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The Church

Our Camp-Meetings II

(Selections from the Testimonies)

"A mistake has been made in holding camp-meetings in out-of-the-way places, and in continuing in the same place year after year. This has been done to save expense and labor; but the saving should be made in other lines."

"In conducting the important interests of meetings near a large city, the co-operation of all the workers is essential. They should keep in the very atmosphere of the meeting, becoming acquainted with the people as they come in and go out, showing the utmost courtesy and kindness, and tender regard for their souls. They should be ready to speak to them in season and out of season, watching to win souls."

"There are many in the same condition as was Nathaniel. They are prejudiced and unbelieving because they have never come in contact with the special truths for these last days or with the people who hold them, and it will require but attendance upon a meeting full of the Spirit of Christ to sweep away their unbelief. No matter what we have to meet, what opposition, what effort to turn souls away from the truth of heavenly origin, we must give publicity to our faith, that honest souls may see and hear and be convinced for themselves. Our work is to say, as did Philip, 'Come and see.'"

"Special meetings should also be held for those who are becoming interested in the truths presented and who need instruction. To these meetings the people should be invited, and all, both believers and unbelievers, should have an opportunity to ask questions on points not fully understood. Give all an opportunity to speak of their perplexities, for they will have them. In all the sermons and in all the Bible studies let the people see that on every point a plain, 'Thus saith the Lord' is given for the faith and doctrines which we advocate."

"When you do answer a question, be sure to have the hearers see and acknowledge that it is answered. Do not let a question drop, telling them to ask it again. Feel your way step by step, and know how much you have gained."

"In such meetings, those who understand the message can ask questions which will bring out light on points of truth. But some may not have wisdom to do this. When any put questions that serve only to confuse the mind and sow seeds of doubt, they should be advised to refrain from such questioning. We must learn when to speak and when to keep silent, learn to sow the seeds of faith, to impart light, not darkness."

"Talk to souls in peril and get them to behold Jesus upon the cross, dying to make it possible for Him to pardon. Talk to the sinner with your own heart overflowing with the tender, pitying love of Christ. Let there be deep earnestness; but not a harsh, loud note should be heard from the one who is trying

to win the soul to look and live. First have your own soul consecrated to God. As you look upon our Intercessor in heaven let your heart be broken. Then, softened and subdued, you can address repenting sinners as one who realizes the power of redeeming love. Pray with these souls, by faith bringing them to the foot of the cross; carry their minds up with your mind, and fix the eye of faith where you look, upon Jesus, the Sin-bearer. Get them to look away from their poor sinful selves to the Saviour, and the victory is won. They behold for themselves the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. They see the Way, the Truth, the Life. The Sun of righteousness sheds its bright beams into the heart. The strong tide of redeeming love pours into the parched and thirsty soul, and the sinner is saved to Christ Jesus.

"Christ crucified,—talk it, pray it, sing it, and it will break and win hearts. This is the power and wisdom of God to gather souls for Christ. Formal set phrases, the presentation of merely argumentative subjects, is productive of little good. The melting love of God in the hearts of the workers will be recognized by those for whom they labor. Souls are thirsting for the waters of life. Do not be empty cisterns. If you reveal the love of Christ to them, you may lead the hungry, thirsting ones to Jesus, and He will give them the bread of life and the water of salvation."

"The church needs the fresh, living experience of members who have habitual communion with God.

Dry, stale testimonies and prayers, without the manifestation of Christ in them, are no help to the people. If every one who claims to be a child of God were filled with faith and light and life, what a wonderful witness would be given to those who come to hear the truth! And how many souls might be won to Christ."

"The specific object of the camp-meeting is to lead the people to discern what they must do to inherit eternal life. If the time is given up largely to the education of canvassers and workers, the spiritual standard is not elevated before the people. Many are disappointed over the failure of their expectations in gaining help from the camp-meetings, but think that the order of things can not be changed, but that they must submit to the existing state of affairs; but decided reforms are possible and essential. Methods must be discovered, plans must be carried out, whereby the standard shall be uplifted, the people taught how they may be purified from all iniquity, and may be elevated by adherence to pure and exalted principles."

"Those who gather at camp-meetings must be impressed with the fact that the object of our meetings is to attain to a higher Christian experience, to advance in the knowledge of God, to become strengthened with spiritual vigor; and unless we realize this, the meeting will be fruitless to us."

