission Board .....	38 17	103 13	19 05
Weekly Offerings .....	11 26	7 40	29 20
Second Tithe .....	8 57	27 39	35 28
Laurelwood School Imp. Fund ...	64 20	125 97	404 86
Sabbath-school Offerings .....	5 90	37 80	268 96
Southern Field .....	.....	50 65	187 32
Colored Work .....	6 68	12 84	97 87
Nashville Mem. Church .....	.....	1 00	1 00
Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund..	4 90	7 50	34 70
Egyptian Fund .....	15 00	.....	30 00
Text-Book Fund .....	1 00	.....	.....
China Girl Fund .....	.....	.....	11 25
	\$155 68	\$374 18	\$1,124 90



### The Portland Sanitarium

It has been some time since a report of the sanitarium work in Portland has been given through the columns of the "Recorder," and a few words may be appreciated by friends of the institution.

The past summer season has been the most prosperous one in the history of the work. The Exposition brought a number of people to us who would, perhaps, have gone elsewhere had it not been for the special railroad rates. But aside from these transients, we have had an excellent patronage. It became necessary during the summer to put up tents to accommodate those who came.

Among our guests were people from nearly every state in the Union. One lady from West Virginia spent several weeks at the sanitarium. Since the Fair has closed, our patronage has decreased somewhat, but we still have more patients than usually at this time of the year. The work is steadily growing in every department, and we are endeavoring to add new facilities from time to time, that we may be better prepared to care for those who come to us for help.

A class of ten nurses have just finished their course of study. Some of these have gone to work in different parts of the field, but five are still at the sanitarium helping in the work. A new class of twelve members have already begun their course of study, and are taking hold of the work very enthusiastically; some of the number have had experience in caring for the sick in other places, and their help is much appreciated. The regular course has been lengthened to three years and more studies added, so that each one will receive a complete training for the work.

We appreciate very much the help given by Elder Daniel Nettleton, who has accepted the position of chaplain. His Bible classes, given three times a week, are especially interesting. These studies, together with the Friday evening sermon, regular weekly prayer-meeting, and Sabbath services, make it possible for patients and helpers to learn much of the Bible truths. Several of the patients are

much interested in the truth, and one, a banker, so much so that he intends to dispose of his business and follow out the things he has learned.

We are thankful for the many blessings God has given us the past year. We realize that this prosperity comes only through His love. We are all of good courage, and pray that God will give each one of the workers connected with this institution the wisdom and skill necessary to carry on the work as it should be done; also that with His blessing we may be able to continue in the work for suffering humanity, and relieve the many who come to us for help.

The financial basis of the institution is better than ever before. Several thousand dollars of the original indebtedness has been paid, and the interest materially decreased. The prospects for the future were never brighter. We trust, by a continual consecration to His service and by devotion to the work, that we shall have His blessing, and by this power that He alone can give, be able to help those in need of the principles for which the institution stands.

W. R. Simmons.

### How She Found the Sabbath

An old Chinese woman had become a Christian, and wished to keep the seventh day holy, but could never remember when it came. So, after much difficulty, she hit upon her own plan. Six chop-sticks were laid on a shelf, and each morning when she arose she took one away. The day when the shelf was bare was the Sabbath, and work was stopped. On Sunday all six sticks went back again, and so the fourth commandment was kept.—Selected.

"The world is too small to afford a place of safety to the man who disobeys God."

Praise not thy work, but let thy work praise thee;  
For deeds, not words, make each man's memory stable.  
If what thou dost is good, its good all men will see;  
Musk by its smell is known, not by its label.

—Saadi.

### CALIFORNIA

#### Susanville

Soon after the Reno camp-meeting, Elder Leland and the writer began meetings in the railroad town of Sparks, distant from Reno about three miles. After continuing the meetings for about two weeks,—not every night, however, for lack of interest,—I left the work there to be continued for a while longer by Elder Leland, and came to Susanville. The little church raised up here a number of years ago had not had a minister with them for about a year, and were truly in need of help.

I have been holding meetings every night for a week, with a fair outside attendance. Some of the testing truths are being presented. What the result will be, at present we can not tell, but I am praying and working to the end that some may be added to the faith.

