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

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The Church

My Prayer

I would not ask that all my way
may be
With earthly glory bright,
The shaded pathway may be best for
me,
But give me, Lord, Thy light.

I know life's winter days will chill
my heart,
But as the blue above,
And the bright sun, the life of spring
impart,
Give me, O Christ, Thy love.

I know not where storms may sweep
my way,
How long ere conflicts cease;
But when the tempest rages, this I
pray,
Give me, O God, Thy peace.

I do not know how long the way may
be,
What care and toil are best,
Only when care and toil are done,
with Thee,
Give me, my Father, rest.

—Selected.

The Distribution of Literature

In the days of the great Reformation, when the princes assembled at the Diet of Spire, in 1529, it seemed that the hope of the world was about to be crushed out. To this assembly was presented the emperor's decree restricting religious liberty, and prohibiting all further dissemination of the reformed doctrines. Would the princes representing the states of Germany accept the decree, and consent that the blessed light of the gospel should be shut out from the multitudes that were still in dark-

ness? Mighty issues for the world depended upon the action of a few heroes of faith. Those who had accepted the truths of the Reformation met together, and their unanimous decision was: "Let us reject the decree. In matters of conscience the majority has no power." And they drew up their protest, and submitted it to the assembled states.

The banner of truth which these reformers held aloft, God has in this last conflict committed to our hands. Those whom He has blessed with the knowledge of His Word are held responsible for this great gift.

Those reformers whose protest has given us the name of Protestants felt that God had called them to give the light of the gospel to the world, and in doing this they were ready to sacrifice their possessions, their liberty, and their own lives. Are we, in this last conflict of the great controversy, as faithful to our trust as were the early reformers to theirs? In face of persecution and death, the truth was spread far and near. The Word of God was carried to the people; and all classes, high and low, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, eagerly studied it for themselves; and those who received the light became in their turn messengers to impart it. In those days the truth was brought home to the people through the press. Luther's pen was a power, and his writings, scattered broadcast, stirred the world.

The same agencies are at our command, with facilities multiplied

a hundredfold. Bibles, publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world. We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and our zeal in spreading the light! Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. The preaching of the Word will have power in reaching a class who would not receive the truth through reading; but the ministers are few, and where the living preacher can not come, the published truth can reach. Personal effort will accomplish far more than could be accomplished without it.

The truth must be proclaimed in the dark places of the earth. Obstacles must be met and surmounted. A great work is to be done, and those who know the truth should make mighty intercessions for help now. The love of Christ must be diffused in their own hearts. The Spirit of Christ must be poured out upon them, and they must be making ready to stand in the judgment. While they are consecrating themselves to God, a convincing power will attend their efforts to present the truth to others. We must sleep no longer on Satan's enchanted ground, but call into requisition all our resources, avail ourselves of every facility

with which Providence has furnished us. The last warning is to be proclaimed "before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings;" and the promise is given, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Ellen G. White.

The Field

Honolulu Items

Legislature has convened.

A bill to repeal the Sunday law has been introduced by Senator Achi.

A committee from the church has been appointed to distribute the religious liberty leaflets among the legislators.

The ministerial union has given its approval and signed indorsement in favor of Sunday enforcement.

Public sentiment has not yet arbitrated on the Sunday question.

Our Chinese school has a daily attendance of forty-two.

We are expecting a superintendent for this field to fill the vacancy made by Elder J. H. Behrens, and also a doctor to take up the medical work soon.

Hawaii is experiencing an exceptional winter—cool and dry.

I. C. Colcord.

Guayaquil, Ecuador

I have had an interesting time in the work here in Guayaquil during the past month. Among my orders for large books, there are several names of the prominent men of Guayaquil, including several lawyers. I only wish more of our large books were in the Spanish language. "Great Controversy" would sell very well with "Patriarchs and Prophets," if it was only in Spanish. Large books sell easier than small books, to the better class.

Last week I called at one of the principal banks, and one of the employees gave me an order for a Bible. Another nice-looking young

man called to buy "Patriarchs and Prophets." Guayaquil has the name of being the filthiest place of South America, but, thank the Lord, there are some nice people here.