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth."

(To be continued.)

Shall Our Work Be Enlarged and Extended?

The Lord has in great love and mercy committed to this people precious light and truth for these last days, of which the world is in sore need. He has given it to us that we may give it to others; He has blessed us that we may be a

blessing, and if we do not quickly give this last message to the world, there would seem to be no special reason for our separate existence as a people. God pity us if we ever reach a time when our interest to extend and enlarge this work slackens, and our purpose to send it to the nations of the earth who know it not, grows weak and feeble. The advent message makes us, in the very nature of the case, a missionary people, and God will hold us individually responsible to do what we can to carry the light of this truth to the lands nigh and afar off, who never yet have heard of the near advent of our Lord. The last few years a number of our brethren and sisters have left the home land and gone to distant fields, and God is blessing their efforts, but the work they are doing among the dense mass of humanity with whom they come in contact seems only as a drop in the bucket to what should be done. Our foreign mission board has the whole world under its eye, and the burden of it upon their hearts. They see the needs as others of us do not see them; they hear the calls for labor in distant lands as we do not hear them: and they feel the pressure and burden of this great foreign work as we can not feel it. Oftentimes they are in great perplexity as urgent calls come to them to fill what is a marked providential opening of the Lord, but it is impossible to move out on account of a lack of means in the foreign mission treasury. All aggressive moves have to stop, all advance work cease, because of a lack of funds to go forward. There are four ways we wish to mention whereby this condition may be changed and more means go into our foreign work.

1. By all our people and churches adopting the ten-cent-a-week plan of giving to foreign missions. This is a plan laid by the General Conference years ago to assist the foreign work, and is in successful operation in many places. It is simply this, that each one who can, lay aside ten cents or more each week for the work in foreign fields; then take this offering in a little envelope to the Sabbath-day meeting, and hand to the church librarian or treas-

urer, as the case may be. Every church elder and librarian should see to it that small envelopes, furnished free by the mission board, be distributed each Sabbath in our churches to all the members, and that these be collected the following Sabbath, and others given out. If those who are in responsible places in our churches will carefully see that these plans are set in operation and carried out, much means will come into the treasury through this channel, for our people love to see the work go to other lands, and will assist with their means if given an opportunity.

2. Another way to help our foreign work is to carefully guard our weekly Sabbath-school funds, and use no more of them than is actually necessary in our local schools. Thousands of dollars may be saved in this way if our Sabbath-school officers will use economy in the expenditures of the Sabbath-school money. Every cent saved is a cent more to assist the work forward in the great wide world. We question very seriously the propriety of using our Sabbath-school funds, when money is needed so much by the foreign mission board, to buy "Youth's Instructors" and lesson pamphlets for free distribution, especially among those who are able to pay for them. We believe every Sabbath-school in the land should look carefully to see if it can save in Sabbath-school expenses without injuring their work, that this stream of liberality may be kept open and not dried up.

3. Are there not many among us who have means who would feel it a privilege each year to give a larger amount to our foreign work, say \$50 or \$100? God would bless our men and women of property in thus giving to His work. "Give, and it shall be given unto you" is the language of inspiration, and every liberal soul will find that as he freely imparts his means to the work, God will give him more and more to give.

4. The fourth, and last, way we will mention, whereby means may come to our foreign work, is for our conferences, when they can do so without injury to their own work, to give of their surplus funds to this struggling cause of foreign

missions. Why not do this, brethren? Sometimes we have more in the treasury than we really need to carry forward our work in our conferences; why not at such a time remember the work in other lands? God will again fill our conference treasuries if we are liberal with His cause. Just now, brethren, the cause has need, that our work may be enlarged and increased; let us all be faithful to God, and hear at last the, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

W. B. W.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

To Our People in the California-Nevada Conference

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Our stockholders' meeting, held March 20 and 21, 1905, was well attended; we had a good old-time rally of the friends of the college. The outlook for the school has been greatly improved by this important gathering. 1. The attendance and spirit of the people who came together show that our people are interested in our college and its work, and are willing to co-operate with the college management when they know the situation, and their counsel and help are solicited. 2. The whole situation and work of the college were clearly set before the meeting, and many questions of importance were considered and decided, that we believe will aid in placing the college on a better and more satisfactory basis. 3. The meeting decided that the college ought to be operated without incurring debt, if the interest on the present debt is provided for. We believe this policy, scrupulously adhered to, will aid greatly in restoring the confidence of our people in our college. 4. The meeting also voted to strengthen and make more efficient our college work, especially in the direction of preparing workers for the cause of God. We know this decision will encourage our people and increase the patronage of our school.

