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"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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The Church

He Leadeth Me

In "pastures green"? Not always;
sometimes He

Who knoweth best in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways where heavy shadows be;
So whether on the hilltops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys, where
the shadows lie,

What matter? He is there.

—H. H. Barry.

Sketches of the Past—No. 1

As stated by one young person not long since, when making a public profession of religion, "I can not remember when I did not want to be a Christian," so can the writer affirm. For this there is a very reasonable explanation. My childhood life was in families of devoted Christians, not simply those who held religion as a form, but who taught it to their children and others. My own father and my grandfather were both "local preachers" in the Methodist Episcopal Church. While they sustained themselves and their families by their mechanical labors—being carpenters and cabinet-makers—through their personal efforts they raised up a church, and also erected a church building in my native village, which was Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y.

Family worship with Scripture-reading both morning and evening was conducted by them as faithfully as the partaking of their regular meals. Though my father had many hands in his employ, those who boarded in his family were expected to respect this period of worship by their presence, and to honor it by kneeling in time of prayer. The effect of this upon the children will appear in one occurrence: A new hand had come to board

in the family who had either not learned the rule or else he proposed to object to it. Instead of kneeling in time of prayer he sat upright in his chair. A brother of mine, some three years old, arose from his knees, walked up to the man, and said sternly to him, "*You pray down or I'll knock you down.*"

We lived only a few rods from the meeting-house, and the children were early taken to the meetings, and taught that the place of the meeting was sacred, and they must treat it accordingly. As time went on our home was a place of many callers—church-officers, ministers, and inquirers. Thus the main themes of conversation heard by the children were religious matters and the service of the Lord. When winter came on all of the children could not go to the meeting on Sunday. Those of us who remained home had, childlike, a meeting of our own, with singing, prayer and preaching. The writer, not more than three years old, took the position of preacher, none of the other children objecting, or even aspiring to that position.

I learned something in after years which, in a measure, explained my childish aspirations for the pulpit, as also why my parents never manifested a displeasure concerning our child's "play meetings." I was born Jan. 26, 1832. My mother was much afflicted following this, and fears were expressed, even by her herself, that she would not live. She said that when I was about three weeks old she gave me to the Lord as really as Hannah did Samuel, and expected I would be a minister of the gospel. I never learned of this, however, until I had been preaching more than forty years. It undoubtedly had a bearing in their regard for childish tendencies. As I grew

in years it seems that both my father and mother entertained the idea that I would be a minister, as will appear from another circumstance.

When, in the year 1849, I had decided to preach, I told a Christian man who had been a great friend of my father of my decision. He said, "I have been watching you for years, and have expected that you would yet be a minister of the gospel." Then he related to me a circumstance, which I had not known before, in these words: "When you were nearly two years' old, I was one day visiting at your father's home and you were creeping around on the floor. Your father was telling me what he hoped to make of different ones of his children. One was to be a good mechanic, another a teacher. He had not mentioned you. I said to him, 'Nathan, what is that little fellow going to be?' In a most solemn manner he replied, 'Brother Boughton, that little fellow is going to help sound the gospel trumpet.' Now I'm glad you are going out to preach, and I will aid you with money." And so he did, giving me the first money I ever received for ministerial labors.

Learning in later years of these things connected with my childhood, explains somewhat my childish impressions, as well as the particular anxiety of my relatives concerning my studies and their plans for me to attend a Methodist college. Great must have been their disappointment when I united with the Adventists, and began to preach that doctrine. My mother at last rejoiced in it, however, when, in the latter years of her own life, she united with the Seventh-day Adventists.

J. N. Loughborough.

Home Building

A series of very interesting and instructive articles will appear in the *Signs of the Times*, beginning November 13, under the heading of "Home Building." These articles are from the pen of Mrs. L. D. A. Stuttle, and will be of special interest to every member of the family. Here are the titles:

1. Home—What It Means.
2. Honorable Young Manhood.
3. Beautiful Young Womanhood.
4. Acquaintance, Friendship, Proprieties.
5. Honorable and Proper Courtship.
6. Marriage and Its Meaning.
7. The Husband in the Home.
8. The Wife in the Home.
9. The Family Altar.
10. The Father.
11. The Mother.
12. The Son.
13. The Daughter.
14. Reading in the Home.
15. Order in the Home.
16. Simplicity in the Home.
17. Economy in the Home.
18. Mutual Helpfulness.
19. Gatherings in the Home—Associations.
20. The Master in the Home.
21. The Outshining of the Home.

Besides this list of helpful articles, there will be another series entitled, "Observations on Home Life," by Mrs. E. H. Adams, an author of several excellent books and a lady of many years' experience.

There will also be talks to the youth, talks on health and temperance, interesting information, and occasional helpful stories and sketches. The Home Department alone will be worth the price of the paper for a year.

