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

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The Church

The Hidden Lesson

The works of God are fair for naught
Unless we, in the seeing,
See hidden in the thing the thought
That animates its being.

The outward form is not the whole,
But clearly has been moulded
To image forth the inward soul
Which dimly is unfolded.

The shadow pictured in the lake
By every tree that trembles,
Is cast for more than just the sake
Of that which it resembles.

The dew falls lightly, not alone
Because the meadows need it;
It has an errand of its own,
To human souls that heed it.

The stars are lighted in the skies,
Not merely for their shining;
But, like the light of loving eyes,
Have meaning worth divining.

Whoever, at the coarsest sound,
Still listens for the finest,
Shall hear the noisy world go round
To music the divinest.

Whoever yearns to see aright,
Because his heart is tender,
Will catch a glimpse of heavenly light
In every earthly splendor.

So, since the universe began,
And will be till it's ended;
May soul of nature, soul of man,
And soul of God be blended.
—Selected.

Our Camp-Meetings

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(Selections from the "Testimonies.")

"Those who labor at camp-meetings should frequently engage together in prayer and counsel, that they may labor intelligently. At these meetings there are many

things that demand attention. But the ministers should take time to meet together for prayer and counsel every day. You should know that all things are drawing in even lines.—that you are standing,' as words were spoken to me, 'shoulder to shoulder, marching right ahead, and not drawing off.' When the work is carried on in this way, there is unity of heart, and there will be harmony of action. This will be a wonderful means of bringing the blessing of God upon the people."

"We must draw nigh to God. We must be laborers together with Him, else weakness and mistakes will be seen in all we undertake. If it were left to us to manage the interests of the cause of God in our own way, we would not have reason to expect much; but if self is hid in Christ, all our work will be wrought in God. Let us have faith in God at every step. While we realize our own weakness, let us not be faithless, but believing. If we take God at His word, we shall see of His salvation. The gospel that we present to save perishing souls must be the very gospel that saves our own souls. We must receive the Word of God. We must eat the Word, live the Word; it is the flesh and blood of the Son of God. We must eat His flesh and drink His blood,—receive by faith His spiritual attributes."

"We must receive light and blessing, that we may have something to impart. It is the privilege of every worker first to talk with God in the secret place of prayer, and then to talk with the people as God's

mouthpiece. Men and women who commune with God, who have an abiding faith in Christ, make the very atmosphere holy, because they are co-operating with holy angels. Such witness is needed for this time. We need the melting power of God, the power to draw with Christ."

"If we walk humbly with God, if we will work in the spirit of Christ, none of us will carry heavy burdens. We shall lay them upon the great Burden-bearer. Then we may expect triumphs in the presence of God, in the communion of His love. From the beginning to the end, every camp-meeting may be a love-feast, because God's presence is with His people."

"This is what we need in our camp-meetings—a ministry vivified with the Holy Ghost. There must be less sermonizing, and more tact to educate the people in practical religion. The people must be impressed with the fact that Jesus is salvation to all who believe in Him."

"Everywhere there are hearts crying out for the living God. Discourses unsatisfying to the hungry soul have been given in the churches. In these discourses there is not that divine manifestation which touches the mind and creates a glow in the soul. The hearers can not say, 'Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?' Luke 24:32. Much of the teaching given is powerless to awaken the transgressor or convict souls of sin. The people who come to hear the Word need a plain, straight-

forward presentation of truth. Some who have once tasted of the Word of God have dwelt long in an atmosphere where there is no God, and they long for the divine presence. The very first and most important thing is to melt and subdue the soul by presenting our Lord Jesus Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour. Never should a sermon be preached, or Bible instruction given in any line, without pointing the hearers to 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.'"

"Let the message for this time be presented, not in long, labored discourses, but in short talks right to the point. Do not think when you have gone over a subject once that you can pass right on to other points, and the hearers will retain all that has been presented. There is danger of passing too rapidly from point to point. Give short lessons in plain, simple language, and let them be often repeated."

"Do not immediately follow one discourse with another, but let a period of rest intervene, that the truth may be fastened in the mind, and that opportunity for meditation and prayer may be given for both ministers and people. Thus there will be a growth in religious knowledge and experience."