What a blessed privilege we have to go out with our books and papers. Surely, he that goeth forth with weeping will doubtlessly come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. On Sundays I go out with our Spanish "Signs" and small books, and generally make a sale of from three to five "sucres." There are a scattering of English speaking people here in Ecuador. I could use a club of five or ten "Signs of the Times" very easily, if some of our good brethren would be liberal enough to send them. It might be the means of bringing some into the truth. As there is very little English literature here, everything in English is read.

Our winter has begun in full blast. When it rains it is nice and cool, but after the heavy showers it gets very warm. Mosquitos seem to like this country very well. It is quite amusing to see the people slapping themselves on the hands and face to kill the blood-thirsty insect. Last month the presidential election took place, lasting three days. Mr. Garcia, the liberal candidate, was elected by an overwhelming majority. During these three days of election there was quite a lot of rioting in the streets. One could hear many revolver shots fired during the night. As a great many votes were bought, the people generally seemed to take a holiday, and take a good lot of "mallorca" along with it. May the Lord soon have some true followers here in Ecuador is our prayer.

Thomas H. Davis.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Olympia

Since my last report, I held a short series of meetings at Olympia. A few were interested, but the most in the community were much opposed to our faith. Four honest souls decided to obey the Lord, and took their stand for the truth in the

face of opposition. At the close of these meetings, I found it necessary for me to spend a few days at home.

No preventing providence, I hope soon to commence a series of meetings at Elma, and follow up the interest at that place.

The little company here at Puyallup seem to be very much alive. Brother C. B. Shaw, the librarian, has organized a young people's meeting, and an interesting Bible study is conducted once each week. We pray for the Lord's blessing to rest upon every effort made to acquaint our young people with the principles of present truth.

W. C. F. Ward.

ARIZONA

In company with Elder J. E. Bond, my wife also assisting, I began tent meetings at Buckeye, a small country settlement thirty-five miles west of Phoenix, Dec. 14, 1904. A fair attendance was had from the first, until about January 8, when an unusually heavy rain fell, lasting several days, making traveling by team impossible, thus isolating us from the outside world. As soon as the water sufficiently subsided to permit travel, I attended the Pacific Union Conference meeting, at Mountain View, Cal, January 15-23.

While I was absent, Elder Bond held meetings in the tent for about two weeks longer, but heavy rains again falling caused a discontinuance of them, a few since having been held in a house. The results are not as great as we had hoped for, but several adults have begun to keep the Sabbath, thus strengthening the little company of believers here. February 16, two persons, a brother and his wife, were baptized by Elder Bond, and sometime during March we expect four or five others will go forward in this ordinance, after which, the Lord willing, a church will be organized, numbering about fourteen, all adults, with perhaps one exception. It is hoped that this organization will be effected before the conference in April.

Personally, I have been very much hindered in my work of visiting since the heavy rains have become so frequent, as the wide, shallow river beds, which are dry most of the time, become raging torrents by the large quantities of water that run quickly off from the desert and the mountains. The trestle work of the Southern Pacific Railroad over the Gila River, which is our outlet to the south, has been washed out three times this winter, the water being nearly a mile wide at each occurrence. But while disasters occur in some lines, the same causes prove blessings otherwise, as the abundant rains give promise of a plenteous year in this territory. So—

“What God sends is always well, Though why 'tis often hard to tell.”

At times I am led to wonder why people come to these out-of-the-way localities instead of settling down in some more inviting places, but when I observe that precious souls will leave other states, and the truth finds and captures them here, it is evident that God is doing His work of saving that can not be done elsewhere.

C. E. Knight.

Buckeye, February 24.

WESTERN OREGON

Conference Receipts for February, 1905

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Albina church, \$22.72; Ashland, \$45.70; Beaverton, \$38; Blachly, \$6.40; Grants Pass, \$0.90; Hope-well, \$19.44; Monitor, \$5.25; Portland, \$124.15; The Dalles, \$32.50; Dilley, \$4.00; Drain, \$12.98; Falls City, \$30.25; Mount Ta-bor, \$25.50; Miscellaneous, \$9.05; Total, \$376.84.