A "Bible-Readers' Band" will be started, and it is hoped that many thousand subscribers to the *Signs* will join this band and will read the Bible through in one or two years. A brief outline of each book in the Bible, by whom and when written, and other important data will be given, together with suggestions as to how to take up the study in order to make it the most interesting and profitable.

Remember that the special series of the *Signs* in which the above-named articles will appear begins with the great Missions Number, October 30, and will include the Bible-Reading Series of the twenty-five special numbers.

Subscription Price

BIBLE-READING SERIES—25 NUMBERS	
Twenty-five numbers (six months) including the Missions Double Number, to one address	\$.75
Five or more to one address, for six months, each50
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Address your tract society, or <i>Signs of the Times</i> , Mountain View, Cal.	

The Field CALIFORNIA

Atwater and Le Grande

We closed our meetings at Atwater last week, having continued there about five weeks with a very good interest. At least a half-dozen good souls promised to walk in the light of present truth, and keep all God's commandments. We received in donations while there about thirty dollars, and loaned and gave away many tracts of Christian literature which we hope will still bear fruit to the glory of God.

We pitched tent at Le Grande this week, and began meetings last evening (Wednesday) with quite a good attendance. Brother Taphouse is visiting at this place. We are of good cheer in the Lord.

October 10.

C. M. Gardner,
A. J. Stevens.

Merced

The brethren and sisters of Merced have their church building nicely fitted up and are holding regular weekly services in it. At a business meeting held recently, the costs were considered and bills of expense read, which amounted to \$245. Then a paper was passed around for each one to sign the amount they felt they ought to give toward it. And when all had signed or promised the amount they would give, it summed up exactly \$245.

The meeting closed with all feeling happy that God was with them indeed. Sister Laura Morrison is still following up the interest in Merced.

C. M. Gardner.

Tithe Receipts of the California Conference for Month of Sep- tember, 1907

Alameda, \$142.96; Bakersfield, \$5.75; Burrough, \$31.50; Chico, \$230.31; Eureka, \$111.93; Ferndale, \$81.60; Hanford, \$176.72; Healdsburg, \$287.40; Los Gatos, \$5.57; Lockwood, \$262.05; Modesto, \$69.55; Morgan Hill, \$441; Mountain View, \$410.33; Monterey, \$24.10; Qakdale, \$54.43; Oakland (colored), \$2.56; Placerville, \$12; Reno, \$14.60; San Francisco, \$229.15; San Jose, \$280.07; Santa Cruz, \$85.80; Selma, 75c; Soquel, \$5.31; Turlock, \$174.15; Vacaville, \$6.60; Watsonville, \$15.80; Woodland, \$34.25; Mrs. Dora Brorsen, \$450; Mrs. F. Romant, \$22.30; Jones & Doty, \$51.15; Mrs. C. E. Knapp, \$6.00; H. F. Crane, \$1.50; S. H. Bretz, \$20; Netta King, \$4.00; H. C. Keeley, \$9.00; Total, \$3,760.19.

E. A. Chapman, *Treasurer*.

Missionary Work CALIFORNIA

Workers to Work

The following is part of a copy of the letter sent to church-officers, containing a schedule of California Conference church appointments for efforts in behalf of the Special *Signs* campaign. All members should be present at the meetings, prepared to do what they can in the work.

Elder H. C. Basney to meet with companies at Hughson, Laton, and Turlock.

Elders J. H. Behrens, W. C. White, Brethren B. M. Shull, and J. R. Ferren to meet with Calistoga, Napa, Sanitarium, and St. Helena; Brethren B. M. Shull and J. R. Ferren to assist at Napa, October 19.

Elder Andrew Brorsen and Brother C. E. Oleott to meet with Vallejo, October 19, and Berkeley, October 26.

Elder M. H. Brown and Brother C. A. Smith to meet with Morgan Hill, October 19; Santa Cruz, October 26; Soquel and Monterey (?) to be visited as Elder M. H. Brown may direct.

Prof. I. C. Colecord to meet with Ukiah church, October 19 or 26.

Elder J. O. Corliss and Brother Max Hill to meet with Woodland church Sabbath forenoon, October 26, and with Sacramento church the same day (October 26) at four o'clock in the afternoon. Their train arrives Sacramento depot at 3:55 P. M. Elder Corliss says for church leaders to begin meeting, as he may be delayed a few minutes.

Elders D. T. Fero, Milton C. Wilcox, and Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau to meet with the Fresno church Sabbath, October 26, and with Selma church Sunday, October 27, Elder Fero to make arrangements.

Elder C. M. Gardner to meet with Modesto church, October 19 or 26.

Elders E. J. Hibbard, C. L. Taylor, Brethren E. E. Parlin, W. H. Covell, F. H. Gage, and A. J. S. Bourdeau to meet with the San Francisco church, Sabbath, October 19.