The general policy of our school having been outlined by the stockholders, it now becomes necessary for us to carefully study how to put it in practical operation, and make it effective. We recognize, as a board of trustees, that we have a serious problem before us, and we earnestly desire the counsel of our people in solving it. We are determined to cut off all unnecessary expenses, and operate the college within its income, if we can secure the counsel and patronage of our people in doing this. We believe they will respond to our appeal for both these requisites, hence we go forward to plan definitely how we can improve our school work and plans so as to avoid the incurring of more debts.

For this purpose we have appointed a counsel meeting, to convene here in Healdsburg, April 20, 1905, at 11:00 A. M., to continue two or three days, more or less, as may be necessary, to decide how the school can be conducted most successfully, both educationally and financially.

That all our churches may have a voice in deciding this question, we invite any of our people to come who desire to attend, and would be glad to have our churches select one or more persons to represent them in our meeting. If any of our churches feel that the distance and expense is too great to do this, we should be glad to receive a letter expressing their views on this subject, and giving such counsel as they desire to give.

There is another matter that we wish to place before you, and that is the painting of our school buildings. They need painting very much, as a matter of economy, as well as for other obvious reasons. This matter was placed before some of our churches last summer, but, through a misunderstanding on the part of some who presented the subject, the money was not raised at the time, and, although we commenced to paint the Home on the strength of the money that was raised, and the reports received from the laborers in the field, we stopped work for lack of money and because of bad weather. We need \$800 to paint the buildings, and can not go

ahead with the work this spring until the money is raised. We believe our people want our college buildings painted so they will be respectable, but we do not believe they want us to run in debt to do it. Therefore we shall wait for the money to be raised for that purpose. To raise the \$800 in our conference equitably, that is so the burden is fairly divided, each church should raise in dollars a sum equal to one-fourth of its membership.

Each church can proceed to raise its share on any plan it may choose, but we would be very glad to have the money all raised and sent to us by May 1, 1905, so we shall not be delayed unnecessarily in getting the painting done.

The money should be sent by the church treasurer to Healdsburg College, Healdsburg, Cal., by draft, post-office or express money order, and a receipt will be sent for same.

All money raised on the one dollar a month plan to aid the college this year should be paid to the church treasurer, and sent by him to the conference secretary, J. S. Osborne, 1059 Castro Street, Oakland, Cal., stating that it is a college donation.

Yours very sincerely,

A. S. Kellogg,

Pres. Cal.-Nev. Conference.

M. H. Brown,

Pres. College Board.

Church Elders California-Nevada Conference

In the "Pacific Union Recorder" of February 16 and March 23, Elder F. M. Burg, president of the Western Oregon Conference and chairman of the Special Fair Committee, has given a detailed statement of plans laid for the coming Lewis and Clarke Exposition, at Portland, Ore. Please read over these articles carefully, and lay the matter before your church, and plan for a good donation to be taken Sabbath, April 22.

We trust that nothing will be allowed to take the place of this particular donation.

Let each church treasurer forward said donation immediately to W. V. Sample, 285 Salmon St., Portland, Ore. A. S. Kellogg,

Pres. Cal.-Nev. Conf.

Obituary

After a lingering illness of about fifteen months, Mrs. Edith L. Dillon fell asleep in Jesus, at Eureka, Humboldt County, California, March 17, 1905. She fully accepted the Third Angel's Message several years ago, while a student in Healdsburg College. She graduated from the Biblical course there in 1899, and for a time became an active laborer for God in the California Conference. She was the youngest daughter of Elder H. A. St. John, of Sanitarium, Napa County, California, where her parents reside. Besides two brothers and two sisters, she leaves a husband and one son to mourn, but not without hope. * * *

In a Nutshell

"Brother Hill's Bible Class" is the title of a seventy-six page pamphlet which the writer has just received, and read with much interest.

The object of the pamphlet is to lead honest souls to the truth, by answering the common every-day objections made by people who wish to evade the duty made plain by the fourth commandment.