The church has no elder. An unordained deacon lives about twenty miles distant. The Sabbath-school, which had been discontinued for a time, was started again shortly before I came. A brother and several children, last Sabbath, came twelve or fifteen miles to attend Sabbath-school and meeting. This brother had been a backslider for about fifteen years, but the death of one of his children had caused him recently to return to the commandments of the Lord. Another brother, having had his attention called to the notice of the meetings, came about the same distance. He started to walk, but had an opportunity to ride most of the way.

We had a good meeting. What a help some of our good brethren in the larger and more favored churches would be in such places as this. Brethren, pray for the work here.

A. J. Osborne.

#### Santa Cruz, Soquel, Watsonville, Morganhill, and Monterey

I left Healdsburg September 21 for my new field of labor, and drove through to Santa Cruz with my horse and buggy, a distance of about 150 miles. I spent Sabbath, September 23, with the church in



Oakland, where I met Elder Langdon. I reached Santa Cruz September 26, after a safe and pleasant journey.

Since then I have spent four Sabbaths at Santa Cruz, one at Watsonville, one at Morganhill, one at Monterey, and have also visited the Soquel church. I find in all these churches a response to the testimony borne and to the instruction given, and a desire manifested to do more to advance the cause than they have done before. The missionary campaign is receiving some attention in all these places, and I shall do all I can to encourage and foster it, and as fast as possible organize them for earnest, aggressive, and continued missionary effort.

An enthusiastic and successful Sabbath-school convention was held in Santa Cruz Sunday, November 5. I am sure it will add to the interest in that branch of the work.

The Lord willing, I shall meet with the churches as follows: Watsonville, November 25; Monterey, December 16; Morganhill, December 30, 31; and the intervening Sabbaths at Santa Cruz and Soquel, rendering them such assistance as I am able in counsel and instruction.

M. H. Brown.

Santa Cruz,  
150 Penna Avenue.  
November 15.

#### Conference Items

The Oakland church pays \$200 on its indebtedness this week.

The company at Lodi had a meeting last Sunday evening to complete plans for erecting a church building at that place.

The missionary secretary spent some time at Oakland last week, making up an official list of the church officers of the California Conference.

Brother J. C. Rasmussen, who was formerly the bookkeeper in the conference office, has bought twenty acres of property near Ceres, and is moving there for the winter.

The church at San Luis Obispo is contemplating the erection of a house of worship in the near future. Sufficient land in a good location has been offered for the building at a very low rental for a term of years.

A convention of the Stockton and Lodi Sabbath-schools was held at Stockton, Sabbath, November 18. Among those who were present and rendered efficient assistance might be mentioned Sister Carrie R. King, conference Sabbath-school secretary, and Elder T. H. Watson, and Brother S. C. Osborne from Lodi. Two long sessions were held, one beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and the other at 2:00 P. M., both of which were greatly appreciated by all present.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### Items

Our church in San Diego has been materially strengthened and encouraged by the tent meetings now being conducted there.

Elder H. W. Decker made a short visit to our conference recently. He was with us a portion of the time at the San Diego meeting.

Elders W. B. White and J. O. Corliss were in attendance at our San Diego meeting. Their presence and instruction was much appreciated by our people.

As the tourist season opens, and people are coming to Los Angeles by the thousands every day, we find the patronage of our treatment rooms and restaurant largely increased.

Brother A. E. Axtell has established well-equipped treatment rooms in Pomona. Our desire is that he may enjoy prosperity as he labors to advance the message on a self-supporting basis.

Dr. Julia A. White has arrived at Loma Linda, and seems well pleased with the location of the institution, as well as with its prospects for success. Dr. White finds a cordial welcome to her new field of labor.

Brethren Hare and Adams report that their tent pitched at Corona is filled each night to overflowing with interested listeners. Our prayer is that this effort may be fruitful in winning many souls.

Paradise Valley Sanitarium has its new three-story annex ready for plastering. When complete, it will rank favorably among the best sanitariums operated by our people on the Pacific Coast. It is enjoying an excellent patronage.

Our conference committee voted to send one of our physicians to the medical convention at College View, Neb., but when the action was made known to the medical faculties of our institutions, they decided that there were so many patients demanding their attention that none of the doctors could leave their work.

The city of San Diego is making a more substantial growth than for many years in the past. Its streets are now thronged with tourists who seek the balmy climate and the many attractions of this city by the sea. One of the interesting short tours from San Diego is the journey "across the line" into quaint Old Mexico.