Elders B. L. Howe and J. W. Bagby to meet with the Armona, Hanford, and Lemoore churches.

Elder M. C. Israel to meet with Oakdale and Sonora.

Elder C. N. Martin to meet with Chico, Red Bluff, and Redding.

Brother C. N. Miller to meet with Bakersfield.

Brethren J. A. Stevens and C. H. Moler to meet with Placerville.

Elder Isaac Morrison to meet with Grass Valley church.

Elder A. J. Osborne and Brother W. L. Sims to arrange for meetings at Alton, Arcata, Eureka, Ferndale, McKinleyville, Pepperwood, etc.

Elders J. D. Rice, A. O. Tait, Brethren J. R. Ferren, and F. H. Gage to meet with Alameda church, Sabbath afternoon, October 26, at 3:00 o'clock; A. O. Tait, J. R. Ferren, and F. H. Gage meeting with Oakland in the forenoon.

Profs. L. A. Reed and E. D. Sharpe to provide for meetings at Healdsburg, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol, Elder M. C. Wilcox and Brother C. H. Jones meeting with Healdsburg church, Sabbath, October 19.

Elder H. Schultz, Brethren H. G. Childs, C. N. Lake, and T. F. Culhane to meet with Lodi and Stockton, October 19 or 26, as Elder Schultz may direct.

Elder A. O. Tait to meet with San Jose and Los Gatos.

Brother James Taphouse to meet with Le Grande and Mt. Bullion.

Elders G. A. Snyder, A. O. Tait, and Brethren J. R. Ferren and F. H. Gage to meet with Oakland church, Sabbath, October 26, A. O. Tait, J. R. Ferren, and F. H. Gage joining with Elder J. D. Rice in afternoon meeting to be held in Alameda the same day. See above.

Elder J. S. Wightman and Brother B. E. Beddoe to meet with Fallon, Reno, and St. Clair churches.

Brother C. H. Holmes to meet with the Wallace District church (Kerman, Cal.), October 19 or 26.

Report for Week Ending Oct. 4, 1907

“Heralds of the Morning”

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Bessie Hart	34	22	\$ 46.00
Selah Jeffers *	30	80	160.00
Selah Jeffers **	8	29	58.00
			<u>\$264.00</u>

* Week ending September 20.

** Week ending September 6.

Total Sales for Week Ending Oct. 4, 1907

By the “King’s Messengers”	..\$264.00
By the home agents	..... 420.09
	<u>\$684.09</u>

“Do good with that thou hast, or the good thou hast will do thee no good, but harm.”

Of Importance—“The Worker”

The “Test Questions” for the use of intermediate and primary teachers will be given in the December *Sabbath-School Worker*, and thereafter once a quarter. These are to form the basis for written examinations. Teachers not taking the *Worker* will thus deprive the children they teach of the drill other children are getting. Let every friend of the children encourage every teacher to use the help offered in the *Worker*. The *Worker* in every English-speaking school is an ideal possible to reach.

General Conference Sabbath-School Department.

Woman to Work

WANTED.—A Seventh-day Adventist woman to do housework. Good home and wages to the right party. Address, O. O. Osborne, Lodi, Cal.

“The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.”

Report of Home Agents for Week Ending Oct. 4, 1907
Miscellaneous Books and Papers

Agent	Hours' Work	Books Sold	Value Books	Papers Sold	Value Papers	Total Sales
B. Julius	25	55	\$ 51.00	3	\$.15	\$51.15
Mrs. C. A. Knight ¹	22	3	3.25	38	1.90	5.15
Mrs. Myrtle Cushman ²	38			816	41.05	41.05
Mrs. A. E. Moore	16	12	12.75			14.60
Mrs. Phebe Press ¹	13			154	9.90	9.90
Mrs. C. A. Knight ²	13	3	3.75	8	.40	4.15
J. P. Novak ¹	16	9	12.75	40	2.00	12.75
Mrs. C. R. King ³	4	8	8.00			8.00
J. R. Ferren	¼			8	.40	.40
R. H. Blackwood ³		28	33.00			33.00
Chas. W. Peter ³		33	21.25			23.70
Oakland Branch ⁶		60	87.70		86.64	174.34
Woodland Church ⁷				57	4.25	4.25
Campbell Book Tent ⁵		32	18.40			18.40
Mabel Wheeler ⁴				10	.50	.50
A. H. Peterson ⁴		5	3.50			3.50
Mrs. F. W. McCord ⁴		5	10.00			10.00
J. N. Newlon ⁴				6	5.25	5.25
James Harvey ²						
			253			\$263.35
				1,237	\$156.74	\$420.09

¹ Week ending September 27; 40 papers given away.

² April.

³ Nine months, January to October.

⁴ Two weeks.

⁵ 23 periodicals given away.

⁶ Not previously reported.

⁷ July, August, and September.

