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CHRISTLIKE SERVICE

* There must be a reformation in our churches in regard to evil thinking and evil speaking. These sins are stumbling-blocks over which sinners stumble to perdition. They create disturbances that never need to exist. God will not justify us in giving expression to ill feeling against those whom we think have erred. Have we ourselves never made mistakes? Have we never been in the slough of despond? God help us to remember how hard it is, when tempted by the enemy, to have our own brethren step to his side, and try to hurt and destroy.

"Ye are not your own: for ye are bought with a price." Every part of the being is the Lord's, paid for by the precious blood of Jesus. We are to remember this in dealing with one another. We are to treat our fellow-workers with respect and kindness and love; for they belong to Christ. They may not always please us. What they do may not always meet our ideas. Nevertheless, we are to unite with them in Christian fellowship.

Think of the importance Christ places on unity. He prayed that the oneness existing between Him and His Father might exist among His followers, that the world might know that God had indeed sent His Son into the

world to save sinners. How shall this prayer be answered?—By every believer putting away evil thinking and evil speaking.

The Lord desires His servants to show His forbearance in dealing with one another. Do not speak or write one word of censure or recrimination, even though it may seem to you as if the censure were deserved. Refuse to listen to complaints. Close the heart against prejudice. Let no word of evil surmising escape your lips. God is dishonored by those who accuse their brethren. Let envy be quenched in the flow of love from the fountain of God's love. Evil imaginings are not worth the time so often given to thinking of and repeating them.

Do not admit a wrong that God has not charged upon you. But do not take time to contradict the false reports that are made. Shall we destroy our fragrance of spirit because others clothe themselves with bitterness?—God forbid. Is it not sufficient for us to know that God does not record these reports in the books of heaven as true?

Open your heart to Christ's forbearance. Let not a day pass in which you do not realize your accountability to work for God, an accountability placed on you by the death of His Son in your behalf. Let not a day pass on which you do not try to heal the wounds that sin has made. Always be found working on the broad plan of God's love.

We are under obligation to

will to do the will of God. The Saviour is working for us. He is our Advocate in the heavenly courts, ever making intercession for us. The cry of the one ready to perish finds swift entrance to His ear. "He shall deliver the needy when he crieth, the poor also, and him that hath no helper." Shall we not work for Him on the lines He has marked out? Shall we not be Christlike advocates of those who err?

Christ suffered, being tempted; therefore He always sympathizes with the tempted ones whom Satan is seeking to destroy. That He might be a merciful and faithful high priest, He was in all things made like those He came to help. He has compassion on the ignorant, and on those who are out of the way; for when on this earth He was compassed with infirmity. He is able to help us in our perplexities. As He works for us, let us work for one another. Let us reveal His love for our fellow-workers, acting in such a way that they will have full confidence in us.

Many more than we suppose need a helping hand held out to them. There are many to whom words of compassion and sympathy would be as a cup of cold water to a thirsty soul. Are you doing Christ service by ministering to weary, discouraged fellow-beings? In love and pity Christ helps us. Shall we not impart His grace to others, by speaking to them words of hope and courage?
Mrs. E. G. White.

THE CHURCH

ORDER AND DISCIPLINE

Several questions have been propounded relative to the duties and privileges of church officers and church discipline. It is proper that some attention be given these questions before closing this series of articles.

1. "What relation does a pastor sustain to a church? Has he any authority to act only under the direct advice and counsel of the elder or elders of the church of which he has been elected pastor?"

By reference to the conference address on organization, published in No. 14 of the "Recorder," the reader will see that "the different names of elder, bishop, and pastor, as used in the New Testament, apply to one and the same office, namely, a local elder of an individual church." With that understanding it would appear that a pastor would really be one of the elders of the church, and have a voice with the other elder or elders in the management of the church. It has been the usual custom with Seventh-day Adventists, in electing a pastor, to choose an ordained minister for the position. When thus selected, his privilege as an evangelist is higher than an ordained local elder. As an ordained minister he, as we have already seen, is empowered to act in any office below that. This would certainly give him as much authority as an elder in that church, especially being sanctioned by vote of the said church to fill the position of their pastor. The usual position taken by our people has been that the pastor is the recognized chairman of the church meetings unless he desires some other selected pro tem. As he is the recognized shepherd of that flock while acting as their pastor, he is indeed their leading elder.

One properly filling the office of pastor will not only feel the need of constant counsel with the Chief Shepherd, but will also freely counsel with the elders and other officers of the church, and, in fact, with the whole church, as to the best plans for the upbuilding and prosperity of the work. He will give due heed to the admonition of

Peter to the elders: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:2, 3.

2. "If a church has elected an elder, and he has not yet been ordained, has he a right to celebrate the ordinance of baptism or administer the Lord's supper to that church before being ordained?"

No. The position maintained by Seventh-day Adventists, from the first, has been that no person, either licensed minister or elected elder, in a church is entitled to administer the ordinances until they have been set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands.

On this point I will quote from one of the first Testimonies given respecting establishing order in the church. It is found in "Early Writings, Supplement to Experience and Views," pp. 14, 15: "The church must flee to God's Word, and become established upon gospel order, which has been overlooked and neglected. This is indispensably necessary to bring the church into the unity of the faith. I saw that the church was in danger in the apostles' day of being imposed upon and deceived by false teachers. Therefore the brethren chose men who had given good evidence that they were capable of ruling well their own families, and who could enlighten those who were in darkness. Inquiry was made of God concerning these, and then, according to the mind of the church and the Holy Ghost, they were set apart by the laying on of hands. Having received their commission from God, and having the approbation of the church, they went forth baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and administering the ordinances of the Lord's house, often waiting upon the saints by presenting them the emblems of the broken body and the spilt blood of the crucified Saviour, to keep fresh in the memory of God's beloved children His sufferings and death.

"We have their example, and should follow it. Brethren of experience and of sound minds should assemble, and, following the Word

of God and the sanction of the Holy Spirit, should, with fervent prayer, lay hands upon those who have given full proof that they have received their commission of God, and set them apart to devote themselves entirely to the work."

From the example of apostolic times and the above instruction, it has ever been held by us as a people that no one was authorized to administer the ordinances of the Lord's house unless he has been ordained to his office.

3. "If a church has an ordained deacon but no ordained elder, is it the privilege of the deacon to administer the Lord's supper to the church?"

No. As already shown, baptism and ministering in the communion service pertain to the ordained minister and elder. The deacon's duties being in a lower office, he has no authority to perform the duties of a higher office. It is the duty of the deacon, assisted by the deaconess, to prepare for the ordinances, and when this is done their responsibility in the case ends. It has been customary, however, in case of a lack of ordained ministers or elders being present on the occasion, to ask the deacons to assist in passing the bread and wine to the communicants.

4. "If a small church has a competent elder and no suitable person to act as a deacon, should the elder discharge also the duties of a deacon?"

The position of our people on this question was stated in a communication of 1886, as follows: "The higher officer may discharge the duties of the lower, especially when the lower office is vacant, though the lower can not legally discharge the duties of the higher. This is well understood, and so held in the election. And the position of the elder makes it obligatory for him to act under such circumstances. He is the 'overseer' of the church; he is to 'care for the church;' his office is to 'feed the flock,' to strengthen and build it up by all the means within his reach, or in his power. And, in the absence of a deacon, were he to neglect those things to which a deacon should properly attend, the church would no doubt complain that their overseer was unfaithful;

that he did not properly care for the charge."

5. "Have licentiatees or ordained local elders a right to solemnize marriage?"

This question was brought to the attention of the General Conference in the year 1884. After being duly considered, it was decided in the negative. In most of the states it is only ordained ministers who are authorized to solemnize marriage. In a very few states it is permitted to licentiatees to act, but it was thought proper by the General Conference to specify that only ordained ministers among us should perform the marriage ceremony.

J. N. Loughborough.

THE FIELD

NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Since my last report we have come to Cooranbong, where I have connected with the Avondale School as Bible teacher for the first term. The school is started now, with a fairly good attendance, and good prospects of a profitable year. My dual relationship to the college and conference does not allow of any holidays. It should be spelled hollow-days, for that is just what they are in this country.