TRUST FUNDS

Annual Offerings, \$25.70; Weekly Offerings, \$4.30; Religious Liberty, \$3.25; Mission Board, \$17.46; Sabbath-school Donations, \$21.77; Southern Field, \$0.87; Second Tithe, \$7.47; Western Oregon Conference Students' Loan Fund, \$4.50.

W. C. Raley,
Treasurer.

Oregon Items

There are many omens of good seen in the various parts of the conference. Courage, brethren and sisters; the work of God is on-ward, and naught can stay its progress.

A very interesting and profitable canvassers' institute for the West-ern Oregon Conference closed on the 15th inst., after a two-weeks' session. The writer was with these workers frequently, and felt very much encouraged with what seemed to be very bright promises for this line of work in our field in the future. A goodly number have gone to the front now and are at work. May there be much seed sown, and a bountiful harvest for the kingdom. Brethren and sis-ters throughout the field, pray for these devoted workers for God.

The conference committee at its last meeting took action to invite Brother W. B. Scott to take up again the work of canvassing agent. His long connection with this line of work, and consequent fitness for it, will certainly prove of great value to the cause in our field; and we are grateful that Brother Scott saw his way clear to accept this call.

Brother F. E. Fairchild, who has for a few months had this work, is now leading a company of canvassers in Yamhill County, making McMinnville their center of operations. Those associated with him are Ford Dodds, J. B. Robison, and J. F. Tolson. Word from them this morning states that they are now favorably and comfortably located and ready for a vigorous effort. We hope to report more definitely soon as to the location and work of other companies, and individuals who have gone into the field.

I went, in company with Brother Pettit, a few days ago, to visit the Laurelwood School. We had but a few hours there, but from our observations and consultation with those in charge of the work, and from contact with the students, we are more settled than ever in our convictions that this school is recognized and blessed in its work, by the Lord. I would like to give some details, did space permit; but

I wish to say that the school is prospering in every way, and its outlook for the future is good. The attendance is increasing each month, and it will soon be a question what to do with the applicants with the present facilities. How-ever, there is room yet.

The board of trustees of the Laurelwood School held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, the 22d inst., and among other things con-sidered was the question of faculty for the coming year. Prof. R. W. Airey was unanimously re-elected principal of the school, and Miss Irene Anderson as teacher of the primary department and instructor in instrumental music.

Elder G. W. Reaser and family departed Monday, the 13th inst., for their new field of labor, in Reno, Nevada. A need of a change of climate led Brother Reaser to leave his work in Portland. Otherwise than this he regretted very much to sever his connections with the work in Portland, where he had labored just long enough to become deeply interested in it, and to have formed warm attachments. It is sincerely to be hoped that the change will prove beneficial to Brother Reaser, and may his labors there be attended with blessings from the Lord.

Elder C. E. Leland and family arrived in Portland on Wednesday, the 22d inst., from Reno, to take up the work in the city which Elder Reaser found it necessary to leave. This exchange of fields by these brethren was recommended by the Pacific Union Conference execu-tive committee.

We are looking forward to a very interesting summer in the work in Portland; and we are confident that Brother and Sister Le-land, working with the co-operation of the church here, and in connection with other laborers who will be here during this time, will be able to sow seeds of truth which will bear a good harvest.

Elder J. E. White, who has been about ten years in the southern states working for the colored pop-ulation, was with the Portland church Thursday evening, the 23d, and spoke to a very interested con-

gregation. An offering of approximately \$75 was taken for the colored sanitarium at Nashville. The needs of the work among the unfortunate people were presented in a clear way, and appeals to those who know God and who love this message which must be given to all the world, to take hold earnestly to bring the light we have to them. We are glad for this visit from Brother White. F. M. Burg.

The Canvassing Work in the Western Oregon Conference

The institute which was conducted Feb. 1-15 was a most helpful season. Each day was opened with a devotional service, and the Bible classes conducted by Elders Burg and Reaser led all to a deeper study of the Word of God and a greater appreciation of His promises. All the workers in Western Oregon show a practical interest in the canvassing work, and we were much encouraged by a visit from a number of them.