Brother Hill's answers are given, as it were, in a nutshell, and with that originality peculiar to himself, which makes the pamphlet very interesting reading.

Although Brother Hill's "Bible Class" is somewhat hypothetical, yet it is real, and answers his purpose exactly.

It is of interest to note the names of those that constitute the worthy members of his class, some fifteen in number, and their quibbles and dodges are a fair sample of the present-day Sunday advocate. Among those enrolled are Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of National Reform fame; Rev. D. M. Canright, not entirely unknown to our readers; Rev. W. K. Williams, chaplain of Nebraska Penitentiary, and others of much prominence.

If you miss reading the pamphlet, you miss a good thing. Send for several, so you can loan them to your friends. Price, fifteen cents; discount when taken in quantities.

Send in your orders to A. J. Bourdeau, Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal.

A. S. Kellogg,
Pres. Cal.-Nev. Conf.

Special Stockholders' Meeting of Healdsburg College

In harmony with the published notices, the special meeting of the stockholders of Healdsburg College was called to order in the church at Healdsburg, at 11:00 A. M., March 20, 1905, with Elder M. H. Brown presiding. Two thousand four hundred and ninety-two shares of the capital stock, or about four-fifths of the whole number of shares issued, were represented. The following stockholders were present: W. B. White, W. C. White, W. T. Knox, A. S. Kellogg, M. E. Cady, N. C. McClure, C. L. Taylor, E. J. Hibbard, J. H. Behrens, G. W. Rine, E. D. Sharpe, E. E. Parlin, J. O. Corliss, J. S. Osborne, D. T. Fero, J. D. Rice, A. J. S. Bourdeau, R. P. Gray, G. W. Mills, M. H. Brown, M. C. Wilcox, C. H. Jones, J. J. Ireland, J. J. Allen, R. W. Dawkins, Mrs. L. Grainger, Z. Thorpe, Ira Workman, Mrs. I. N. King, E. Vinson, Dr. I. A. Wheeler, T. T. Heald, J. M. Hess, J. Christiansen, Frank Anthony, J. W. Bagby, P. M. Buchanan, F. A. Lashier, E. E. Otterback, J. F. Lamineth, William Rahn, F. B. Corbin, C. W. Faber, S. McElhany, J. M. Jones, J. G. Mendehall, J. W. Beardslee, and Fred Haub.

Four sessions were held, and all present seemed anxious to help the college become successful, educationally and financially. The following recommendations were passed:—

1. That Healdsburg College maintain its present standard as to rank.

2. That the incoming board and faculty provide as liberal a curriculum as the prospective patronage will justify.

3. That the present Bible course be strengthened by providing special instruction in canvassing, Bible readings, medical missionary, and ministerial work, and that specialists in these lines be brought in to assist in giving the instruction.

4. That regular advanced students be encouraged to take up these special studies, and that appropriate effort be made to bring in special students to take advantage of this instruction.

5. That earnest effort be put forth to secure sufficient patronage for the establishment of a normal department in the college.

6. That the incoming board provide for diligent aggressive field work during the summer vacation to solicit students for the college.

7. That the California Conference be asked to raise a fund to meet the interest on the college debt during the coming fiscal year.

8. That we approve of the action of the college board to receive students on the plan presented by Elder Corliss to the churches.

9. We, the stockholders of Healdsburg College, assembled in a special meeting, more than two-thirds of the shares of stock being represented, hereby approve and reaffirm the action of the stockholders taken two years ago in organizing a membership corporation, with an enlarged constituency, to take the place, and do the work of the stock company in carrying on the work of this college, and we recommend all our stockholders to transfer their stock to the new corporation, known as the Pacific Educational Association, and thus become members of the same whenever, in the judgment of the trustees, the time comes to do this. And we further recommend all the creditors of Healdsburg College to accept the notes of the Pacific Educational Association in lieu of the notes they now hold against said college, the security for the payments of such notes being precisely the same in the new corporation as in the old one which is now operating the college work.

10. That we ask the California Conference to lay plans as soon as they may think best to lift the debt of \$37,500 on Healdsburg College, thus leaving the proceeds of the sales of the college property to be used in starting a plant in the country.