Some of you know what a poor sickly mortal I am, but I find that where hard work abounds, grace does much more abound. I have fully made up my mind that the promise of being "strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness," is not any too good for just "such a worm as I."

"Is there any one can help us when the load is hard to bear,
When we faint and fall beneath it in alarm?
Who in tenderness will lift us, and the heavy burden share,
And support us with an everlasting arm?
Yes, there's One, only One. The blessed Holy Spirit, He's the One.
When afflictions press the soul, when waves of trouble roll,
And you need a friend to help you, He's the One."

Geo. A. Snyder.

Jan. 26, 1902.

WORK IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

A few weeks ago we gave a short report of the food work in Utah, and with encouragement we bespeak for it a bright future in the Beehive state and this intermountain region. It is indeed marvelous at times to meet the great number whose minds are being turned in the direction of a more pure and healthful diet, and it is with gladness of heart that we are able to offer for their use foods that we can conscientiously guarantee to be absolutely without adulteration. Many times we overhear such expressions as, "This is the neatest and cleanest little store in Salt Lake City;" "These people that run this store use no meats. There were some samples of these foods left at my home a few days ago, and they are delicious;" and many other such words of praise. Is this not as God would have it? and is this not a work that is preparing a people for the everlasting gospel? God has said that it is; so we are, of a certainty, working along right lines. We ask for an interest in the prayers of God's people for this branch of the work in this field.

Now there is another phase of the work started here in the city. Early in the fall plans were laid for an aggressive effort along evangelical lines. A few weeks ago Elder A. G. Christiansen began work in the southern portion of the city, in the Scandinavian language. As a result, a lady, with whom the writer became quite well acquainted while opening the food work here four years ago, has taken a firm stand for the truth. She has already kept two Sabbaths. She has been a leading light as a teacher of these principles in the Mormon Church for over fourteen years. During a private conversation with her she said, "How plain it all is to me now, that I have been prepared to learn of the precious truth by using the wonderful principles given to Seventh-day Adventists!" For she had used Dr. Kellogg's writings and "Good Health" for her text-books. The principles contained in these have led her to investigate further, and she has read nearly all the books containing the principles of our faith, so she fully understands the steps she has de-

cidied to take. A number of other honest souls are investigating, and these meetings will continue as long as the interest lasts.

About the time these meetings began it was decided by the church in council with the superintendent of the mission field to procure a more spacious hall in which to start a public effort in the English. The services of Elder C. N. Martin, of California, were engaged to present the message. He arrived about January 20. A few days were spent in looking over the ground, and public meetings began January 29. We think it is safe to say that there has been an average attendance of from sixty to eighty each evening. The most encouraging feature of it is they are mostly the same ones who attend each evening. Two or three have signified their desire to obey. The lines of prophecy are being presented with much interest and in new settings.

Brethren, it seems to us that darkness envelopes this large city of church formality, but we are certain that God has many precious souls here, whom He would have saved. We implore you to help us in the feeble effort being made here, by presenting your petitions to the throne of God in our behalf as the work progresses. W. J. Felt.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

The Lord's work at this place is still onward, and we are now able to see some fruits of our past labors. During the past four weeks seven more have gone forward in baptism. Three of these are bright young men. This augments the membership of our church to forty-three.

For a few days it was our privilege to have Elder E. W. Webster, superintendent of this mission field, with us, also Brother M. Serna, a minister who accepted the truth here three years ago, but has been laboring in New Mexico. The labors and counsels of these servants of God were very much appreciated by this church, and all have taken new courage in the Lord's work. Each one saw clearly that the "Lord has given to every man his work," and that every person

will need to give an account of this appointed labor when Jesus returns to reap the harvest of the earth.

One sister, whose age is sixty years, has just closed up a canvass for the "Signs of the Times" in this place, taking thirty yearly subscriptions for this weekly minister. She has been able to put this minister of truth in many families that my wife and I have been unable to reach. How glad we are for this good work! Heaven only will reveal the good work that these papers may do. She is now planning to go to other towns and mining camps in this territory to do the same work. Others of our number are visiting, giving readings, loaning books, papers, and tracts, thus trying to enter every open door. What a power Seventh-day Adventists might be in this world if every one would act well his part.

A few more are now keeping the Lord's Sabbath, whom we hope will soon take their permanent stand with us. God be praised for the blessed assurance that Jesus is with us.

Walter L. Black.

SAN FRANCISCO SHIP MISSION

We extend sincere thanks to every brother and sister who has in any way contributed towards the support of the ship mission since last camp-meeting.

About 15,000 papers and hundreds of thousands of pages of tracts have found intelligent men, women, and children in whose ears they have whispered the old, old story.

Twenty new paper racks have been placed on large and small steaming vessels, beside the personal visits, and public meetings held.

This is a field for sowing the gospel seed beside all waters, and no other branch of conference work brings so much advanced truth before the world by the expenditure of the same time and money as the ship mission.

We thank God and the brethren that the ship mission has been so abundantly supplied. This work

has been a real pleasure, and has afforded many profitable experiences, which will better fit for the new work in the future.

As I have been asked by the conference to take other kinds of missionary work in San Francisco, Brother Waldroff, of Healdsburg College, will donate all his time to this needy field, and we bespeak the same loyal support for the ship work in the future that it has received in the past.

The ship mission will change its address from 1219 Buchanan Street to 567 Howard Street, San Francisco.
C. G. Marchus.

TRES PINOS, CAL.

Since the San Francisco Institute the work at Tres Pinos received attention. Meetings were held, and the organization completed, by the election and ordination of Brother Pearson to the eldership.

The meetings were marked by special spiritual blessings. The hearty reception which I received from the church and many members of the community, and the interest taken in the meetings, were very encouraging.

The community is largely Catholic, yet there are a few prominent Protestants, who are very friendly and make liberal contributions. They are convinced of the truth, but their business interests weigh against their convictions so strongly as to hold them back.

The Lord will use the little church here for His glory, if they continue to trust Him.

Brother and Sister Miller were present during these meetings. They have gone to their field for self-supporting work with good courage in the Lord.

The work at Monterey also received attention. This church has labored under some disadvantages since its organization. While the meetings were being held during the summer, some good members were added, and the cause was strengthened; yet all was not realized that was desired to meet existing conditions. Trials and discouragements have arisen from a lack of correct

understanding on the part of one or two members.

At these last meetings, however, the Lord manifested His love and power in a most encouraging degree. All felt that the time had come for an advance movement, and steps were taken to remove obstacles and relieve the church of embarrassment under which it has labored. To secure this, very thorough measures were proposed, and, after a full discussion, were unanimously adopted.

All present rejoiced in the victory gained. If any one persists in obstructing the cause, he cuts himself off from the body. The ordinances were celebrated on Sabbath. It was a most blessed occasion. The room seemed filled in kind like that upper room on the day of Pentecost. I think I never witnessed a more intelligent act of service in these ordinances than was here performed. Every one present enjoyed the liberty of the Spirit, and the meetings closed with joyful praise for the goodness of God.

All said the cause here had never had so bright an outlook.
D. T. Fero.

A TIME OF REFRESHING

The institute just closed in San Francisco was a most instructive one. The presence of God was indeed with us, showing us the way and urging us to walk in it. At the opening there was deep, earnest study and prayerful consideration of some of the Testimonies for us just now, in which there was sharp reproof because of our lack of the fulness of the Spirit of God.

There were no cut-and-dried programs, and so the Spirit of God was more free to lead and direct in all that was done.

The work of the institute was made up of four different parts. First came the educational work. It being vacation at Healdsburg College, we were favored with the presence and instruction of Professors Cady, Hibbard, Rine, and Osborne. Professor Cady showed us more clearly how to see and drink in God's nature from His

works around us. Professor Hibbard presented the eternal life of God in the study of the nature of man. Professor Rine then showed us the importance and beauty of the correct use of words. Professor Osborne presented the simplicity of mathematics. Elder Jones made it very plain that addition is a foundation of all mathematical problems, and that it is only by faith that we learn this foundation. From this we were led to more clearly see that it is only by faith that we receive any true knowledge.

The business part of the institute came just after the educational work. There was a unity of spirit manifested among the business managers of our institutions who were present.