"Keep the mind concentrated on a few vital points. Do not bring unimportant ideas into your discourses. God would not have you think that you are impressed by His Holy Spirit when you fly from your subject, bringing in foreign matters that have no connection with your text. By wandering from straight lines, and bringing in that which calls the mind off the subject, you lose your bearing, and weaken all that you have previously said. Give your hearers pure wheat, thoroughly winnowed."

"Let such portions of the message be dealt out to them as they may be able to grasp and appropriate. Though it should appear strange and startling, many will recognize with joy that new light is shed on the Word of God; whereas, if new truths were presented in so large a measure that they could not comprehend them, some would go away and never

come again. Some, in their efforts to tell it to others, would misrepresent what they had heard. Some would so wrest the Scriptures as to confuse other minds."

"Those who will study the manner of Christ's teaching, and educate themselves to follow His way, will attract and hold large numbers now, as Christ held the people in His day. At every meeting, Satan will be on the ground, that with his hellish shadow he may obtrude himself between man and God, to intercept every ray of light that might shine on the soul. But when the truth in its practical character is urged upon the people because you love them, souls will be converted because the Holy Spirit of God will impress their hearts."

"We have no time to lose; God calls upon us to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Advance new principles, and crowd in the clear-cut truth. It will be as a sword cutting both ways. But be not too ready to take a controversial attitude. There will be times when we must stand still and see the salvation of God. Let Daniel speak, let The Revelation speak, and tell what is truth."

"The Lord's servants must not only preach the Word from the pulpit, but must come in personal contact with the people. When a discourse is given, precious seed is sown. But if personal effort is not made to cultivate the soil, the seed does not take root. Unless the heart is softened and subdued by the Spirit of God, much of the discourse is lost. Observe those in the congregation who seem to be interested, and speak to them after the service. A few words spoken in private will often do more good than the whole discourse has done. Inquire how the subjects presented appear to the hearers, whether the matter is clear to their minds. By kindness and courtesy show that you have a real interest in them and a care for their souls. Many have been led to think that, as a people, we do not believe in conversion. When we appeal to them to come to Christ, hearts will be softened, and prejudice will be swept away."

"Whenever practicable, every important discourse should be fol-

lowed by a Bible study. Here the points that have been presented can be applied, questions can be asked, and right ideas inculcated. More time should be devoted to patiently educating the people, giving them opportunity to express themselves. It is instruction that men need, line upon line, and precept upon precept."

"In the words we speak to the people, and in the prayers we offer, God desires us to give unmistakable evidence that we have spiritual life. We do not enjoy the fulness of blessing which the Lord has prepared for us, because we do not ask in faith. If we would exercise faith in the Word of the living God, we would have the richest blessings. We dishonor God by our lack of faith; therefore we can not impart life to others by bearing a living, uplifting testimony. We can not give that which we do not possess."

(To be continued.)

Shall I Take My Little One to Church?

This question was asked the writer by an anxious mother not long since; and thinking likely that the question might be upon other minds, we thought it would not be amiss to notice the matter in a brief article. In connection with this question this particular mother stated to us that her little one was uneasy, often was quite fretful, and sometimes cried aloud; and in view of this she wondered if it would not be better to stay at home, and then no one would be disturbed. Now the writer's answer to such questions would be, Don't stay at home; go to church and take the little one or ones along; you need the spiritual help that you may get in the house of God. The church needs you; and the children need also the instruction and discipline they should have to know how to behave in God's house.

After observing these things for years, after talking with mothers, church elders, and ministers upon this question, may the writer be permitted to offer a few suggestions to our mothers who, we know, are many times severely tried and

nearly worn out by restless children, and who sometimes are censured by the people.

1. Bring the children to church, but if the little one is restless and nervous, be careful about sitting too near the front, for in this position the eyes of all the congregation are easily upon you, and here too the little one is more apt to disturb the speaker. Be careful on this point.

2. Should the little one cry aloud and is not soon quieted, possibly it would be better to quietly withdraw from the room for a few moments till you have it quieted. If you are sitting a little distance back in the congregation you can the more easily retire unobserved.

3. Should the child be uneasy and inclined to move about in the seat somewhat; don't think he is disturbing the services. We should not try to keep a child entirely still, this would be cruel, for every child that amounts to anything must move; so do not think that because he moves in the seat this is wrong or is necessarily a disturbance.