The highest attendance of our people at the San Diego meeting was about 300. Between forty and fifty of these were new Sabbath-keepers, having recently embraced the truth during Elder Simpson's meetings. The attendance at some of the night services considerably exceeded the seating capacity of the tent. On the last Sabbath of the meeting fifty persons responded to an invitation to give their hearts to the Lord. Of this number twenty desired baptism. The administration of this ordinance was deferred until near the close of the tent effort, which will be about December 1.

G. W. Reaser.

"Wesley's motto: 'Gain all you can; save all you can; give all you can.' Are we gaining to save and saving to gain? or are we gaining and saving to give to God and to His cause?"



## Missionary Work

### BOOK WORK

Week Ending November 3

#### HERALDS OF THE MORNING

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Clyde Raaths.....	40	59	\$92 00
Bertha Rugg.....	19½	3	7 10

#### GREAT CONTROVERSY

R. G. Hafford.....	29	6	21 80
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#### COMING KING

Mrs. A. B. Mundy.....	16	4	5 50
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#### FORTY PER CENT BOOKS

Frank H. Porter.....			32 50
	104½	72	\$158 90

### Western Washington Conference

Week Ending October 27

#### GREAT CONTROVERSY AND BEST STORIES

G. B. Collett.....	34	22	\$29 50
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Week Ending November 3

G. B. Collett.....	26	14	15 75
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Week Ending November 10

G. B. Collett.....	30	16	21 10
	90	52	\$66 35

### Western Oregon Conference

Week Ending November 3

#### HOME HAND BOOK

J. Akerstedt.....	39	14	\$81 00
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## Young People's Corner

### Officers of Young People's Societies and Their Work

[Read at the Young People's Convention, at Woodland, Cal., Nov. 11, 1905.]

The missionary work done by young people's societies is no unimportant factor in God's great plan to carry His truth to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. What some young people, and what some young people's societies, have accomplished toward this end is truly encouraging. It shows also what better results we might obtain if we were better organized and had more such energetic workers.

Properly organized, we will have more unity, more strength, a solid

working force, with no unsystematized, spasmodic, or careless efforts that will have to be patched up by the hands of more experienced or more thorough workers. Our young people's societies should in reality be *young* people's societies, thoroughly equipped and fitted to do effective service without all gray-headed ones for officers. True, we should always seek counsel and advice from those who are older and more experienced, but at the same time, with our eyes of faith open and our aim accurate, we should grasp the cord with the strength and confidence that our own untrained hands can muster, and shoot with our own bows, and not with the stiffer, though tested ones, which are too often crowded upon us.

There are no two things in existence that are just alike. Just so there are no two people, whether young or old, that have the same capabilities, or even that hold the same views in regard to everything. In the right kind of diversity there is harmony; and let that harmony be strength. Every individual has certain endowments given him by the Creator, and he is therefore naturally better fitted for some certain line of work than he is for some other line. Now, this is only too well known and too fully admitted when some young person may be asked to serve as an officer in whatever capacity in some society. He may say that he can not do it, or that he is not fitted for that line of work. It is true that all young people are not qualified to be officers in a society, but they, if they will look for it, will find work of *equal importance* for them to do. Too often the excuses made, however, are from a sense of timidity rather than from lack of talent. If all young people would take their own development and training so vigorously in hand as to overcome such timidity, which, if we stop to think, is largely pride, properly qualified officers would not be at all scarce.

The officers should be diligent *workers with the society*. One motto of officer and member should be, "What my hands find to do, I will do it with my might." "A

thing half done is not done at all."

The prime object of young people's missionary societies must be active missionary work. If this is not the case, we will have that saddest of all things,—a dead missionary meeting that is dragged through in form, but lifting no soul heavenward, and stirring no one with divine impulses. On the other hand, a live society will have a live meeting, full of the blessing and presence of God, warm with heart experiences, and tending toward the advancement of the society in every way. It will be an inspiration to greater effort and better work.

The endeavor of the officers should be to have an interesting meeting, but, at the same time, they must remember that an interesting meeting is not missionary work in itself. If they can engage every member in active, devoted service, there will be real missionary work done, and then a real, live missionary meeting. The aim should not be simply to be able to give some kind of report, or to fill out report blanks each week. If we will observe, those who do the most real missionary work are those whom we never notice until we look twice. They may have little to say, but are at work while others are talking about it.

Much of the spirit and trend of a society depends upon the officers chosen, especially those for librarian and chairman. All of the officers should be qualified to *work*, and then they will be qualified to direct, also to encourage any member who may be timid or retiring, and to do it in the right way, and just at the right time.