Whereas, For years Healdsburg College has been gradually increasing its debts, which has in a meas-

ure brought discouragement to the hearts of our people; therefore,

11. Resolved, That the incoming board of managers be instructed to lay such plans as will conduct the school within its income.

The president of the board stated that the trustees now serving wish the people to assume the responsibility of the college management, and any or all the members are willing to resign and give their places to others whom the people may wish to have. With this in mind, the president asked the stockholders to choose a nominating committee to select seven men whom they wish to have assume the college management.

The following were chosen to serve as trustees: M. H. Brown, A. S. Kellogg, W. E. Howell, George W. Mills, H. G. Lucas, J. O. Corliss, and E. R. Palmer.

A few changes were made in the present by-laws.

H. G. Lucas,
Secretary.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Chelan

Our meetings commenced in Chelan, January 19, after a thorough preparation in seeking the Lord for His blessing, and procuring and preparing a suitable place for meetings. A very neat store-room, large enough to seat over a hundred, was fitted up with a section of a counter for a pulpit, and the loan of sufficient chairs to seat it, and a good heating stove. The attendance was good from the beginning to the end, and a real interest manifested.

Fifteen took their stand for the truth by open confession of faith. Three of these had been keeping the Sabbath and acknowledged the truth, and two were reclaimed, the remaining ten being new recruits.

Much of the success was due to the fact that the old Sabbath-keepers here—Brother Wright's and Brother Bartshe's families—are true and zealous witnesses for the truth, and have been letting their lights shine, so that a few have been led to keep the Sabbath and a desire created in others to hear the

truth they practiced. All this attributed to the success of the meetings, and should be an object-lesson to others who live where they have an opportunity to let their light so shine before men that others may see their good works, and glorify their Father which is in heaven.

F. D. Wagner.

March 23.

WESTERN OREGON

A Canvasser's Experience

A little company of canvassers are located at Dallas, Ore., and are keeping at the front of the battle, doing all they can. They find hard times, with little or no money to be had, but are all of good courage, and feel fully repaid when is found here and there a soul longing to hear the Word of God. Here is a little instance: While one of the company and the writer were out a few weeks ago, we came across a family away back in the woods, who were hungering for a few words of salvation. The lady is very much concerned about her family, that they all may be ready when the King comes to receive His own. She had never heard about the soon coming of the Lord, and we were very welcome at her home. She wanted us to come back any time that we could do so.

I was out alone a few days ago, and found another family, consisting of the father, mother, and two daughters, aged nine and eleven. I have never been in a home where peace and harmony reigned as they did there. They were living up to all the light they had. I stayed all night with them, and we had a good Bible study together. When I was ready to leave in the morning, the little girls wished that I could stay two or three days with them and help them to study the Bible. Their parents asked me to come back at any time I could, that we might have another study together. It is so we find here and there a soul ready to hear the words that shall be spoken through us.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings

of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isa. 52:7. How few there are that are carrying these good tidings to those who are yet out of the ark of safety. Brethren and sisters, pray for us, and pray that there may be many more to carry this message in the near future.

Geo. J. Scharff.

Dallas, Ore.

Missionary Work

THE BOOK WORK

Western Oregon Conference

Report of Canvassing Work for the Week Ending March 24, 1905

HOME HAND BOOK

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
J. B. Robison.....	15	2	\$16 25

DESIRE OF AGES

J. F. Tolson.....	22	6	27 00
Ford Dodds.....	14		

Week Ending March 17

HERALDS OF THE MORNING

Miss Laura Wheeler	16	6	9 50
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Week Ending March 3

L. W. Blair.....	12	1	1 50
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Two Weeks Ending March 17

DANIEL AND THE REVELALION

F. M. Smith.....	73	9	31 75
Total.....	152	24.	86 00

Upper Columbia Conference

Report of Canvassing Work for the Week Ending March 11, 1905

DESIRE OF AGES

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. R. Beatty.....	25	10	\$36 75

DANIEL AND THE REVELATION

F. C. Downs.....	10 1/2	10	22 75
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GREAT CONTROVERSY

W. R. Jones.....	14	1	1 60
Total.....	49	21	61 10

Week Ending March 18

DESIRE OF AGES

W. R. Beatty.....	20	14	\$54 00
Mrs. J. L. McGee...	35	...	35 25
J. L. McGee.....	20	...	14 75

DANIEL AND THE REVELATION

F. C. Downs.....	21	11	33 00
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GREAT CONTROVERSY			
	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. R. Jones	31	1	4 05
Ed. New.....	18	12	26 00
HOME HAND BOOK			
E. O. Sanders	7	4	14 75
Total.....	152	42	181 80

A Review of a Year's Work in a Spanish Catholic Field

Another year has passed into eternity with its record. We are one year nearer home,—one year nearer the time when “this gospel of the kingdom” will have been “preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.”