After this came the instruction for young ministers and Bible-workers. Perhaps the one great principle dwelt upon most fully was that our work is to be self-supporting; that is, that God must so dwell in us that we may indeed bring forth "much fruit." Surely our labors will be more blessed in results henceforth. The working of God's Spirit was plainly seen as different ones declared themselves ready for the "regions beyond."

The freedom that comes from God's presence was quite marked during all the institute. Thus the way was open for God to lead each one according to His own way. It was felt and known that we have taken a step forward. Surely "God is marching on."

Then came the medical division of the institute. This was very interesting indeed. There were representatives from all parts of the coast. The melting power of God was present. Doctor Paulson arrived early from Chicago, and gave us some very timely instruction on diseases and their treatment by means of hydrotherapy. The need of Christ in the heart and on the lips, ready to be offered to those whose hearts are opened by suffering; he illustrated from his experience. Dr. Kellogg arrived a little later. His vast experience made every word weighty, and it was indeed a treat to listen and learn while he presented the foundation principles of health and healing, and their ap-

plication to the various diseases we have to meet.

During all the institute a large company of canvassers attended daily classes in the study of some of our leading books, such as "Great Controversy," "Christ's Object Lessons," "Home Handbook," and "Marvel of Nations."

Truly the institute was a season of refreshing to us all.

Walter Halliday.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

THE NEEDS OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

In connection with this subject there are several things to be kept in mind as having a bearing upon it,—the purpose for which the school exists, its privileges, its opportunities, and its responsibilities.

The purpose of the school being the conversion of every unconverted soul within the scope of its influence, and the development of strong Christian character in each member of the school, it naturally follows that our first and greatest need is that by which and through which only can these objects be accomplished, namely, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit manifested in the heart and lives of all who profess to be Christians.

The opportunities for the accomplishment of these objects being always and ever before us, how important, how absolutely necessary that this need should be realized by every one, since the supply, although unlimited, is at our disposal only upon demand.

There is no promise in the Word to those who do not "seek," "ask," "knock," while there is more than abundant assurance that those who realize their need and earnestly seek divine help, will be filled.

It is the privilege of the Sabbath-school to maintain a very high standard of excellence in its work, to so cooperate with God that the Holy Spirit will work through us, and the angels of God will be our fellow-workers.

In view of all this great responsibility resting upon us, how humbly and earnestly should each one seek to connect with the fountain of all light and power, that our labor may not be in vain in the Lord!

Without such connection all our effort degenerates into a meaningless, useless, nay, more than useless, round of formalism, not only failing to accomplish our purpose, but working a positive injury to the cause that we profess to love. In proof of this I quote from "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," page 20: "The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ. Our Sabbath-school workers need to be especially imbued with the Spirit of Christ. They can not be coworkers with Christ unless they have Him abiding in their hearts by faith."

Are our Sabbath-schools what the Lord says they should be? Listen to what He says about it: "Our Sabbath-schools are not what the Lord would have them to be, for there is altogether too much dependence placed upon form and machinery, while the life-giving power of God is not manifested for the conversion of souls, for whom Christ died. This order of things must be changed if our Sabbath-schools meet the purpose for which they exist."—Id., page 41.

Not long ago a call was made for a written expression from the older members of our school as to what they considered most needful to make our school more efficient. The answers included the necessity of each member being in attendance on time, each teacher being wholly consecrated to the Lord and His work, a more thorough study of God's Word, especially of the Sabbath-school lessons, and more of an earnest individual heart-searching spirit among its older members, to all of which I can add a hearty amen.

I am sure that all will rejoice with me in the prospect of better things to come in our Sabbath-school work, for surely where the need is so fully felt and so clearly expressed, there will be greater effort put forth to attain to the ideal.

We need a new superintendent, not necessarily an election of another person, but "new" in the sense referred to in 2 Cor. 5:17, "a new creature," also in "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," page 43: "The superintendents and teachers in our Sabbath-schools must be converted, rescued from their habitual insensibility." Also on page 42: "Entire consecration of soul must be maintained as much by the teachers and superintendents of our Sabbath-schools as by the ministers in our pulpits, for all alike are engaged in the work of bringing souls to Christ." Then, again, we need the cooperation of the parents in our efforts to save the children. The Sabbath-school can never take the place of the home training, home study, home discipline. It can only supplement these, and without them its work is sadly crippled.

"While it is essential that wise, patient efforts should be made by the teacher, the work must not be left altogether to the Sabbath-school and church worker, but it must find its foundation and support in the work of the home. Parents have a sacred responsibility and charge committed to them, and they are called upon to keep their charge, to bear their responsibility in the fear of God, watching for the souls of their children as they who must give an account."—Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work, pages 35, 36.

Then, again, we need more personal effort to win hearts to Christ. How many teachers and Sabbath-school workers have made an appeal to the heart of an unconverted scholar or friend during the present quarter?

The Lord says to us in "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," page 42, "It is important that every worker should understand that conviction and conversion of souls follow the cooperation of the human effort with the divine power."

Do we realize what that statement means? It can not mean anything less than it says, and it says that the union of human effort with the divine power will result in conviction and conversion of souls. Have we seen souls convicted and converted, as the result of our past efforts? If not, then it is high time that we connect with the divine

power, and thus allow that power to cooperate with human effort for the conviction and conversion of our children and young people.

William Parker.

GRACE TO BELIEVE

"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all." Rom. 4:16.

It is of faith that it might be by grace. If it were not of faith, it would not be of grace. So a thing that is not of faith is not of grace. But the experience that is of faith is mixed with grace, and so it is sure. If the faith of Jesus and the grace of God can not make a thing sure, nothing can, because it takes the grace of God in the human heart of unbelief to enable us to have faith. You can not have faith without grace. God calls those things which are not as though they were. If it is safe for God to call things that are not as though they were, it will be safe for us to believe it.

And as surely as we believe those things that are not, they will begin to appear. God makes a promise to you. You can not see a single thing of it in your experience, but if you get grace enough to reckon that thing so, when to appearances it is not so, that very grace will begin to make it so. If a man just gets grace enough to have faith sufficient to believe that God's Word is sure, even when he can not see it, then that which he can not see will begin to appear in his life step by step.

When a man accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his sin-bearer, that man, in his first prayer, exercised faith; the result of his faith the eternal ages will disclose. He grasped enough at that first step by faith to require an eternity to reveal it. Here on earth we are in the primary or preparatory school of God. Abraham had grace enough to believe in the things he could not see. He was the friend of God. When God reckoned it so, although it did not appear so, Abraham con-

tinued to even hope against hope. How many staggering Christians we have in these days! How often we stagger at the promises of God! But Abraham staggered not.

When we are tempted to doubt, to waver, to cease reckoning ourselves dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto God, when the temptation comes, instead of staggering at the promise of God, let us ask for the grace of God that we may believe, and that believing we may have still more grace, and grace and faith will make the promise sure. There is no reason why we should stagger at the promise of God in every little thing that comes up to interfere with our plans, or disappoint us. Let us stand on the promise of God. We will probably never have a more staggering proposition presented to us than Abraham had presented to him. With all the light and truth, with all the revelation God has given us, what excuse is there for us to stagger at His promise? W. S. Sadler.

A TEACHER'S QUESTIONS

When our children are "promoted," and we miss the bright, happy faces and cheerful voices from our room, what questions press in upon us! 1. What fruit will our seed-sowing give? 2. Will those boys and girls consecrate their lives to God? The truths gained in early years are all many have to guide their consciences in the after time. Have we so taught them that they are firmly grounded in the truth? Have we created in their hearts an earnest desire to be good, and in their minds the determination to do good while they live?

Shall we not apply the advice of Paul to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed"?—S. S. Magazine.

"All the resources of heaven are at the command of those who are seeking to save the lost."—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 197.

✻ MEDICAL ✻ MISSIONARY

THE MEDICAL WORK IN SPOKANE

How often in God's dealings with His people does the Great Leader encourage them to stop long enough to take a retrospective view of the way they have come, the obstacles that have been surmounted, the arm that has so often been made bare for their deliverance, in order to persuade them that the angel of His presence still goes before! So frequently has this been our experience during the past two years, that, with a hope of encouraging others by recounting what "God hath wrought" in one spot in this great harvest-field, the following resumé is given:—

The beginning of the medical missionary work in Spokane dates from about January 1, 1900. The writer arrived to assume charge about February 7, having been preceded by his wife about three months.