4. Sometimes children cry and are restless because they are hungry or thirsty, so in the little satchel which the mother will carry with her, put in something to satisfy this demand. Children need to eat oftener than other people, so provide for their wants during the Sabbath-school and meeting.

5. Nothing suits the average child more than during the service to run about the house, or run in and out of the building, but this should not be tolerated. Set your face, mother and father, as a flint against this course of conduct. No worse lesson could be taught a child than this. Instruct them at home that they must not do it, and insist upon it when they get to church. The child is watching and will naturally go just as far, and take as many liberties, as you will let him; so the responsibility rests with you. Let him move about some in the seat, but never about the house. Should the child insist on doing this, don't let him have his way; let him have what he needs in the line of correction, and the thing will soon become unpopular with him.

6. Instruct the children at home that the church is a sacred, holy place, where they must not run about, make a noise or cry. Tell them it is God's house, and if they go they must be quiet. This instruction will count in time, and you will have the supreme satisfaction, parents, of seeing your children grow up well-behaved in the house of God.

7. Try as parents to set them a good example. Be quiet yourself; be reverent; don't laugh and visit and talk of things you should not. Set an example that your children can follow, and God will bless you and the children He has given to you.

W. B. W.

The Field

From France

If neglecting to speak to my friends through the columns of the "Recorder" is to forget them, then surely I have forgotten my brethren and sisters in the California Conference, for I believe this is the first I have written for the "Recorder."

We left your midst five years ago this spring, for New Brunswick, to visit Mrs. Dexter's parents. Being on the Maine and New Brunswick line, I secured employment in the Maine Conference, where I continued four years. The people of Maine are more difficult to reach with the message than those of California. However, we can count a few souls in the old "Pine Tree" State who are rejoicing in the truth through our humble instrumentality. The long, cold winters drove us to Louisiana, where we labored only one year; during which time the Lord gave us twenty-one souls for our labor of love. These we had the privilege of baptizing shortly before leaving the state.

My knowledge of the French made me a target for call to service in France—poor Catholic, infidel France. We shall not be able to do regular field work for several months, for while, as a boy, I mingled with the French, and was

schooled for eight years among them at Tahiti; yet for the past twenty years I have not worked my French. Much hard study, therefore, will be required before I shall be able to intelligently present the message to the people. We have been settled in southern France three months; and with the Lord's help I am giving four and five Bible studies each week to small gatherings of French people. By summer I hope to connect with a tent effort to publicly proclaim this precious message. My dear friends in California will be sorry, however, to learn that while there are six laborers in France—men sufficient to man three tents—there is but one tent. When the situation was spoken of, I was impressed that it would be a good thing to appeal to my friends in California for funds to help purchase a tent.

In the California Conference, for every 35,714 souls who have not heard the truth, there is one worker, with 109 church-members to stand with him as moral and material supporters. Each worker in France has as his share of this great field 6,000,000 souls. This would be equal to giving the California Conference a little more than one-fifth of one laborer. Think of it! Or one-half of one laborer for the entire Pacific Union Conference. The people of nearly every city, town, and village in California have had an opportunity to hear and accept the truth. Here in poor France are hundreds, yes thousands, of cities and towns that have not so much as heard the faintest sound of this glorious truth. I am impelled by this situation to appeal to my dear friends in the churches of the California Conference to help us here in France. Will not the reader of these lines decide now to make a gift to the French tent fund? We want only two hundred dollars for one new tent for field gospel work in France. Send gifts to Elder W. A. Spicer, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C., stating purpose of gift.

H. H. Dexter.

Rue du Pin 3 Mazamet,
Tarn, France.

Decatur, Ga.

It has been sometime since I reported. It is not, however, for lack of interest in the work that I have not written, but changes have placed such burdens upon me that there has seemed to be no time to devote to writing.

My work in Elberton resulted in leading one man, who has been a hard drinker, to declare himself free from the drink habit. He has been one of the most blasphemous infidels I ever met. He now gives evidence of his belief in the Bible and in the God of the Bible.