It may be fitting for me to give you a brief review of the advancement the work has made in this field during the past year. I am truly grateful to God for what He has done among us here, notwithstanding the slenderness of our resources.

During the last year our membership increased from 184 to 224, or an increase of forty over the preceding year. When you consider that until the last couple of months, there has been but one young man out in the field besides myself, and that a part of his time was occupied in taking subscriptions for our paper, it is evident that God's Spirit has worked upon these people. Neither was I free to devote my time to field work, having to carry so many different burdens.

But while the membership has increased but 22 per cent, the tithes have increased 65 per cent, or from \$663.61 to \$1,093.67, an increase of \$430.06, which is \$4.88 for each member as against \$3.61 for the year 1903.

The tithe per capita from the eight union conferences of North America for 1903 was \$9.04, or less than double what it is for this field. Now when we consider that here a laboring man earns from twenty to forty cents a day, and a mechanic from forty cents to a dollar, while in the United States they receive four times that amount, you can judge concerning the comparative faithfulness in this respect between these Spanish speaking people and

the Anglo-Saxons of our country. There are not a half dozen German believers in this field, and they are the most difficult to convince on the tithe question.

Neither are the tithes increased per capita by the workers, as in Mexico and Argentina, where there are more workers in comparison with the number of members. For example, the Santiago church, with less than sixty members, all of whom are natives, having a native elder and deacon, paid during the past year more than \$340 in tithes. About six months ago I organized a little church here in Valparaiso, and since then until the end of the year they paid \$223 in tithes.

I call attention to these things, not to in any way belittle our brethren at home, but in order to demonstrate that notwithstanding the expressed lack of confidence in the Spanish people, and that they will not sustain the work among them, yet when their confidence is once gained, and they see the work moving forward, they will sacrifice as much as any one to sustain it. You have already seen that they paid about double the amount of tithe in proportion to their earnings than was paid at home in 1903.

The tithes, of course, are controlled by the earnings, while the offerings are governed by the spirit of liberality which they may possess. The annual offerings increased from \$85.82 to \$121.84; the first-day offerings from \$25.77 to \$57.87, or 124 per cent; while the miscellaneous offerings to missions outside of special funds increased from \$2.45 cents to 161.37. The Sabbath-School offerings, devoted to missionary work, increased from \$52.98 to 155.52, or 194 per cent.

Perhaps it may not be out of place to make a few comparisons upon this point. During the year 1903, the Atlantic Union Conference gave to missions in Sabbath-School offerings, 44 cents per member. The Lake Union gave 47 cents. The Central Union was more liberal and gave 52 cents; while the Pacific Union, where money is more plentiful, gave 62 cents. During the year just closed, the Sabbath-Schools of this field

gave 84 cents per member. Thus if the schools in the United States had given according to their means as these poor Chileans and Peruvians have done, they would have donated from \$4.50 to \$5.00 for each member.

It is with no feeling of egotism that I make mention of these facts and draw these comparisons. I take none of the credit to myself for it all belongs to Him whose Spirit has breathed over these people. True, I have labored day and night, even beyond my strength, during the past year in order to carry every branch of the work harmoniously with every other one, and to bring up every item possible, and at the same time reach out into new fields to do the work for which I came to the field. You can not understand the perplexities under which I have labored, trying to reach out over this great field, the members of which are strung along a line of more than two thousand miles. But all my efforts would have proved in vain without God's special help and blessing. “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.”

You will be glad to notice that our missionary paper, after paying for all material and the printing and postage, has a gain of more than \$172. North American gold.

H. F. Ketring.

Valparaiso, Chile.

A Good Idea

A brother in West Virginia has been successful in securing the publication of some of the new Religious Liberty leaflets in a daily paper in his city. They are published in sections, thus making a series of articles which are run through the paper.