Dr. Simmons gave us a number of practical lectures and demonstrations, which we are sure will prove a blessing, not alone to the canvassers, but to many we shall meet. These were followed each day by a most helpful study in English conducted by Sister Whitley.

The institute proper was conducted by Brethren Moran, Fairchild and the writer; and the long experience and practical methods of these brethren inspired all with confidence and courage. At the close of the institute eight began work immediately in our own conference and four went to Western Washington. There are a number of others who are planning to begin soon.

At the opening of the institute Brother Fairchild selected a company which he instructed in the "Desire of Ages," and a note just received from him states that this company is comfortably located at McMinnville, and will begin work Monday, February 27. Personally I have been assisting the company at Dallas; and all are doing successful work and are of excellent courage in the Lord.

W. B. Scott.

Canvassers Take Courage

The accompanying note from Brother Pettit will, I am sure, be of interest to all:—

"I met a sister at Eugene recently who accepted the truth by reading the book, 'Prophecies of Jesus,' sold to them by Brother Baldwin, of St. Johns. This sister, with her five children, who is now faithful to the message, was for twelve years a prominent school-teacher at Eugene. Her husband is becoming very favorable toward the truth, and I had the privilege of talking to him and giving him a Bible reading on one or two points of our faith. Others of her people are becoming interested, and all as a result of the book, 'Prophecies of Jesus,' being left at a home a few miles back in the country from Eugene. So let us remember that we shall reap if we faint not."

This is but one of the many experiences we are constantly meeting. The canvasser is God's appointed agent for searching out these honest souls and giving them the light. Who does not desire to go on a mission like this? There is a great work to be done, and God has work for you. Who will respond?

W. B. Scott,
State Agent.

Portland, 285 Salmon St.

From Portland to Reno

For the past eight months it was my privilege to be connected with our work in the Western Oregon Conference.

During the greater portion of this time I was located in the city of Portland, although some time was spent in assisting in the establishing of the Laurelwood Industrial School.

Associated with Elder C. J. Cole and a company of Bible workers, we held a short series of meetings in one of the suburbs of Portland.

While connected with our work in that city, nine persons requested baptism, all of whom were accepted for church membership; and one united with the church on profession of faith. Three of these accepted the message through Sister

Neale's Bible work. Besides these, four began the observance of the Sabbath, who have not yet requested membership with us.

Never have I had a more agreeable charge than in the pastorate of the Portland church, and never more congenial associations than with the laborers in the Western Oregon Conference.

The damp atmosphere of the Willamette Valley caused me distress in breathing, so that it seemed imperative to make a change to a dryer climate.

Hence, through the kindly efforts of Elder A. S. Kellogg, and the action of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, with the generous consent of Elder C. E. Leland, who was located at Reno, Nev., a change of fields was arranged, and Elder Leland is now located in Portland, while the writer and family are in Reno.

I am thankful to note a decided improvement in health conditions, although we have been here but two weeks. After nearly seven years of labor in other fields, it seems rather strange to again take up work in the conference where I first became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and where I labored, in all, thirteen years, in various departments of our work.

As opportunity offers, it will be a great pleasure to meet former associates and acquaintances in the work.

The cycle of seven years just past has been marked by marvelous advancement in the progress of the cause of God in the earth. How many more years will pass ere the work is finished? When the sheaves are all gathered, how joyful will be the reunion in the kingdom of glory!

G. W. Reaser.

CALIFORNIA

Among the Schools

SAN JOSE

On February 4, I visited the church school in San Jose. This school, taught by Brother and Sister William Jones, is in a prosperous condition. The enrolment is

thirty-five, the scholarship good, and the discipline excellent. The pupils appear to take a deep interest in their studies, enthusiasm is manifested, and a good moral atmosphere prevails.

Discipline and scholarship were, at the beginning of the term, questions of vital import. But by the co-operation of parents and teachers, the Lord gave success, and turned rebellion and indifference into submission and work.