About the first of February, I learned that the California Conference would be unable to contribute towards my support, as they had done the last two years. The Georgia Conference also being unable to support me as a conference laborer, I commenced self-supporting work. I came here to my home, and have rented nearly six acres of land, besides my own little piece of ground. I shall plant mostly corn and potatoes.

On the Sabbath I have been preaching to the Atlanta church, and on Sundays I make missionary calls, and have been teaching a Bible class in a Baptist Sunday-school.

H. F. Courter.

April 2.

ARIZONA
Our Annual Conference

The third annual conference of Seventh-day Adventists of Arizona was held at Phoenix April 4-9, 1905.

What seemed a most favorable happening was the good weather, which changed to heavy raining after the meetings were closed.

The attendance was smaller than was expected a few weeks before the meetings began, but a spirit of courage was seen throughout.

We were favored with the presence of the president and secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, and some intensely practical Bible studies were given and appreciated by all.

Financially the conference has made advancement during the year, the amount of tithe being \$1,705.65,

or about \$300 more than for the previous year.

The Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, of which the active institution is the Arizona Sanitarium, has been enjoying a measure of prosperity, and is gradually reducing its indebtedness. Plans are now being laid for a broadening of this line of work.

The officers chosen were: President, C. E. Knight; secretary, Mrs. M. T. Poston; treasurer, Arizona Sanitarium.

Executive Committee: C. E. Knight, J. E. Bond, M. Serna, H. A. Dow, and a member to be supplied.

Medical Missionary Board: C. E. Knight, E. C. Bond, A. J. Netherington, M. T. Poston, Ellen Johnson, H. A. Dow, Eugene Brown.

Trustees of Arizona Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists: C. E. Knight, E. C. Bond, Eugene A. Brown, M. Serna, H. A. Dow.

Credentials were granted to C. E. Knight, J. E. Bond, M. Serna. Ministerial License: Walter G. Bond, B. F. Gowdy, Mrs. J. E. Bond.

Missionary License: Dr. E. C. Bond, Alejandro De Ybarra, M. T. Poston, Augusta De Angeles.

The resolutions adopted are as follows:—

Whereas, We, as a conference, and as individuals, have received many tokens of God's favor the past year in our labors to disseminate the present truth among the people; therefore,

1. Resolved, That for all these blessings and mercies we return our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father.

Whereas, God has spoken plainly with reference to the importance of the church-school work; and,

Whereas, The majority of our churches have not a membership capable of fully supporting a church school; therefore,

2. We recommend that a fund be created to assist in the maintenance of the church-school work,

(a) By the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

(b) By the payment of a second tithe.

(c) By pledges and donations to be secured by our conference work-

ers and church elders, and in whatever other ways the Lord may direct.

Whereas, The number of ministers in the conference during the past year has been less than at any other time since its organization, thus diminishing its effectiveness quite perceptibly; and,

Whereas, The means at our command are insufficient to give assurance of support to any additional laborers; therefore,

3. We recommend that this conference request the Southern California and Pacific Union conferences to encourage a minister to connect with this conference, under their support.

Whereas, The work in foreign fields is languishing because of a lack of funds—millions, even hundreds of millions, yet in darkness, with so few to tell them of a soon-coming Saviour; and,

Whereas, The General Conference Committee has frequently urged the giving regularly of ten cents a week, and more if possible, by each individual, to advance this work; therefore,

4. We recommend that the incoming committee be advised to urge every family in this conference to faithfully adopt this plan.

Whereas, We have in our conference a large element of those who speak the Spanish tongue, a people long held in the bonds of papal superstition, who never yet have heard of the truths of the Third Angel's Message, and who need the most persistent and patient labor; therefore,

5. We recommend that the coming year earnest efforts be made to build up our Spanish churches, establish schools among them for the education of their children, and, as far as our finances and force of laborers will permit, carry the work out into new fields that have never yet heard the message.

In view of the fact that there are many places as yet untouched within the limits of this conference, and it being our duty to get this message before the people as soon as possible; therefore,

6. We recommend that, as far as it is consistent with the work al-

ready started; the evangelical laborers endeavor to spend their time carrying the truth to these unentered fields.