The excellent opportunity for opening such a work was recognized a year or two previous by Elders A. J. Breed and G. W. Reaser, each of whom urged us to arrange affairs so as to occupy this splendid opening. Mrs. Leads-worth spent almost two months in looking around the city for a suitable building in which to begin the enterprise, believing it high time that the right arm was opening the door for the body of the message to work more effectually in this almost virgin soil. As day after day was spent in hopeless search, it sometimes looked as though after all the opportune time had not come. Finally a large, vacant residence was found in the suburbs, ten minutes' ride from the heart of the city, only two or three rooms of which were occupied by a family, who were given their tenancy for looking after the premises to the exclusion of the rats.

Upon looking through the building it seemed quite well adapted for opening up the sanitarium work, and the agent, Mr. Reeder, offered it for a rental that hardly meets taxes and insurance, to say nothing

of the amount he is constantly putting into improvements. The location is all that could be desired, being situated upon a hill. From the front windows and balconies almost the entire city of Spokane may be seen nestling in a basin at the edge of the valley and on either side of the river, whose rushing falls in the heart of the city have made the place famous. Stretching off to the east and north is the fertile Spokane Valley, whose thriving acres present a picture one never tires of viewing, offering an inviting contrast to the grizzly mountain peaks on every side, which seem never to tire of doing sentinel duty for a land so favored.

At the time of our arrival in Spokane, consecrated hearts and willing hands had already transformed the time-worn interior of our proposed new sanitarium into quite an inviting place, and two or three patients were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the physician. The only available funds for starting the work were a few hundred dollars accumulated by the Helping Hand Mission, almost half of which was required for plumbing fixtures sufficient for carrying on hydro-pathic treatments. With the remaining capital such furnishings were gotten as were absolutely necessary. Afterwards, when prospective patients came, they were shown a room already furnished, and in case they decided to stop with us, a dealer was immediately telephoned for furniture with which to provide the necessary accommodations. As the fame of Israel preceded their arrival in Canaan, so there were not a few who had learned of the fame of our mother institution at Battle Creek, and were willing to wait our convenience for payment on goods secured. At the same time no bills were contracted outside of the initial investment that a way was not seen to meet.

The force at first consisted of a physician, who also acted as business manager, bath attendant, and nurse, occasionally having to take turns in shoveling coal into the furnace; a matron, who did service as housekeeper, cook, laundress, stewardess, and oftentimes finding time to assist in nursing; one nurse of experience was employed, besides two or three willing young people, who,

like Rahab, had faith to believe that the Lord had given us the land, and were desirous of joining forces with us. So manifestly has the work been blessed and grown that, although between twenty and thirty could be crowded into our available accommodations, many times it has been a perplexity to know where the next applicant could be stored. As an evidence of how the work has been blessed financially, it may be said that the net earnings for the year, over and above the loan made for starting the work, were \$5,000.

Prominent among those who have contributed largely to the success of the institution has been Dr. J. H. Kellogg, who, with his characteristic liberality, in addition to making two or three trips across the continent to lecture for and operate in the institution, bearing all expenses attached thereto, has contributed quite largely in much-needed apparatus. To mention all who have nobly supported the work in its infancy would lengthen this article far beyond its allotted space, but among the names there is one character which stands out conspicuously in the perspective, viz., Chas. G. Reeder, previously referred to in this article. The many substantial evidences he has given showing his faith and confidence in the work, have led us to exclaim as was said of the centurion of old, "I have not seen so great faith, no, not in Israel." Recognizing the need of larger accommodations, as well as those better adapted to our work, Mr. Reeder made the following generous proposition to the board:—

That in case we made an investment of \$7,750 in a new building and suitable grounds, if we would go to the citizens or our people and raise a subscription of \$1,750, he would donate in addition \$750, and loan us the balance, \$5,250, at 6 per cent, to be paid as a rental of \$100 per month; all over and above the interest to apply on the principal, and no payments to be made for the first six months, in order to allow us a little time to add furnishings. In a canvas of some of the business houses, most of the \$1,750 was raised, the balance being secured on a loan from some of our people, and as a result the new

building has been under process of construction for the past four months. It will probably be ready for occupancy within a few weeks.

The size of our new hospital is 44x54, two and a half stories, besides a high basement, which latter is conveniently arranged and equipped for ladies' and gentlemen's bath-rooms. The first floor is utilized as physicians' offices, business office, laboratory, and nose and throat room, the remaining four or five rooms to be used for guest chambers for gentleman patients.

The second floor is to be occupied exclusively by ladies. On this floor is also the matron's room, as well as ladies' parlor, and one of the most modern equipped operating rooms in the city.

The third story is arranged as a dormitory for the lady nurses. This is a much-needed addition, as all will agree when it is known that the nurses were compelled to live in cottages a block away from the main building, going and coming nearly always after dark, and often through very inclement weather.

Recognizing the need of constantly reaching out to bring the health principles before the people, physicians' offices have been opened down town in one of the principal blocks. Rooms for administering all kinds of treatment have also been fitted out in a store building near by. These agencies are used as constant feeders for the sanitarium, where the sick can be trained in the way of health.

From the small beginning, only a short time ago, the family has grown to proportions that are an astonishment to all who have watched the progress of the work. The personnel consists of a medical superintendent; Dr. Effie Brown, associate physician; S. A. Anderson, business manager; Mrs. F. J. Morrison, matron; four graduate nurses, eight in the second year class, ten in the first year, and seven in a class just beginning; two cooks, a laundress, and a superintendent of buildings and grounds. One of our first two graduate nurses has been spending the summer as a city visiting nurse, while the other has taken up a similar work in the city of Spokane.

In a future issue we hope to speak of some of the blessings

which have come to different ones by the establishment of such a work.

J. R. Leadsworth.

ST. HELENA SANITARIUM FOOD COMPANY

On the evening of February 26 the helpers at the factory were called together to listen to a report from Brother and Sister Burden, who sailed from San Francisco over a year ago for Sydney, Australia, to connect with the sanitarium and food work there. Their work, while carried on under very adverse circumstances, is encouraging. The food store was opened some time ago, and it seemed that the time had come for a "vegetarian restaurant;" but rents were high, means limited, and suitable help scarce; but the Lord opened the way by providing good quarters, suitable for store and restaurant purposes, in addition to several living-rooms, at a rental of \$25 per week, which they had secured; but the necessary means was not in sight to lay in stock, supplies, equipment, etc.

A subscription paper was started, headed by the food company, with a donation of \$25. This was soon swelled to \$100, with scarcely any effort, and all who donated seemed to esteem it a privilege to help Elder Burden and the needy field for which he is laboring, in the good work.

We are enjoying a large and increasing demand for the foods. Our sales for January and February were the best of any winter months we have ever known. In order to keep up with the calls for some lines of goods, it has been necessary to run nights a large part of the time.

The stores are also enjoying good daily sales. Taken as a whole, we are of good courage, realizing that ours is an important part of the great message of this time.

L. M. Bowen.
Sanitarium, Cal., March 10,
1902.

The spirit of praise has been given for the spirit of heaviness.



ANGLO-CHINESE ACADEMY

Honolulu is a beautiful place, especially during the winter months, to those of us who have been accustomed to having cold weather, snow, ice, leafless trees, etc., at that time. The trees and shrubs are even more green and beautiful now than in the summer, because it is not so dry and hot. Everything about us tells not only of a Creator but of a God of love and mercy, who is always mindful of the ones He has created. Yet we find thousands of people here who know but little of Him and do not believe in Jesus at all.

The more we learn of the condition of the Chinese people, the more of a burden we feel for them. February 7 was their New Year day, and as this is their greatest holiday of the year, we thought it would be a good time to get better acquainted with them and their customs, so we visited several houses and one temple, or joss-house. The priest, or the one who takes care of the temple, being the father of two of our students, we felt free to go and visit them. One of the boys met us at the steps, greeted us cordially, and said they had been looking for us. The building is two stories. The first floor is used for the family to live in, and the temple is above.