All can see that if this method of getting the truth before the people can be successfully worked in one place, there is no reason why it may not be done in many other cities and towns throughout the country, with equally good results, and thus many souls may be brought to a knowledge of the truth who might not otherwise be reached.

There certainly could be no more

economical way to get the message before the people. Think of a newspaper of twenty-five thousand circulation publishing an eight-page tract and placing it in the hands of its readers free of charge! This would be a saving of one hundred dollars, estimating the tracts at four dollars per thousand, to say nothing of the expense and effort it would require to get them before the people.

This idea opens up a field for those who do not possess talents as writers for the public press. Any careful and judicious person can select from the great volume of our literature choice matter that we now have on all points of the truth, that would make excellent articles for the newspapers.

This matter for the press should be copied with a typewriter or neatly written out by hand, always remembering to place quotation marks at the beginning and close of what is quoted before signing and presenting for publication.

If there should be an issue on the Sunday question in your community, something appropriate might be selected for publication on that subject, or, if some labor trouble should arise, matter pertaining to that issue might be selected from our works; and so, matter appropriate for any question might be selected from the great fund of information that is at our command.

It might be remembered that we have been exhorted by the Spirit of the Lord to utilize the public press in getting this message before the people.

Let those who are impressed with this idea, whether brother or sister, see what they can do, and report the result.

K. C. Russell.

Meeting in Eastern Polynesia

On the island of Raiatea, and up one of its lovely valleys, hidden between high, picturesque mountains, and on the bank of a crystal mountain torrent, fed by many high cascades not far distant,—a fit place, indeed, to remind us of God's righteousness, which is like the great mountains,—was the place chosen for our conference of the Eastern Polynesian Mission.

Here is the school farm which Brother Cady has begun, with Sister Anna Nelson as teacher. One of our many considerations was that this ideal spot should be a missionary training home for native laborers, and it seemed to us no better place could be found for such a work.

All our discussions were directed to the one supreme end of speedily carrying the message to all places in this generation, and God witnessed His approval of the meeting by blessing us abundantly with His Holy Spirit. It was felt by us to be the best we ever attended.

Brother Gates gave us most opportune lessons. The first Sabbath we met together, a tender feeling of repentance and weeping came upon all. It was remarked by an old resident that Raiatea had never before seen such a meeting. The same tender spirit was present all through, and a hearty praise meeting closed the conference. The following Sabbath, five young people were baptized, one of whom was a little native boy from our Rarotongian school, and whom we left at Raiatea with Sister Nelson. We then separated to our respective fields of labor, feeling thankful for the spiritual blessings we received, and renewed with strength to "press the battle to the gate."

G. F. Jones.

The Ten-Cent-a-Week Plan

One brother writes: "We think the ten-cent-a-week plan is the best thing that has ever yet been devised for raising money for foreign missions. Our little church, for one year, gave \$18.40. We introduced the ten-cent-a-week plan, and nine months of the next year we raised \$388.50. Nearly all of our church take hold of this plan with enthusiasm, and each week finds them ready to contribute to help foreign missions."

Another brother writes: "We believe this plan ought to be universally adopted. It brings good cheer, hope, and confidence to those who endeavor to carry it out."

An elder, mentioning their effort to average ten cents per member, says: "This plan works hardship to

no one. In our church, where some are so poor that they are not able to give so much as ten cents per member, we have them give what they can, and the rest of us make it up. It is a real blessing to our church."

If all would take hold of this ten-cent-a-week plan, what an impetus it would be to foreign mission work! An income of over three hundred thousand dollars a year would mean nearly three times as many workers in the field as we are sustaining at the present time.

We believe that if every member of the denomination will faithfully adopt this plan of donating to missions, they will reap a double blessing therefrom. One blessing will be in the distant fields where missionaries are sent to win souls to Christ, and the other blessing will be in their own souls.

We trust this coming season every church in the United States will take up this systematic plan of giving. Mission Board.

Why He Bought Tracts

An American captain, who had been sailing about among the islands of the Pacific, landed at Singapore, and rented a little room for himself in the house of a Malaysian merchant.

One day the merchant came to him and asked him to sell him several English tracts.

"What do you want with them?" asked the American in surprise. "You can not read English, what good will they do you?"

"It is true," answered the Malaysian; "I can not read the tracts, but they will be very useful to me in my business."

"You do not think of selling them, I hope," exclaimed the captain.