Whereas, It has been observed in many experiences of our workers that a large number have accepted the truth through reading our books, and that those of this class usually become well instructed and grounded; and,

Whereas, The work of selling our books has practically ceased in this conference, except as individuals enter it for a brief time, at widely separated intervals; therefore,

7. Resolved, That we, and especially the conference laborers, frequently remind our people of the good accomplished by this means, and encourage them to seek and improve such opportunities for doing lasting and efficient service.

In order that all the brethren in our conference shall keep in touch with the advance of the message, both at home and abroad; and that they may avail themselves of instruction which is extremely essential for this time; therefore,

8. We recommend that both laymen and conference workers make decided efforts to place the "Review and Herald" and the "Pacific Union Recorder" in the homes of the English-speaking people, and "El Mensajero" in the homes of Spanish-speaking people in this conference.

Whereas, The Lord has given to the medical work in the conference a good measure of prosperity the past year, both financial and otherwise, and in view of the fact that we, as a people, regard this line of work as an important factor in the promulgation of the Third Angel's Message; therefore,

9. We recommend—

(a) That the Arizona Sanitarium shall continue its work;

(b) That the incoming board of managers carefully study the question of providing for tubercular cases, as far as possible, in inexpensive quarters outside of the building;

(c) That careful thought be given by the officers of the conference and medical board to the matter of a permanent establishment

of the institution, out from the city, with the view of caring for more of those who are afflicted with lung difficulty, under conditions more favorable to their health than can be given in a building located in town;

(d) That the incoming board be instructed to give care and diligence toward improving the facilities and service, as far as the resources will permit, and that economy should be urged in every department as far as consistent with the safety of the institution;

(e) That this conference arrange, if possible, to open up the medical work in Prescott the coming summer.

C. E. Knight, president,
Mrs. M. T. Poston, secretary.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Wilcox

In a letter from Elder H. J. Schnepfer, of Wilcox, Washington, April 12, we take the following items:—

"In regard to our work here, would like to say that we are prospering; I think that you can see it by the tithe that you have handled. We have also raised for the poor sufferers in south Russia over one hundred dollars. Some of our people there are in a desperate condition. May that war soon close. More interest was manifested in our quarterly meeting than at any time before. Three were received into the church, and with every new member our responsibility increases. Last Sabbath I was at Farmington, and the Lord blessed us, and the brethren and sisters desire to be more faithful. Two who had been out for a term of years united again with the church. The church there now numbers fourteen. I also met with the English brethren, and, by request, held an English meeting, Sunday, at 3 P. M. The church was packed and a good interest was manifested. Some one ought to make regular visits there.

"My school is not out. The interest in the school is good. The Lord has blessed us greatly, but our greatest trouble is to get the right kind of text-books.

"All over, preparations are being made to attend the camp-meeting at Moscow. Elder Shultz wrote me that he expects to be there."

Boise

Our quarterly meeting occasion with the Boise church was a blessed one. Our hearts were revived and strengthened to walk more perfectly in the light which the Lord is so graciously shedding upon His people. There were a few exceptions to this, for at our business meeting several names were dropped for apostasy, but others are stepping in and filling up the ranks.

I have also held quarterly meeting with the Meridian church, and found them of good courage. One sister from the Baptist Church united with us.

About eight souls are now awaiting baptism at these two churches.

Some very influential people are now observing the Sabbath whom we hope will unite with us soon.

We are of the best of courage in the Lord.

W. W. Steward.

WESTERN OREGON

Portland

On our way from Roseburg to Portland, we visited several churches to say farewell to our dear brethren. We stopped first in Yoncolla, and had a very blessed visit with a brother and sister there. When we arrived in Cottage Grove, we were met by a brother, and taken to Silk Creek. There we visited the brethren, and had a very profitable meeting in the church. They felt very happy that we were going to China, as they knew that help is needed in that large field. We shall never forget the expression on their dear faces as we started to drive towards the depot and bade them good-by. We expect to meet these dear souls in the glorious kingdom, where all tears shall be wiped away and no "farewells" shall be said.