A missionary society was organized to provide work outside of school hours, that mischief might give place to sowing seeds of truth. Meetings are held semi-monthly. Twenty "Signs" and one hundred "Life Boats" are taken, and paid for by the school. The "Life Boats" and part of the "Signs" are sold, and some "Signs" are mailed or distributed. The meetings are given to reports, relating of experiences, and consecration of heart.

One morning during devotional exercises, opportunity was given for the children to bear testimony. When, with one or two exceptions, the children from six to fourteen years old stood, some with tears in eyes, and witnessed for Jesus, expressing their desire to become missionaries, I thanked the Lord for a Christian school. Five of the children expect to be baptized in the near future. As we would expect, the finances are in a very healthy condition. The school board and church are pleased with the results of the school, and discouragements hitherto entertained are vanishing.

HEALDSBURG

Next I visited the school in Healdsburg. This is the largest school on the coast, having an enrolment of ninety. The advanced department is taught by Sister Lorena Flewelling, the primary by Sister Katherine Hale. Sister Hale is the principal of the school.

Excellent work is being done in advancing the children. The pupils in the primary department show unusual ability to read, write, spell, and enunciate. It is gratifying to hear children in the second and third years together repeat

the greater portion of Genesis 1, and then explain its contents. During industrial hour, tiny fingers, with scissors, thimble, needle, and thread, cut, join, and stitch. The work done is worthy of exhibition. Paper folding and cardboard modeling constitute a part of the work.

The children of the advanced department give much evidence of progress in their studies and behaviour. The interest and enthusiasm manifested in the two large classes in nature study show that this neglected study is appreciated by the children when carefully taught. The prophecies of Daniel and The Revelation are readily grasped by the seventh grade pupils, showing that this phase of Bible truth can be early taught with success. Sewing, basket work, and chair caning are lines of manual training industriously pursued. In both departments special stress is laid on the fundamentals—reading, writing, and spelling.

In November the school began the study of agriculture. Each pupil has a separate garden (4x5 or 5x10), into which he plants certain garden or flower seeds. Selection of seed, preparation of soil, planting, tilling, how plants grow, weather forecast, and spiritual lessons are special features studied in connection with the garden work. Much interest was manifested by the school and uninterested observers. A hardware man donated \$3.00 worth of fertilizer, and rendered valuable assistance in securing tools. Not long after the work was started, certain ones favored retrenchment, which was carried into effect in so far as making the work a part of the program. Yet it was partly carried on during a portion of the noon hour, as the school was loath to give it up. About the same time finances became a hard question to solve, and will continue to be so till all return to the "old paths." But the Lord is moving, and His plans are again finding place, and hence success is ahead.

During the "Signs" campaign the children sold about seventy "Signs" in sets and parts of sets.

A collection of \$13 was taken up by them during the week of prayer. The spiritual atmosphere is good, and the greater number of the children are striving to be little Christians.

THE SECULAR SCHOOL OFFERS

1. Subject matter mixed with error.
2. A method of teaching and study not adapted to promote faith in religious truth.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERS

1. Subject matter not only free from error, myth, and fiction, but is positive in its moral trend.
2. A method adapted to promote religious impressions.
3. Bible study.
4. Religious training and missionary effort.
5. Manual training.

Parents, in which school is your dear little boy or girl being taught?

E. D. Sharpe,
Superintendent.

Hanford Church School

"Considerable interest is being taken by the residents of the east side of town in the fine garden which is being cultivated by the pupils of the Seventh-day Adventist school. The fifty pupils have each been allotted a small piece of ground, 4x30 feet, and, acting under the instruction of their teacher, Mrs. Mina Mann, they have planted a variety of vegetable seeds, which are now growing in a flourishing condition, not excelled even by the Chinese gardens. In addition to this course of manual training, the pupils are to be given a course of instruction in the manufacture of rustic furniture and putting cane seats in chairs. The school is constantly growing, and lately a class in oil painting has been started. Mrs. Mann is assisted in teaching by Miss Edith Bond."