The boy took us to the temple first, showed us the gods, and told us all he could about them. The one that impressed me the most was the image of a boy with tears on his cheeks. "This was a very rude boy," said our escort. "One time he struck his mother and hurt her very badly. She was always afraid of him after that, and did not dare get near him. The boy felt very sorry for this, and one day he saw her in the field, and thought he would go to her and tell her how sorry he was, but she thought he was coming to hurt her again, and ran away. She did not live long after. The boy then changed his heart," said our escort, "and was good the rest of his life, and is now in heaven." The other gods were

images of rulers and great men that they think are in heaven.

One Chinese family came in to worship while we were there (they have no regular meeting or time of worship, but each one goes when he pleases). We asked if we might stay and watch them worship, and were given chairs in one corner of the room. First, they placed their offering—some bread, a whole dressed chicken, a piece of pork, etc., on a table in front of the gods. The altar-fires were rekindled, and then each member of the family bowed to the gods. Next the priest acted out his part of the ceremony, bowing on his knees, naming the gods, etc.

As soon as they left, we were invited to go below and see the rest of the family. They seemed very glad to have us come to see them. The mother and daughters could not speak English, so we were obliged to use the boy as interpreter. They expressed their regrets that they could not speak English, also a desire to learn.

It is this desire to learn English that we take advantage of, and while teaching them our language, we teach them about our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. We find a great many Chinese women and girls who are very anxious to learn our language. This work must be done by women. Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Colcord have been doing some work among the women outside of school hours.

There is quite a spirit of reform as well as contentment among the boys in the school. Healthful diet seems to have its effect upon their tempers, and they are more desirous than ever to do what is right. One boy has gone home to try to get his parents to consent to his being baptized. Others say they do not know which is right, "the religion of Jesus or that of their fathers."

We ask our brethren and sisters to join us in praying that the Lord will work upon their hearts and bring conviction to their souls. Pray for us, too, that our faith fail not, and that we may be instruments in the Lord's hands in bringing the light of truth to these souls who are in heathen darkness.

C. P. Moon.

Honolulu, H. I., Feb. 10, 1902.

SANTA ANA, CAL.

The 4th of November we opened our church-school in Santa Ana, with an enrolment of twenty-one pupils, ranging in grades from the first to the eighth, the third excepted. This is the first school of the kind here, and, as the church has attempted to follow out the Lord's instruction regarding Christian education, He is blessing their efforts, and the school is proving a success in many ways.

Here are a few of the thoughts expressed by some of the parents. One said, "I want to tell you how much I appreciate the benefits and results that come from the church-school to my home with my children." Another said, "Oh, if I could only have had this help years ago, when my children were all little! but I am very thankful for such help now."

The Bible instruction received in school is carried home by the children, talked over with the parents, and the Sabbath-school teachers say good results are seen in their classes.

The sacred music in our school is appreciated by the children. They like to sing the good old hymns, and they have a softening influence upon all. One day the heart-melting hymn, "Just as I Am," was called for, and, as we sang the different verses, a solemn, tender spirit came over all the school. One of my girls after school remarked, "How still and solemn it seemed to-day when we were singing!" One of the boys a week earlier said to me at the close of the session: "That was a fine sing we had to-day, wasn't it? I like to sing those songs."

Just before the holidays the older pupils did some canvassing during part of the school session for "The House We Live In." They studied the book first in their reading class, and one of the pupils gave a sample canvass to the school before starting out to work with the book. As a result of their efforts, they secured \$4.00, which, with another dollar given them, made \$5.00

for their Christmas offering to foreign missions.

The little ones are going to sell the "Good Health," to make up the dollar given toward the offering.

We have no advantages this year for practical industrial work at school, but the children have shown a willingness to pile up wood and clear the church ground of weeds, etc.

Two families have moved away from here, taking all their children, except one; so our numbers are smaller, but the Lord's blessing is still with us, and we all, parents and teacher, feel of excellent courage in this good work.

In the near future the children's voices will sound this message which is so dear to us, and now is their time of preparation. The Lord bless them all in every school. Mrs. R. W. Miller.

506 Sixth Street.

SCHOOL THE YEAR ROUND

Perhaps some of our brethren and sisters may not know that it is now planned to keep the Healdsburg College running the year round. There will be four terms in the year, of about twelve weeks each. The present term will close June 5, and there will be a short vacation at that time, on account of the spring camp-meeting. About the latter part of June or the first of July school will open again, and continue through the year, with a few days vacation now and then, as it seems necessary.

We hope to have a large number of our young people in the school during the summer term. Especially those who may not be able to pay their way through the entire year can avail themselves of this opportunity, by working part of the day and attending school the other part.

It is now planned to connect a bakery and cannery with the college during the coming summer. These two lines of industry will furnish considerable work for students during the summer term. We shall be glad to hear from all those who de-

sire to enter school during the summer term.

During this term a special course will be given for those who are planning to enter the work for the first time, but also for those who have been actually in the work for a year or two past; in fact, the educational reform is going forward so rapidly that it is necessary for our teachers to come together each year to study the different phases of educational work, in order that they may keep pace with it as it advances.

In a short time an announcement of the summer term's work will be issued, so that the studies and general program of the work may be fully understood.

Those desiring information in regard to any phase of the college work should address the undersigned, at Healdsburg, Cal.

M. E. Cady.

VENTURA, CAL.

Our school has been in session since September 16. The enrollment is seven pupils, and we expect four more to commence attending to-morrow, February 17.

As we will need another table for the expected pupils, a sister gave a 9x3 "pitting table," a table on which apricots are pitted during drying seasons. The legs were sawn off to the required height and more boards nailed on the top. We then tacked heavy cloth over it. It now makes a good and presentable piece of school furniture.

Two of our boys, aged thirteen and nine years respectively, cut up a fruitless apple tree and other wood for the school.

The teacher always receives a hearty welcome when she joins the children in their games.

One of our classes in nature study enjoyed collecting leaves and bringing them to the recitation, for the class to tell the names of the trees or plants on which they grew.

We believe the Lord's blessing is attending our efforts.

Mrs. C. E. Bunch.

This school is conducted in a

private house, at a great sacrifice on the part of both parents and teacher. The furniture, consisting of tables and chairs, is all furnished from the living-rooms of patrons. These parents are determined to take their children to the kingdom with them.

E. S. B.

ESCONDIDO, CAL.

The Lord has greatly blessed us since the opening of our school this year. The little company of our people here have purchased the church building that they had formerly rented in which to hold Sabbath meetings and the school. A room in the front part of the church has been fitted up with desks, blackboards, and a stove, and it makes a pleasant schoolroom. The building is within the town limits, but stands out by itself; so we have a very pleasant playground.

Another thing I am thankful for is that the parents are all so heartily in favor of the school, and are doing all they can for its welfare. This is such a help to a teacher.

There are sixteen pupils in the school, and the most of them are trying to do what is right and to learn all they can.

Ora Edwards.

NORWALK, CAL.

We praise the Lord for our school at Norwalk.

From the very first the great Counselor has blessed our efforts. Some said, "You can never do it;" but those who most sensed the responsibility resting upon them gave what money they could; some donated work; others furnished a chair, desk, maps, mottoes, or whatever they could; and in less than a month from the time the first lumber was hauled, the school was in session.

There are eleven pupils now in attendance, and more hope to come soon. Some drive six miles. The children love their school and enjoy their new lines of work.

This is my first experience in teaching, but the Lord has blessed the work very much.

Mrs. S. M. Strong.

PASADENA, CAL.

We have a school of ten pupils, representing the second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. The session begins at 9:00 and continues till 3:45, with one hour for noon recess.

Both parents and children manifest a good interest. The interest in the school work increases daily.

We feel that we have much to praise the Lord for, and we know that He is blessing our efforts here.

Cadis Chapin.

Station A.

SAN PASQUAL, CAL.

Our school here was opened October 3 for an eight-months term. The sixteen pupils who are in attendance are working faithfully to prepare for greater usefulness in the Lord's work.