⁸ Three months.

⁹ Periodicals distributed, 665; pages of tracts, 3,864.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1907.

The dedicatory service of the new hospital building at Sanitarium, near St. Helena, is to be held next Sabbath, October 19.

Elder H. W. Cottrell returned Sunday from the Utah Conference session just closed in Salt Lake City. He reports a good meeting.

Do not fail to read Prof. I. C. Colcord's article on the use of "The Teachers' Manual," and then act upon the suggestions.

One mail recently brought orders to the office of the Pacific Press for between eight and ten tons of books. This is the largest order that has been received for years. It means forty large cases.

The retail price of *Liberty* has been increased from 5 to 10 cents a copy, and the price to agents from 2½ to 4 cents. The magazine has been increased in size to 48 pages, and will be made a better paper throughout.

In this issue we begin the publication of a series of articles from Elder J. N. Loughborough on "Sketches of the Past." Every one who read his articles of about a year ago on "Present Truth on the Pacific Coast," will welcome and greatly appreciate the series which is now beginning.

Through our exchanges from the central conferences, we learn that on Sunday, October 6, the power-house, including the heating and lighting plant, the printing-office, and the laundry of Union College, College View, Neb., burned. The extent of the loss was not stated. We certainly sympathize with those in charge

of the work there, and trust that the work of the school and sanitarium there will not be materially hindered.

Sabbath, September 28, the Mountain View Young People's Society subscribed for about 2,500 copies of the great Missions Special of the *Signs of the Times* to be used in the fall campaign. Their plan is to sell the papers and donate the profits to the foreign missions. October 12, the matter was taken up in the Mountain View church by Elder M. C. Wilcox, Brethren C. H. Jones, and H. H. Hall, and a club of over 1,000 of the special number, and about 850 of the Bible-Reading Series for six months, beginning with this Special were subscribed for.

Elder and Mrs. J. S. Wightman write from Wonder, Nev., under date of October 8: "We have attempted to work Wonder and Fairview mining-camps at one and the same time from a point midway between; but it was somewhat impracticable; and so now we are located directly in Wonder, a town that a little over a year ago did not exist, and that has had a post-office but a short time. Personal work seems best adapted, and about the only thing possible in these camps; but I am endeavoring to get a public series of lectures opened up if possible."

The following books and tracts in the Finnish language can be had at the prices named by addressing the New York Branch of the Review & Herald Publishing Association:

BOUND BOOKS

The Revelation of Jesus, by L. R. Conradi, cloth	\$1.50
Steps to Christ, cloth .....	.60
The Ministration of Angels .....	.50
Great Controversy (second part, including chapters 21 to 42), cloth	1.25

TRACTS

The Ministry of Health	\$.10
The Sabbath and Its Change .....	.04
The Winning of Margaret .....	.02
The Word of God .....	.02
Seven Reasons for Keeping Sunday .....	.02
The Coming of Christ .....	.02
We Want to See Jesus .....	.02
The Two Laws .....	.01
The Blessed Hope .....	.01
Lost and Found .....	.01
God's Prophetic Clock .....	.01
Also <i>Arkain Vortija</i> (Times Watchman), a monthly publication in the Finnish language, one year	.50

The Teachers' Manual

At the San Jose Conference the following recommendation was adopted:

"Whereas, Parents ought to be the best teachers of their children until they have reached the age of nine years; therefore,

"We Recommend, That wherever the home conditions warrant it, parents be encouraged to furnish their young children at home the education their years require in preference to sending them to either church or public schools. That this suggestion may be carried out without loss to the children, we further recommend that instruction in printed form and otherwise be supplied parents who feel the need of assistance to qualify them for this work and responsibility."

To all those reading the above, the educational department has now something to help any desiring to act upon that recommendation.

The Normal Institute at Healdsburg has just published a manual that takes in the above idea which will materially aid those wishing to give their children at home such a start in school life.

We bespeak a good word for it, because it contains the suggestive material for home school work, and, too, it is given in graded outlines. Lessons suitable for a child of five or six years of age are here pedagogically arranged, especially in Bible and nature. Other helps will be suggested to those wishing to follow a course of primary study in the home who send in their names to the educational department.

The manual is 25 cents, which is very reasonable for a book of 112 pages.

Let us remember that childhood influences are tremendously potent; impressions made upon us in the first fifteen years of our lives are practically inefaceable.

I. C. Colcord, *Educational Supt.*

Change of Address

The address of the San Francisco ship missionary is 1470 Pomona Ave., Fruitvale, Cal. All boxes of literature shipped by freight should be sent to Melrose Station, Southern Pacific Railroad. Please take notice of this. Fruitvale has no freight depot and Melrose joins it on the east.

I wish to thank all who are shipping literature for use in the mission work, and solicit their continued support.

Chas. W. Peter, *Ship Missionary.*