The foregoing clipping was taken from the Hanford daily "Journal" of recent date, and shows something of our work here. We have had a total enrolment of fifty-nine this term, but only about fifty in regular attendance. There has been hearty co-operation on the

part of the parents, and the work has gone forward fairly well. We thank God every day for the experience we are gaining and the lessons we are learning. We are realizing more and more the responsibility that rests upon us in these corrupt times, of training the youth for God. Satan seems determined to get our children. Evil in every form is constantly coming to light, and it is only God's wisdom and grace that will enable us to show the children these things in their true light. So much of the industrial work is new to teachers as well as pupils, and we have worked at a disadvantage. The county superintendent is much interested in our work, and told us recently she would never rest till the agricultural work was made a part of the public school work. Many others are interested, and several outsiders wish to send to our school another year.

Mina Mann,
Edith Bond.

Obituary

Munger—Died of heart failure, at her home near Auburn, Cal., February 22, 1905, Mrs. Birdie A. Munger, aged thirty-six years, two months and twelve days.

Sister Munger accepted the Third Angel's Message here a year ago. She leaves a husband and four children, who hope to meet her again when Jesus comes. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

Isaac Morrison.

Missionary Work

THE BOOK WORK

Western Washington

Report for Two Weeks Ending Feb. 10,
1905

GREAT CONTROVERSY

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Our service to those and for those we love is easy and glad. Jesus Christ gladly served all because He loved all.

Strengthen Ye the Weak Hands

One of the marked signs that the coming of the Lord is near is thus described in Luke 21:26: "Men's hearts failing them for fear." Trembling, discouragement, fear of dangers present and future, the reaction from the terrible nerve, mind, and heart strain under which humanity is laboring today,—these are some of the marked signs that the day of the Lord is at hand. If Satan can discourage God's people in the work given them to do, they will accomplish nothing. How comforting, then, are the words found in Isaiah 35: 3, 4: "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you."

To our loyal brethren and sisters in every part of the world, whose eyes are turned toward Washington at the present time, I am thankful to say that the largest, and in many respects the most encouraging, meeting ever held by Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D. C., was the meeting at Lafayette Opera House, Sunday evening, February 19. A large number of people of a most excellent class filled the main auditorium and the first gallery. There were also quite a number in the gallery above. Elder Luther Warren spoke on the subject of the power and working of Satan as contrasted with the power and working of Christ in the last days.

Let us take up any work that God gives us with courage. The end is in sight. Let us be strong to do His work. Let us be strong to do His work. Now, dear brethren, there is one special work which is not finished. Let us finish it while the day lasts, for the night soon cometh, when no man can work. I refer to the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." In future I shall give a few statements from those who have had interesting experiences. I can only quote in this article one statement, and that from Brother W. C. Sisley,

with whom nearly all our people are well acquainted.

"I have had a very precious experience in selling 'Christ's Object Lessons,' both in the States and in England. I have sold over 300 copies without interfering in the least with my regular work. Most of the books were sold to business men, and I have been surprised to find how many of these men are interested in spiritual things. One notable case: A keen business man, when approached, I found to be a Sunday-school superintendent. We were both melted to tears while I showed him the pictures illustrating the prodigal son. He could but see the amazing love of Christ in these pictures. He bought 13 copies—one for each of his 12 teachers, and one for himself. The blessings received while selling these books are still invaluable to me."

J. S. Washburn.

Our Literature

We have been told that our literature should be scattered like the leaves of autumn. Does this mean that we should scatter them injudiciously, thus involving a great outlay of means without accomplishing any definite results? Not at all. We have been granted the high privilege of being the messengers of the Lord in the earth, a privilege that the angels would be glad to have, but it has been granted to man.

The Third Angel's Message is to go to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people, and to do this we have not ministers sufficient to preach to every person on the earth, and for this reason God has given us the many pages of tracts and papers, and many good books that we have for the children, youth, and for the mature minds to read. Where can we make a better investment than to send the truth to some candid person to read, and possibly accept? Dear reader, are there not such persons in your locality or in your number of acquaintances? Have you performed the work it is your privilege to do till you have given them an opportunity to know the truth? There

are thousands of pages of books and tracts upon the shelves of our publishing houses, waiting to be used. They contain the precious truth that we hold so dear. They should be in the homes of the people. Are we satisfied to let them remain where they are, and let the precious souls who are seeking for truth, go hungry? We would not see our friends and neighbors suffer the pangs of bodily hunger, and I am sure that we who have tasted the spiritual food and found it to be sweeter than honey, yea, than the honeycomb, are also as zealous that they be fed with the spiritual food—the Third Angel's Message.