Our train arrived in Woodburn early in the morning, and we were taken at once to the home of Sister

Sarah Hansen, of Monitor. As we met her father, the first thing he said was: "I am so glad you are going to China; I wept for joy when I heard it; I have been praying for a long time that some family would go to help the missionaries in Honan. I am so glad that God has heard our prayers, and sent you to that needy field." All the dear brethren in Monitor felt that we were in the line of duty, and it was hard to say good-by. Still they felt happy that we were going, and showed that their hearts were in the mission field by their willingness to give to that work both now and in the future. We had two very blessed meetings in the church. On Sabbath morning I spoke half an hour in the Scandinavian and half an hour in the American language. In the evening our farewell meeting lasted until 11:00 o'clock. Five o'clock the next morning we took the train for Portland. Arriving at the Portland Sanitarium, we were very cordially received by Dr. Simmons and other friends. Our stay here has indeed been very profitable, and proved a great blessing to us.

On the following Sabbath we had the pleasure of meeting the Scandinavian brethren at the home of Brother and Sister Biberg. It was indeed a source of joy to hear their testimonies about God's goodness and love to them. On the next Sabbath we organized a Sabbath-school, with eighteen members, which number has later increased to twenty-two. Most of these brethren do not understand the English language, and hence have not attended meetings for the last two years. They appreciate these meetings very much, and the Spirit of the Lord comes very near to them. Last Sabbath a Scandinavian church was organized, with thirteen members. This step was taken for the following reasons:—

1. That the brethren may come together regularly for their own edification.

2. That in doing missionary work they may be enabled to invite others to a place of worship.

3. That they may have a treasurer to whom they can pay in their tithes regularly and systematically.

Our prayer is that God's blessing may in a rich measure rest upon these brethren. May they in the name of the Lord each week do something for the salvation of souls. Yea, may we all be faithful, so that when the Lord calls us from the four corners of earth, we may come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us, and meet the Lord in the air, and then forever be with Him. John J. Westrup.

Portland Sanitarium,
Mount Tabor, Ore.

Conference and Camp-Meeting

The third annual meeting of the Western Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting which is to be held in Portland, Ore., June 8-18, 1905, at which time officers for the ensuing conference year will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting. The meeting will convene at nine o'clock A. M., Friday, June 9.

F. M. Burg, pres.
W. C. Raley, secy.

Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists' Annual Meeting

The second annual meeting of the Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in connection with the annual session of the Western Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at nine o'clock A. M., Friday, June 9, 1905, in the city of Portland, Ore. The meeting is called according to the provisions of the articles of incorporation for the purpose of electing a board of five trustees for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

F. M. Burg, pres.
W. C. Raley, sec.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Shelton and Elma

The time from March 29 to April 1 we spent with the church at Shelton, holding quarterly meeting Sunday, and baptizing three persons in the beautiful mountain stream that flows through the town.

A small company stood by to witness the fulfilment of the Lord's command. Matt. 28:19. Two of the candidates had formerly received baptism but desired to be baptized into the faith which they now hold. See Acts 19:1-5.

According to the light that God has given us, all should be baptized into the present truth, whether they have ever been baptized into other churches or not. See "Life of Paul," by Sister White.

The Shelton church was almost disbanded because of removals, but this spring three families of Sabbath keepers have moved in, so now a good company meets in the little church every week.

A church school of about sixteen members began the first Monday in April. Brother Coffin, who has located at this place, has charge of this school, and all are of good courage.

I then came to Elma and commenced meetings. I have now been here ten days. The attendance is small, but some are interested. The Christian minister has attended several times and several of his congregation have attended regularly.

Five have decided to keep the Sabbath. Four of these are members of the Christian Church, and some others are greatly agitated but not decided. The Christian minister has appointed a meeting at the home of one of these families to show them that the ten commandments are not binding. This meeting has been quietly appointed, evidently to prevent the interested ones from obeying. The lady of the house invited me to be present, and I think I shall go, as my presence may prevent many false statements from finding utterance.

I will report again later.

W. C. F. Ward.

April 19, 1905.

As whole acres of Persian roses are required to make a single ounce of pure attar, so the soul's balm is the slow product of a long course of right living and thinking, every separate act and thought of which contributes its own minute but precious particle of sweetness to the rich result.—Selected.