We are blessed in having our little schoolhouse surrounded by the handiwork of God, and many are the lessons taught us by the great Teacher.

Sadie L. Ross.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

We have been in the new school building six weeks. We find it is so much more pleasant than when we had school in the back part of the church. I find I am enjoying the work of teaching more than I thought I would. I now have my room almost filled. I expect to have another scholar Monday. It is such a blessed privilege to work with the children, but it is such a responsibility that I almost shirk from it; but I know it is the Lord's work, and that He will strengthen me for that work.

My school is not as I would like it. I see much room for improvement. I do long to see our children prepared to meet Jesus when He comes. It does my heart good to see the children

trying to do what is right. As a rule, they take very much interest in their Bible lesson. The desire of my heart is to so walk before them that I may help them to find Christ.

Some weeks ago we had a meeting in the school building for the parents and patrons of the school. Quite a number of the parents were present, and showed an interest in the work.

Abbie B. Dail.

143 Carr Street, Los Angeles.

Prosperous is our report. Our building is completed, except a few hours' painting. Good progress is apparent in nearly every class. Best of all, substantial character building is apparent in a goodly number; we wish it was in all, and we labor to that end.

As teachers and pupils we are enjoying our work greatly. Sometimes a cloud arises, but the sun always shines a little brighter afterwards. As members of the young people's society of the church, some are doing work which is to them a specially profitable experience. You may remember us as moving onward and upward.

W. W. Wheeler.

SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Our school in San Diego opened Oct. 21, 1901, with a membership of twenty-four, representing all the grades, from first to eighth. Soon after one more pupil was enrolled. The school has progressed very well, considering the poor location and building.

On account of our small and undesirable playground, we have only one session. School opens at 8:30 A. M. and closes at 1:35 P. M. We have two short intermissions, one of ten minutes, the other of twenty minutes. The younger grades have a longer recess, and are dismissed at noon. A young lady in the church, who is desirous of fitting herself for a church-school teacher, is now assisting in the work. She teaches several classes, thus giving me an opportunity to devote more time to the other classes.

In compensation for this I give her three extra classes outside of school hours two evenings in the week.

Owing to sickness in several families, the attendance has not been very regular. Three have been dropped, but two more have been added, so our membership still remains twenty-four.

Mrs. Clara M. Fleck.

2719 G Street.

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

HEALDSBURG CHURCH-SCHOOL

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

January 31 closed the first term, or first four months, of our school, and found us with an enrolment of fifty-eight members, ranging in age from six to fifteen years, and embracing the first four grades, besides a chart class.

Probably this department has never before been so large; and for two months at the beginning of the year a real struggle was passed through in organizing, disciplining, and properly disposing of this little army, called in from the back yards and from the public school by the action of the church, which this year, for the first time, has most generously and graciously taken upon its shoulders the burden of educating the lambs of its flock, making it possible for all to take advantage of the privileges offered.

This opportunity is greatly appreciated by all, as is shown by the willing cooperation and the desire on the part of the pupils to make the school all that it should be. Added to this is the deep interest manifested by the parents.

Several outside pupils are in attendance, and their parents speak very encouragingly and are pleased with the advancement of their children, both mentally and spiritually.

The percentage of attendance on average number belonging for the last four months has been about ninety-five.

A form of self-government has been instituted in our school, and

receives a hearty support from the children. The constitution, with its appended articles, signed by each member of the school, hangs on the wall of the school-room.

Our work is progressing finely, and we have no cause for discouragement. The Lord is with us, and each day we see a new revelation of the working of His Spirit. I daily thank Him that in this field of His work I am a laborer.

Frances L. Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Our sixty children, as well as their parents, have shown an earnest spirit of cooperation in our church-school work. For the five months that school has been in session this year, we have nothing but an encouraging report to give. There have been, and are still, inconveniences and difficulties, but the Lord controls in them all, and every day His Spirit has been manifested in the schoolroom in many ways.

A true interest is taken in the lessons from God's Word, both in nature and revelation, and we have every reason to believe that success is ahead of the San Francisco church-school, in even greater measure than in the past. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," is our watchword.

Marie Barber,
Mabel Howell.

PETALUMA, CAL.

We are few in number in our school. A baker's dozen is its extent. "Progress" is our watchword and our rule.

A room at the rear of the church, with seats, blackboards, and ink-wells, has been provided us. To the children the new ways seemed strange at first, but now even the little ones love to repeat the verses telling of our Saviour's near coming. They can also tell where they are found.

The parents are all interested in the welfare of their children. One brings his children a mile and a half to school. One man

not of our faith sends three of his children. Because of their love for the school, he promises to help financially.

The parents started by faith to maintain the school, but the Lord has opened the way to prosperity. Applications from time to time from the outside are being made. This will make it necessary ere-long to build a schoolhouse.

The daily paper has advertised our school. M. A. Pond.

Box 310, Petaluma.

GLENNVILLE, CAL.

When asked to send a report from our little church-school at this place, I hardly knew what to report that would be of interest to other teachers and schools. But I thought a short history of our organization and the way we came to have a school at all might encourage other churches to "go and do likewise."

First, our church was organized only about five months before school opened, and was partly composed of new members, who had never heard of our educational system.

After the Healdsburg institute the school work was presented to them. There were only seven children of school age in the church, and we did not even have a church building; but each one felt that we must have a school. So we called a meeting and laid our plans to open a school as soon as possible. My husband donated the use of a small building which he owned, and the brethren moved it to a central location. The sisters papered it; and then we went to the trustees of the public school and borrowed some extra desks and blackboards which they had. One brother donated the use of a stove, and our house was ready for school.

The school is progressing finely. One girl in the eighth grade is finishing the grade work very satisfactorily, and expects to prepare herself for a church-school teacher, so I am giving her extra help in methods. One of the boys is only waiting to

finish his education before entering some branch of the work. School has been in session not quite four months, but most of the grades are nearly through their grade work, and will take up a higher grade before school closes. There have been only two absentees, one day each, since school commenced, and I think one could inflict no greater punishment upon any of the pupils than to compel them to stay out of school.

Wishing to do as good work as possible, I have purchased most of the text-books required in the manual, so have a good library started.

The school is supported by five of the church-members, four paying \$4.00 per month and one \$2.00. Two of these send no children to school. If we only looked at the financial part, we would not be in the work. But the many blessings we have received in other ways are of far more value to us than mere money, and we feel like devoting our life to this work.

Mina Mann.

GERMAN FAMILY SCHOOL AT PORTER CREEK, SONOMA COUNTY

When the Spirit of the Lord told us to take our children out of the public schools, I promptly responded, and took them out of our small country school five years ago; and, as no privileges of a church-school were within our reach, living far out in the country, thirteen miles from Santa Rosa and seven miles from Calistoga, I undertook to teach them myself, as I had been a teacher at Hamburg, Germany, for ten years.

I have been conducting this little family school all these years, in the German as well as in the English language. Our boys, now seventeen and sixteen years of age, study only in the evenings for the last two years, as they have to do farm work in the daytime. Our three younger girls are busy in the household in the morning with me, and have their regular lessons in the afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

For a little more than a year I have been teaching with them a boy and a girl from my brother's family, who came here from Omaha. They are not yet fully in the truth. The children like our little school, and are studying with zeal. All the children love God's Word, and are reading with special interest the good book "Easy Steps" and the German edition of "Best Stories from the Best Book," and the older children the "Gospel Reader," having finished the "Gospel Primer." I teach them in present truth, and I believe that the good seed falls into good ground and will bear rich fruit for eternity.

Mrs. Marie Beermann.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb. 16, 1902.

OAKLAND CHURCH-SCHOOL

Since our last report the contemplated hiring of a third teacher has come to be an accomplished fact, and the school has increased in size accordingly. The enrolment so far during the year is 112, of which the advanced department has had 25, the intermediate, 47; and the primary, 48.

The new teacher, Mrs. Olive A. Johnson, has charge of the intermediate department.

The church, where the school is held, has been remodeled, and now all the available space for school-rooms on the ground floor of that large building has been utilized, leaving only the north part of the large room.

The change has worked a considerable inconvenience to the large Sabbath-school, but all have shown a very amiable spirit in putting up with the difficulties, so that we may have the use of the good rooms that we are now occupying with the church-school.