We may not be able to leave our homes to devote our entire time to active work, but can keep a supply of our literature in our homes to give to our friends and neighbors when they visit us and we visit them. There are those among us who can devote a portion of their time to this line of work. This is the way that the truth will be scattered like the leaves of autumn.

It will take a united effort on the part of every believer in the conference to accomplish this work. Shall we not bestir ourselves to greater activity? Why shall we delay? Days of prosperity are passing; times of adversity will soon arise; perplexities, that now do not confront us, will, in the near future, arise, and the work we now leave undone will then be accomplished in times of trouble. It is said of God's people, "They shall be willing in the day of His power."

S. J. Q.

The Ability to Wait

In reading the life-story of Jacob one comes upon much that gives offense. The patriarch was a complex character. At times it is hard to tell whether good or evil predominates in him. Of the impulsive generosity of his brother Esau, he had not a trace. Shrewd, calculating, selfish, he gathered up unto himself many of those unpleasant characteristics which, not always justly, have been attributed to his descendants. Who can look upon him deliberately buying his brother's birthright for a mess of

pottage, or seeking to drive a bargain even with Almighty God, and not feel a sense of indignation?

But, nevertheless, God made no mistake in designating him to be the father of the chosen people; for he had in him, also, certain qualities that eminently fitted him for his vocation. Above everything else, he was capable of taking the long view of things, and of waiting with perfect patience for the maturing of events. This is equivalent to saying that he had the root of faith in him. What is faith, but the power to believe in to-morrow and the day after as well as to-day? Or, to put it better, what is faith but the power to believe that God will still be ruling to-morrow and the day after as well as to-day?

This tough and strenuous old Hebrew could postpone present gratification for future advantage. He would never have sold an immaterial and spiritual dignity like the birthright for the momentary thrill of a satisfied appetite. Deep down in his soul he loved his cousin Rachel, and longed to make her his wife; but for seven years he went on his way and attended to his common tasks as if he did not know the meaning of sentiment. Yea, and when he was made the victim of a scurvy trick he did not whine, but quietly entered upon another apprenticeship of like length, that he might at last grasp the object of his affection to his bosom.

Herein lay the secret of his strength. He did not go storming through the world, fretting away his strength because he could not at once accomplish his aims. He knew that his day in court would come, and that he could afford to bide his time. His quietness was no sign that he had abandoned his purpose. He never abandoned anything. The tenacity of his will was little less than miraculous. When his head was set in a given direction, he went right forward, often very slowly, sometimes seeming to make no progress, but always keeping his eye on the end.

It can not be using language improperly to say that his encounter with the angel of the Lord as he approached once more the border of his native land after long years of

absence was the time of his regeneration. On that night he ceased to be the supplanter, and became a prince of God. Thereafter in all moral particulars he was a different man. But the elemental forces of his nature remained unchanged. None the less than formerly he was the deliberate, sagacious, and resolute soul, never acting in advance of his opportunity, but always in the nick of his opportunity, and always so as to achieve success.

There is a great lesson here for the young men of our age. They are, as a rule, in too great a hurry. They would like to be scholars; but real scholarship requires much time for its acquisition, and so they content themselves with superficial attainments. They would like to get honestly rich, but the honest accumulation of riches is a slow process, and so they take short cuts, and often land in the penitentiary. We have always admired the answer of the old Georgian preacher who, when a young man said to him, "I haven't time to do my work thoroughly," replied: "You have all the time there is." He that believeth shall not make haste. When a man rushes precipitately into his enterprises, and then lies down and groans because he did not succeed with them, it is an infallible sign that he has grave defects of character.—Selected.