Statistical Report of the Pacific Union Conference for the Year Ending December 31, 1904

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Organized	Area in Square Miles	Population	Number of Churches	Membership	Number of Companies	Membership	Number of Isolated Sabbath Keepers	Total Sabbath Keepers	Tithe per Capita	Number of Sabbath Schools	Membership	Number of Church Buildings	Total Ministers Given Credentials	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries or Bible Workers	Canvassers	Total Laborers	Total Laborers on Conference Pay-Roll	Total Tithe Receipts
Pacific Union	1901													2	3			5	7	\$ 223 35
California-Nevada	1873	220,666	1,230,716	56	2632	11	168	400	3200	\$13 30	102	3133	36	27	4	8	17	56	41	42,554 92
Western Washington	1902	28,600	335,584	31	1114	15			1114	10 22	47	1147	20	7	1	7	8	23	13	11,391 89
Upper Columbia	1880	185,410	431,435	42	1400	3	45	30	1475	10 92	53	1415	17	11	7	9	9	36	16	16,097 97
British Columbia	1902	383,300	210,000	10	134	2	8	5	147	12 54	15	150	4	3		5		8	6	1,843 27
Montana	1898	146,080	243,329	13	450	4		25	475	9 04	29	512	6	3	3	4	1	17	7	4,293 79
Utah	1902	89,970	276,749	4	149				149	9 91	5	158	2	4		1		5	5	1,476 82
Western Oregon (re-organized)	1902	37,693	367,450	39	1384				1384	9 82	52	1410	21	16	4	10	6	36	29	13,595 74
Arizona	1902	113,020	158,486	5	135	2	25	45	205	7 82	8	127	1	3	3	2		8	8	1,604 48
Southern California	1901	46,074	393,000	20	1522	5	37	7	1566	10 61	27	1355	19	11	5	5	4	25	20	16,615 95
Alaska Mission		599,884	63,592			2	9	10	19	3 69	2	20		1				1	1	70 15
Hawaiian Mission		6,449	154,001	1	20				20	18 77	1	20		1	1			2	3	566 90
Totals	1904	1,842,986	3,774,342	221	8940	44	292	522	9754	\$11 31	341	9447	126	89	28	54	45	227	156	\$110,275 33
Totals	1903	1,841,393	3,736,393	218	9207	38	265	644	10,166	11 78	310	8780	118	92	25	65	44	226	182	119,904 82

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NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Amount of Tithe Appropriated to Fields Outside of Conference	Annual Offerings to Foreign Missions	Weekly Offerings to Foreign Missions	Miscellaneous Offerings to Foreign Missions	Total Sabbath-School Offerings	Sabbath-School Offerings to Foreign Missions	Retail Value of Book Sales	Number of Church Schools	Number of Teachers	Total Enrollment	Number of Intermediate Schools	Number of Teachers	Total Enrollment	Number of Colleges and Academies	Number of Teachers	Total Enrollment	Grand Total
Pacific Union																	
California-Nevada	\$17,131 55	\$1601 01	\$1568 53	\$1513 82	\$4106 31	\$2033 19	\$14,079 35	17	22	624				1	6	125	749
Western Washington	3470 41	1152 82	859 04	79 36	583 02	390 85	2000 00	12	15	193	1	3	33				226
Upper Columbia	4650 41	2448 27	1059 13	1243 23	1788 74	1073 83	8000 00	14	14	227				1	11	134	361
British Columbia		126 65			103 98	63 98	600 00	1	1	30							30
Montana	429 38	313 61	395 29	63 04	496 88	496 88	1126 30	3	3	32	1	1	22				54
Utah	147 76	99 15	56 84	25 71	132 31	110 43	50 00	3	3	31							31
Western Oregon (re-organized)	2364 88	1326 31	286 71	701 47	1539 59	976 69	3000 00	11	11	152	2	2	29				181
Arizona		162 67	7 20	48 53	100 76	100 76											
Southern California	1473 65	1111 07	403 17	509 59	623 89	623 89	4101 47	11	15	271				1	6	93	364
Alaska Mission		5 00		7 50	56 65		19 25										
Hawaiian Mission		30 00	54 47	66 90	36 01	36 01								1	2	50	50
Totals	1904	\$29,668 04	\$8376 56	\$4690 38	\$4339 15	\$9568 14	\$32,976 37	72	84	1560	4	6	84	4	25	402	2046
Totals	1903	25,062 46	6964 29	2184 21	7286 89	7075 85	25,017 10	76		1493							

“What are you worth to-day? Not in money, but in brains, heart, purpose, character? Tell yourself the truth about yourself.”