"O, no, indeed," replied the Malaysian. "But when an Englishman or an American comes to me on business, I am particular to place one of these tracts in his hand, and then notice the effect of his reading it. If he seems to be interested, I conclude that I need have no fears in dealing with him. If, on the contrary, he thrusts it aside, then I do not care to transact any business with him. I have no confidence in such a person."

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the Post-office at Oakland, Cal., under the Act of
Congress of March 3, 1899.

Prof. M. E. Cady left Healdsburg last week for College Place, Wash., where he will spend a week or so with the college, assisting in the work of preparing the calendar for the coming school year.

Elder W. B. White and J. J. Ireland left Oakland, March 30, for Los Angeles and Phoenix, Ariz., to attend the annual spring meetings in the southern conferences, and attend to the necessary auditing.

The annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company was held last week at St. Helena, Cal., and resulted in the election of L. E. Bowen, president; E. G. Fulton, vice-president; and E. E. Parlin, secretary.

All our churches should remember the offering to be taken in the churches April 22, to create a fund for missionary purposes in connection with the Lewis and Clarke Exposition, in Portland, the coming summer. This is a worthy enterprise, and should have the hearty support of all our people.

Writing from Kingston, Jamaica, in December, Brother J. B. Beckner reported that the Port Antonio church had been dedicated the month before, and that they hoped to dedicate two other churches soon. These would bring the number up to six churches that were completed during the year. Brother Beckner says: "The brethren who have done the work have truly made sacrifices."

From Cuba, Brother J. M. Clark writes: "It is going to be far more difficult to give the message to Cuba because of the delay. Every year increases the difficulty. While the sea breezes, good drainage, and sanitation in the cities have helped to make this a very healthful island, the enormous use of tobacco by both sexes from early life, the fried foods, and strong drinks, make sickness much more common among the Cubans than among the Americans.

"While the majority of the people are Catholics, few attend church, or care very much about religious matters. There are good openings for schools and sanitariums. Many hundreds continue to come."

It has been but a few years since the question of starting what are now termed "church schools" was first agitated. At the beginning only a few schools were started, and they were considered a sort of experiment, but the work has gone steadily forward. In some conferences the growth has been more marked than in others, but we believe all feel encouraged by the results which have attended this work, and that there is a firm determination to continue advancing it. The latest statistics pertaining to this work show that, on Dec. 31, 1904, in the Pacific Union Conference, there were 72 church schools, which employed 87 teachers, and that the enrolment of pupils was 1,560. In the four intermediate schools, in which there are six teachers, there are eighty-four pupils enrolled. Besides the above, there are four colleges and academies, in which are engaged twenty-five teachers, with an enrolment of 402. Thus there has been enrolled in all our schools 2,046 pupils, whose minds are being directed by 117 teachers. Yet notwithstanding this large number of instructors, there is a constant demand for more teachers. We believe that more of our young people should be preparing themselves for this branch of the work. We are certain that they will realize that no time has been wasted in so doing.

The attention of our brethren in

the Healdsburg College district is called to the report, which appears in this issue of the "Recorder," of the special meeting which was held in Healdsburg, March 20. The board of managers needs your cooperation and assistance in making this school what it should be.

The Review

Will contain the full reports of the proceedings of the coming General Conference.

There will be no General Conference "Bulletin" issued this year, but the "Review" will contain the reports usually published in the "Bulletin." The "Review" will be enlarged during the time the conference reports are published, in order to include the reports and other important matter in connection with the conference, in addition to its usual contents.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE "REVIEW" RATES

Twelve months, \$1.50; 8 months, \$1.00; 6 months, 75 cents; 3 months (April 1 to June 30), 50 cents.

Our Annual Offering

More than thirty-three thousand dollars, as a result of the annual offering to missions, have been received at the general office thus far this year. This exceeds the amount ever received during the same period from any previous offering.

We are sure our people who are interested in the work in foreign fields will be glad for this information. The fund is still kept open for a large number who have made pledges, and for those who desire to increase their offering at a later date. All are invited to have a part in this work. May the fund be swelled to fifty thousand dollars, or more, for our needy mission fields. Every gift, whether large or small, is appreciated. Let the prayers of the people go with the offerings, that the Lord may greatly bless the work in these fields.

Mission Board.

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.