Utter Only the Best Thoughts

The habit of letting every foolish or uncharitable thought, as it arises, find words, has a great deal to do with much evil in the world. Check the habit of uttering the words, and gradually you will find that you check the habit of thought too.

A resolution always to turn to some distinctly good thought, when a complaining or unkind one arises in the mind, is a great help—as it is to turn every thought condemnatory of our neighbor into a prayer for him. We never can long continue to dislike people for whom we pray.—Selected.

"Count no duty too little, if it come in thy way, since God thinks so much of it as to send His angels to guard thee in it."

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Congress of March 3, 1899.

There will be a meeting of the available members of the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference, at 1059 Castro St., Oakland, Cal., at 1 P. M., March 15, 1905.

The meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company has been postponed from March 9 to March 20. The notice as changed will be found in another column.

The proceedings of the Upper Columbia Conference and the Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, together with the constitution of the Upper Columbia Conference, will appear in an early issue of this paper.

Elder Isaac Morrison writes from Auburn:—

"We continue house-to-house work in this place and vicinity. Quite a number are reading the tracts and Bible studies. Two more adults have lately embraced the truth.

"February 21 we baptized a family of three, near Placerville."

Elder Henry Shultz sends this word from Lockeford, Cal.:—

"I have spent two Sabbaths at Lodi with Elder T. H. Watson, where I organized an American church of about two dozen members. We now have a German church and an American church at Lodi. These are nearly all members of churches in Dakota, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, that have moved here the past year. Some that had backslidden took a new hold of the truth."

Is Man Immortal?

This question is the title of a new tract of the Apples of Gold Library, issued by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Mountain View, Cal. The question is clearly and Biblically answered in the fifteen pages it contains. The price is one cent each, or seventy cents a hundred. If ever there was one time more important than another when the truth on this subject should be given to the people it is now in these days of inquiry in regard to the state of the dead, and the many false teachings concerning it. Order from your state tract society, or direct from the publishers.

Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

This conference will be held at Fernando, Cal., April 11-16, 1905. Fernando is a small town twenty-one miles north of Los Angeles, on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

This is not a camp-meeting, but a conference for the election of officers and the transacting of all conference business.

Delegates will be elected as follows: One delegate for each church, without regard to numbers, and an additional delegate for every twenty-five members.

Officers of churches will please see that the delegates are elected, and the names sent to Edward Treganza, Fernando, Cal.

Clarence Santee,
Pres. S. Cal. Conf. of S. D. A.

Special Meeting of Stock- holders

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the stockholders of Healdsburg College, at the college in Healdsburg, California, Monday, March 20, 1905, at 11 A. M.

This important meeting is called to consider and decide upon the plans on which the school shall be operated in the future, also its relation to the proposed Union Conference training school in California, and intermediate schools in this conference.

1. Shall we approve this action of the Pacific Union Conference?

2. What shall we do with our

3. Shall we establish an intermediate school? If so, shall it be operated in our present buildings, or be started in a rural community?

It is very necessary, also, to have some changes made in our By-laws, place of meeting, etc. In order to do this we must have two-thirds of the stock of the corporation represented. We strongly urge a large attendance, for serious problems must be solved.

College Board,
M. H. Brown, president,
H. G. Lucas, secretary.

For Sale

Health Food Store and Vegetarian Restaurant combined, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Splendid chance for the right persons with about \$3,000 to invest. Ample opportunity for missionary work. Present management and half owner must leave, owing to failing health. For particulars address Sanitarium Food Company, Sanitarium, Cal.

Annual Meeting Notice

The third annual meeting of the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, for the purpose of electing seven directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1905, at 12 o'clock M., at room 203 Parrott Building, San Francisco, Cal.

W. R. Simmons, president,
E. E. Parlin, secretary.

Annual Meeting Notice

The third annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company, for the purpose of electing seven directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Monday, March 20, 1905, in the Sanitarium chapel, at 12 o'clock M.

Wanted.—A Seventh-day Adventist to work in nursery. Must be a man of experience in that line. References required. State wages desired.

J. B. Weaver, Union, Oregon.