The Spirit of God among the children still continues to do its work, and has affected nearly all. Several days they have so far controlled themselves that there has been no communication, not even in the primary department. The others have kept this perfect order for a number of days at a time, and are anxious to still improve and carry this perfection into every

branch of their work, especially that of getting the truth which God has for them to learn in His Word and works.

We praise God for the good work He is doing, and are looking for larger things each day.

G. E. Johnson, Principal.

HANFORD, CAL.

The school commenced September 23, with a membership of twenty-eight, increasing the second week to thirty-five, and holding that number most of the time since.

Several children whose parents are not Seventh-day Adventists were refused admittance, because of lack of room.

The parents have sacrificed much in order to have the school. They have built a nice church and school building and carried on five months of school in a little more than a year, and have tried to cooperate with the teacher. The directors have done everything in their power to advance the school.

The teacher has learned lessons of faith. The scholars have done quite well in their studies, but the work of the teacher has been too crowded to have justice done to all lines, and no outside work has been attempted.

Mrs. Ivie Cushman.

RED BLUFF, CAL.

The church-school at Red Bluff opened October 14 in the little schoolroom in the rear of the church building. The membership, which was fourteen the first day; rapidly increased to twenty-six.

Some have moved here from a distance to enjoy the privileges of the school. Several of the pupils reside in the country, and one little girl comes a distance of three miles on a wheel.

We have had seven pupils who were not of our faith. Some of these are especially interested in their Bible lessons, and are now in advance of many who have had better opportunities. The little ones show a lively interest in their Bible and nature-study

classes. We hope that these children may be among the number who will give the message to the world.

Several of our pupils gave their hearts to the Lord during the camp-meeting held here in October. Pray that many more may do likewise.

Maggie Jorgensen.

Box 391, Red Bluff, Cal.

SANTA ROSA, CAL.

Our school opened September 30, with an attendance of twenty-one, which soon increased to thirty-four. We considered this very good for the size of the church. The parents have made a great sacrifice in starting the school, but they feel amply repaid for it.

All the schools in Santa Rosa were closed two weeks on account of smallpox, and this has lessened the attendance quite a little, as one Adventist family was quarantined; but we hope the danger is over now.

The children all seem to enjoy their Bible and nature lessons very much, and it is our great object that they may be profited by them.

There is one great obstacle here to the work, and that is that, in most of the families, only one parent is in the truth; but the Lord is working for us all, and counteracting the influence of Satan.

Pray for the work in this place.

Lela M. King.

ALAMEDA, CAL.

Our school commenced with the new year, with an attendance of seventeen bright, eager children in search of that which they had not been obtaining in the public schools. A number of parents and patrons were also present, all bent on doing their part for the welfare of our little company. That interest was not only manifested the first day, but has been ever since, as shown by their visits to our school.

Though some were required to sacrifice many a pleasure to erect and equip this neat, attractive

little building, in which I am sure God loves to linger, yet none regret it, for they already see in the lives of their children the effects of the subduing influence of that divine presence.

The Lord has indeed greatly blessed our efforts, and we leave in His hands the further success of our school and the eventual salvation of our children.

Vita Mallory.

576 24th Street, Oakland.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS

If any teacher is perplexed over what to sing in school, read the report from Santa Ana. This same school also furnishes a good example of what can be done in missionary lines.

Robert Sanders is back in his old position in Garden Grove after a vacation of a little over a month.

The school at Centralia (Anaheim) was obliged to close the 5th instant, on account of the prevalence of smallpox in the neighborhood, some of the students having been exposed.

The Escondido school closed the 5th instant, after a successful term of five months. Miss Edwards, the teacher, has returned to Healdsburg.

Watch the "Recorder" for an announcement of a summer school for the preparation of church-school teachers.

Not a few of the teachers are passing through some severe trials, but, praise the Lord, they are gaining the victory.

The Hanford school was closed for a few days, as the result of a smallpox scare.

The little school at Glennville, though the smallest in numbers, has the highest per cent of attendance, there having been but two cases of absence in four months. Something besides numbers can make a school interesting.

E. S. Ballenger.

MISSIONARY WORK

SUNDAY-MORNING SERVICE AT THE SAN FRANCISCO JAIL

It was recently my privilege to attend the monthly Sunday service which our San Francisco workers conduct at the County Jail. Spirited gospel songs were sung while the prisoners filed into the chapel. I was glad to be able to assure these men that the same God that so often brings up a physical wreck from the very brink of the grave, is as willing to take a shattered character, and, while its rare beauty may be forever gone, yet He will so far restore it that for all practical purposes it may become a serviceable vessel.

A growing plant rises upwards, in spite of the law of gravitation, which is constantly pulling it down. So we may develop a beautiful character, in spite of the unfavorable surroundings which tend to drag us down.

Each worker spoke some encouraging words, and we then had a few words of earnest prayer. Copies of the "Life Boat" and other suitable literature were handed out and eagerly received. We then shook hands with this company of needy men, one of whom told me that he had been sick for several weeks in our Chicago Medical Mission wards. After this service our lady workers went to the women's department of the prison, and held a meeting with them.

As we stepped out into the balmy sunshine, which is so characteristic of California, we felt thankful that we had been able to improve an opportunity to help in this small way our fellow-men who had been so unfortunate. The thought came to us more strongly than ever, if instead of being brought up in a Christian home, and learning to pray almost from infancy, we had had no better opportunities than many of these men have had, and if these men had enjoyed the opportunities we have had, what might have been the difference, the Lord only knows.

A corps of workers in San Francisco visit this prison once every

month to hold this service. It seems a pity that they have such a scarcity of up-to-date literature. Prisoners do not like to have papers six months or a year old handed out to them. They are not so different from other people after all. Prison life brings a lot of these men to their senses, and their hearts are open to the gospel, and they need to have something put in their hands which they can appreciate, and at the same time that will help them. There are no better papers for this purpose than the "Life Boat" and "Signs." They ought to have a club of several hundred "Life Boats" and "Signs" to use for this purpose. When the Lord comes He will say some encouraging words to those of whom it can be truthfully said, "I was in prison, and ye visited Me."

If some one should become specially impressed with reference to this matter, let him correspond with the workers at 1219 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, Cal.

David Paulson, M. D.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE SALE OF "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS"

One of the main reasons why the plan the Lord has given us for removing the debts of our schools by the sale of "Object Lessons" has not been carried out more fully, is because we, as a people, have not been made to feel the personal responsibility that rests upon us. When the Lord revealed this plan, and called upon His people to take this means for removing our school debts, there was a call for a definite forward movement. It meant that all our people in America must sell an average of six books per member in order to remove the entire indebtedness of our schools. If every member had fully sensed his personal responsibility to sell six books, and had gone at it earnestly and perseveringly, the entire quota would have been sold inside of two months, and the great burden of debt would have been removed from all our schools.

This was not done. Somebody failed to appreciate his personal responsibility. Perhaps you, dear reader, did not realize this as keenly

as you should, nor as you may at the present time. Had you sensed this, very likely you would have made a much more earnest and determined effort to carry out this plan than you did. Now that you have been thoroughly aroused, you feel that you must surely do your part in this blessed work. Perhaps you have taken your quota, with a determination that you will sell them. I sincerely pray that every believer in the third angel's message will, in some way, be aroused to a sense of his personal responsibility, and will be unable to rest until that responsibility is discharged.

But there are some whose responsibilities are much greater than the mere selling of a certain number of books. When they have sold their quota, it devolves upon them to help their brother to sell his. This is certainly true of conference presidents, committeemen, ministers, Bible workers, and church elders and deacons. In a certain sense the responsibility of selling 300,000 copies of "Object Lessons" rests upon the General Conference committee; not that the members of the committee are to go out and sell this number personally; this they can not do, but they are to so place this divine plan before union and state conference committees, all the ministers, church officers, and the whole people, that every one will be made to sense his personal obligations in this. It is God's work. The General Conference committee have accepted the highest responsibilities of the denomination, to see that every feature of the Lord's work is carried out by those to whom the work pertains. In this sense they are responsible for the sale of 300,000 copies. If the committee fail through unbelief, indifference, or incapacity to carry this work through successfully, they fail to accomplish that for which they have been selected by the Lord and His people, and it would only be reasonable for them to step aside and let the work fall into the hands of men who will see that it is carried through.