“The man who is evil at heart sheds no tears over the wrong he has done. If Peter had been a hypocrite, he would not have wept.”

“The highest duties of life are found lying upon the lowest ground, in hidden and unnoticed ways, in household works, on common days.”

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Congress of March 3, 1899.

Elder Marcial Serna again sends the cheering news of two more baptisms among the Spanish-speaking people in Arizona. He writes: "The Lord heard my prayer for these souls; they are the father and mother of eight children, among whom I have labored for more than two years."

The statistics of the Pacific Union Conference, for the year 1904, are presented in this issue of our paper. In order that a comparison of the totals may be made, we have given those for the year 1903, as far as we have them. Some features of this report may be of interest to our readers. During the past year our people have paid into their various conference treasuries \$110,275.33. Instead of using all of this for their own local work, they have turned over for the use of the Union and General conferences, to be expended outside of their own home field, \$29,668.04. In addition to this, we notice quite an increase in the offerings which have been given for the general work. During the past year this amounts to \$23,332.60, and is made up of the annual, weekly, miscellaneous, and Sabbath-school offerings given to missions. The needs of our foreign work are constantly growing, and it is encouraging to see the offerings for this work increasing also. But is our interest strong enough? Let us see. The average tithe paid, per capita, for the entire Union Conference, is \$11.31, while

the per capita offerings is but \$2.39. This amount seems rather small when compared to the great amount of work yet to be done to carry the message to the millions that are still in darkness. This sum is less than five cents a week per capita. If all had faithfully put in ten cents a week, how much more could have been accomplished during the year, and yet how many would notice the small amount required by each one to make up this sum? May the Lord enlarge our hearts to a fuller understanding of the needs of His cause.

The proceedings of the General Conference, which will assemble in Washington, D. C., May 11 to 30, will be published in the regular edition of the "Review and Herald." We hope all our people will plan to become regular readers of this paper immediately, in order to get the reports of this important gathering. The subscription price is \$1.50 a year, or 75 cents for six months. Place your orders with your church librarian or state tract society.

The Southern California Conference held its regular spring meeting at Fernando, April 11-16, with quite a general representation of delegates from the churches within its borders. Interesting reports were given of the evangelical, medical, and educational departments of the work. During the past nine months, about two hundred have accepted the truth as a result of the ministerial labors bestowed. The tithe for this period has been \$13,045.79, and the offerings for all local branches of the general work outside of the conference amount to \$2,948.11. The conference has voted to pay the salary of one of its laborers in a foreign field until the field becomes self-supporting, or the laborer is withdrawn. This step on the part of the conference we are sure will increase the interest of all the members in the conference in our general foreign missionary work. In the educational work an active interest is being taken by the churches in keeping up their church schools. At Fernando College, an excellent interest has been maintained all the year. The enrolment

has been eighty-three, besides about forty-five pupils that are attending the church school.

At the conference held last fall, in Los Angeles, it was voted to purchase property at Glendale for sanitarium purposes. Steps were taken immediately thereafter to properly equip and furnish the building for the reception of guests. The formal opening took place January 9, and since that time the income has exceeded the expenses by \$1,000, and the accommodations have not been sufficient to meet all the requests that have been made for admission to the institution.

Elder Geo. W. Reaser was chosen president of the conference, and S. S. Merrill secretary and treasurer. The educational and medical interests will be directed by boards that were chosen by the delegates assembled.

The laborers from abroad that attended this meeting are Elders W. B. White, M. E. Cady, and W. C. White. A full report of the proceedings of this conference will be published soon.

Before leaving Raratonga, Brother G. F. Jones sent fifty copies of "Christ Our Saviour" by a trading-vessel to Manikiki and other islands, and every one was sold. There are a few people on these islands who say they will not submit to the new law of the Cook Island government to give up the Sabbath for Sunday keeping, in spite of the earnest entreaties of the missionary societies. They say, "If they change the Sabbath, they forsake the Bible." Thus the isles are waiting for His law.

The devotion of our workers in the field is surely an inspiration to every Seventh-day Adventist to answer their appeals, until we feel that it means to lay all at His feet in service.

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.