These desirable ends can not always be gained in the same way, for circumstances differ so widely that a plan which might work well in one society would not work at all in another. Let officers and members catch the real missionary spirit, however, and there will be no difficulty in the carrying out of thoroughly devised plans.

The missionary society should keep in close touch with the church, and also, through its proper officers, with the state society. Business transactions, whether re-

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Congress of March 3, 1899.

The General Conference Medical Council began its session in College View, Neb., November 21. The representatives from the Pacific Coast that were planning to attend are Dr. W. R. Simmons, of the Portland Sanitarium; Dr. C. Bush, of the St. Helena Sanitarium; Dr. I. A. Dunlap, of the Walla Walla Sanitarium; and Dr. F. Rosster, of the North Yakima Sanitarium. Elder W. C. White is also in attendance.

We are glad to notice that some of our conferences are endeavoring to develop more Bible workers for labor in the larger cities, which is one of the most successful means of reaching the masses. The California Conference arranged for a special course of instruction at Healdsburg College along these lines this fall. It has now closed. The attendance was not large, but a number have taken the instruction with a view to following it from henceforth.

A recent letter from Professor Cady, of Walla Walla College, says that the enrolment of students in grades eight to sixteen has now reached 135. We are glad to notice this increased interest in educational lines that our people in the Northwest are taking, for the time has passed when it is proper for father and mother to conclude that since they went through the world successfully with but few educational advantages, the chil-

dren can do the same. The conditions of the world require that those going forth to battle must be better qualified than formerly. We would be glad to see these 135 students now in Walla Walla College continue there until they have completed the full list of studies outlined in the scientific course. There would then be many more "Littles" and "Casebeers" for India and Ecuador, and the many other lands that are calling so loudly for help.

It is not too early to speak of the week of prayer, which has been appointed for December 9 to 16. This has become a regular annual convocation with us as a people, and we should look forward to it with much pleasure, studying and planning for its success. Of all such periods that we have considered important in the past, the present can truly be looked upon as the *most* important, and one that should draw from us expressions of thanksgiving and praise for the many blessings received during the year 1905, the evidences we see of the gospel's onward march through the darkened world of sin, and that the winds of strife are still being held so that the message may be given with more freedom in those countries that have been so long in darkness. Our brethren of the Mission Board have been sending forth workers to these unentered fields as rapidly as the means furnished them has permitted. At this special convocation appointed, shall not our donations be largely increased, so that the great work for this age may be hastened by the sending forth of still more laborers who are waiting the call to go forth. It is now that our means will be of great service to the Master's work; and, as we contribute, let it be with a prayer of thankfulness upon our lips that God has given us another privilege to assist His glorious cause.

A Bible worker in one of our larger conferences writes so much of interest concerning her work that others may be encouraged to take up the same work among the people. She says:

"The work which I enjoy the

most is my Bible work among the colored people. I meet with one company every Friday evening, giving a Bible study. This is followed by a prayer-meeting. The Spirit of the Lord is present in a large degree. The testimonies of these folks does one's heart good. They certainly appreciate the privilege of having studies for themselves. Some are trying to learn to read, and are making good progress, even though they are old. Some old women come to this meeting at eight o'clock in the evening, after a hard day's work; all tired out, yet they give the closest attention to the scriptures, and respond heartily in words of praise to God for His love to them. Oh, how hungry they are to know these truths! They put to shame many of us who have greater opportunities and privileges. I see a new meaning in the Testimonies urging forward the work among the colored people. The harvest is ripe. These people are waiting and praying to the God of heaven for the truth which shall make them free from the power of sin. God has spoken to us as He did to Peter of old, saying, 'Go down and give them the gospel as it has been given to you;' but we have not done as the Lord directed us.

"Monday afternoons I go to the house of another colored family. One woman is blind. She began observing the Sabbath several weeks before I studied with them on this question. A short time ago they particularly requested a study on the Sabbath question, and I gave it. Then another sister, who is earnestly seeking to know the will of God, began to keep the Sabbath, and is attending church services."

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lating to organization, the state society, or whatsoever, must be executed promptly, accurately, and thoroughly. Whatever is done by our young people's societies, let it be with all the Christian graces, but done to a finish. Upon anything less than this we can not ask the blessing of Him who is our example in all missionary effort.

Chico, Cal. Monroe Jones.