Passing from the General Conference, the same principle is applicable to union and state conferences, ministers, and church officers. Each union conference committee

is responsible for the sale of a certain number of books per member for its entire membership. And the same is true of each state conference committee. Each committeeman can sell his quota, and perhaps a few more, but they can not stop there. They must see that the conference employees, the church officers, and the brethren and sisters do their part of the work. The minister can sell his quota and many more, but his duty is not done with this; he must help every church officer within the sphere of his influence to realize that he has a work to do for the members of his flock. He must also help every church-member to sense the individual responsibility resting upon him, and must place this matter so clearly and wisely before all that they will be led to do what they see to be duty.

To me it seems as clear as can be that when the conference committees, the ministers, and other conference laborers and the church officers sense the direct personal responsibility resting upon them in this matter, it will be very easy for them to induce the masses of our people to take hold of this work with a will, and when this is done it will not be long until the 300,000 copies of the book will be sold, and the last debt removed from our schools.

Again I state that the reason why this work has not been done before this is because very few have sensed the personal responsibility resting upon them. The Lord now calls upon us to arouse. If there is a conference president, or a member of a conference committee, or a conference laborer, or church officer who can not be made to sense his responsibility, he is certainly unworthy of the place he holds, and ought to step out and let some one who can be aroused to the meaning of this call from the Lord, take his place. And, still further, any man who holds any of these important offices, and who sees his responsibility, but shirks it from indifference or fear, or because the work is unpleasant, is unworthy of the position he occupies, and ought to let another more worthy, and who will do the work, be placed in charge.

This is the way we reason about other things. The man who ap-

plies for the position of commander of a great ship must not only realize the greatness of the responsibility, and be willing to do all in his power to command the vessel, but he must command it. He must not only manage it on a calm sea, but in the howling storm and the raging billows. Nothing short of that will meet the mind of those who risk their lives in his care.

Looked at from this broad standpoint, the present campaign in behalf of the sale of "Object Lessons" in some of our states is full of meaning. We all acknowledge that the Lord calls us to do this work, and I rejoice to see so many of the conference officers responding to this call so cheerfully. They are making earnest efforts to carry this work through. I believe that success will crown their efforts. If the ministers and church officers, upon whom they rely for cooperation, will do their duty, if every one being paid by the tithes will persevere in this good work, a great wave of earnestness and activity will be seen, and the task will be speedily accomplished.

For this glorious result let all believers in the message earnestly pray.
A. G. Daniells.

THE SALE OF "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" DEVELOPS CANVASSERS

When the plan to have our church-members everywhere take hold of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" was first inaugurated, we firmly believed that the work would not only prove a sweet blessing to all those who engaged in it, but that it would eliminate the bitterness between brother and sister, and bring unity and peace into our churches, and that it would also inspire our people with a love for the work of placing our publications in the hands of their friends and neighbors.

We are glad to learn that our expectations concerning this phase of "Christ's Object Lessons" work are being met at the present time in Oklahoma Territory, and that a canvassers' institute is being held there, with an attendance of forty-five persons, who are preparing them-

selves to go forth to sell our regular publications. Elder Rupert, the president of the conference, in a recent letter states that these people have received their love for the canvassing work and desire to go into it from having taken hold of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons;" and then he adds, "Our whole conference seems to be on a boom in the book business at present."

Many times have we been told by the Spirit of prophecy that the plan for "Christ's Object Lessons" was given by God Himself. Not only did God give the plan, but, when He gave it, He told us what the results would be. We are now reaping the first-fruits of this blessed work, and the joy of the experience is welling up in many thankful hearts. The hearts of humble brethren and sisters who have gained an experience in selling these books are going forth in praises to God for what He has wrought. The hearts of some of the managers of our publishing houses and the presidents of our conferences are also making melody to the Lord, as they see this work raising up strong men and women to carry our other publications to the world.

We must all join in returning thanks to our heavenly Father, who has stirred our hearts to do this work; in the words of two ancient prophets: "This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working." "Behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched-out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee; Thou showest loving-kindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is His name; great in counsel, and mighty in work."

P. T. Magan.

"Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee." Ps. 86:5.

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THE PORTLAND CONFERENCE

According to announcement, the first session of the Pacific Union Conference convened at Portland, Oregon. On account of delayed trains, the conference was organized a day later than announced in the published notices. Elder A. G. Daniells, Dr. David Paulson, and Brother E. R. Palmer, of the General Conference, were present, taking a leading part in the studies and adding much to the counsels of the meeting. All the leading branches of the work received careful consideration. A full report of the business transacted will appear later in the "Recorder."

The general testimony borne concerning this meeting was that it came nearer being an ideal conference than any previous meeting attended by those present. During the afternoon service of the last Sabbath opportunity was given for all to express themselves as to what had appeared to them the most striking characteristics of the conference. Among others, the following were given: "Boldness in our service for God;" "The educational character of the conference;" "Love and harmony;" "Unifying of the work;" "Determination to work;" "The spirituality of the meeting;" "Getting nearer to God;" "Principles in place of details;" "An illustration of reorganization;" "Exaltation of Christ and an abasement of self;" "Willingness to receive instruction and a clearer presentation of views."

One good old sister, eighty-four years old, said she believed she was seeing fulfilled the promise that the time would come when the "watchmen would see eye to eye."

One thing is sure, if the principles set forth shall, from this time on, govern our work, and if the plans adopted are put into execution in the fear of God, a new impetus will be given to all branches of the message. The keynote of the conference might be expressed in a call to thorough and devoted service for the Master. All hearts were stirred and responded readily to the promptings of the Spirit.

Among the many questions considered, prominence was given to the relief of our schools. Reports submitted from different sources showed that during the past year and a half only 12,000 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" had been supplied to this Union Conference, while less than \$2,400 had been contributed to the material fund. One thing that this means is that, with all the effort put forth in the past, we have taken from the publishing house only a fraction more than one copy per member; and yet there remains an indebtedness on our two colleges of about \$70,000. It looks as though we had treated with indifference the plan given us by the Lord; and yet it is so simple that all can see that success is sure if we will only take hold and make it a success. Six copies of one of the best and easiest-selling books to be sold by each member, and the work is accomplished.

From different parts of the east come cheering reports of what is being done. In the Lake Union Conference 10,000 books were shipped out in two weeks. Oklahoma has about finished her work.

One thing determined is that the time is to be redeemed by us in this field. The work is to be taken hold of with all our energy, and to be made the work for this time, as we have been

asked to do from the first, and there is to be no let-up until the last dollar of indebtedness paid. It is a call from God to every one of us to come up to His help in this matter. W. T. Knox.

Special attention is called to the articles from A. G. Daniells and P. T. Magan that appear in the missionary department of this paper.

Elder W. T. Knox expects to sail on the steamship "Ventura" for Honolulu, March 20, to look after the interests of the union conference work in the Hawaiian field.

Elder A. T. Jones and Brother S. C. Osborne are attending the canvassers' institute and workers' meeting that are being held in connection with the Montana Conference, at Butte City, Montana.

On Sabbath afternoon, March 8, at the close of a very interesting praise service held in connection with the conference at Portland, Oregon, Professor and Mrs. M. E. Cady, at the request of the California Conference, were ordained to the gospel ministry, by the laying on of hands. Elder A. G. Daniells offered the prayer and Elder A. T. Jones gave the charge.

OBITUARY

Thorp.—James H. Thorp, of Fresno, fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 9, 1902. He was sick only a few days, pneumonia quickly doing its fatal work. He was past 81 years of age, and loved God's special message for to-day since 1841, and with a hope firm unto the end, he yielded up his life to the great Life-giver. He was father of ten children, Zach. Thorp, of St. Helena, and Frank Thorp, of San Francisco, being two of the five children yet living.

Father Thorp was a devoted soldier of the cross, and truth was dearer to him than all else.

Text, Rev. 14:13. Elder A. C. Bourdeau assisted in the church services. H. G. Thurston.