

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



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

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The Winners

No answer comes to those that pray
And idly stand,
And wait for stones to roll away
At God's command.
He will not break the binding cords
Upon us laid,
If we depend on pleading words,
And do not aid.
When hands are idle, words are vain
To move the stone;
An aiding angel would disdain
To work alone.
But he who prayeth, and is strong
In faith and deed,
And toileth earnestly, ere long
He will succeed.

—Selected.

Sketches of the Past. No. 13

There are so many things at the present time that differ so materially with the way of doing seventy years ago that it may be of interest to note some of them. Take, for instance, the simple item of kindling a fire. When, in that day, on one occasion, a shrewd Indian was asked to describe a man, he replied, "A man is an animal that can kindle a fire."

Such an answer would make the children of this day laugh. They would say, "It is nothing to build a fire, just take a few shavings and splinters of wood, strike a match, and there is your fire." That is very simple indeed, but suppose there was no such thing as a match, what then? Matches were not invented until 1836. I can remember when there were no matches in the part of New York state where I lived.

The Indian's way of making a fire

before he learned the white man's way was to take two pieces of wood and rub them together briskly until one of them caught fire, this blaze he applied to his kindlings, and then he had his fire.

The white men's way was this: they collected from decayed wood what was called "punk." This was dried thoroughly and put in a close box, so that dampness could not get to it. Then they saved the combings of their flax—after the coarsest "top tow" had been separated from it—this was dried most thoroughly and placed in a covered tin box, which was called "the tinder box." The dried tow was called "tinder."

The fire of those days was in "fire-places" (I never saw a cook-stove until I was six years old), and a log of wood, called a "back log," would be burned to coals by bedtime, then, just before retiring, these coals must be well covered with the accumulated ashes so as to have some live coals in the morning for starting the fire for the day. It was regarded as quite a calamity to have the fire go out entirely. In case of such an occurrence, if there was a near neighbor, the first step was to see if a few coals could be borrowed from them. I remember seeing persons carrying fire thus borrowed, on a shovel putting on some light wood to keep it alive until their own home fire was kindled.

If neighbors were too far off another step must be taken. The shavings, kindling, and wood were placed in order, under this was placed a small piece of the dried punk which was laid upon a strip of the *tinder* which was drawn out a little piece from the wood. Sometimes a little gunpowder was sprinkled along on the strip of tinder. If they had a "flint lock gun" (in that time

there was no other) they would put a little powder in the "priming pan" of the unloaded gun, and snap the lock by pulling the trigger, while they held the gun-lock in close contact with the powder sprinkled tinder. As the powder in the gun-pan flashed it communicated with the powdered tinder and the fire was quickly blazing.

Some persons had no gun, but they had a flint and steel. Having their powdered train of tinder laid, they would take the flint in the left hand, and with the right hand strike it with the steel until a spark would ignite the powder. How we ought to appreciate the time-saving invention of "lucifer matches."

It was 1838 before any of the matches came to the home of my parents. Before their arrival if it was desired to light a candle it was done by taking a coal of fire in the tongs, blowing the coal to a flame, from which the candle was lighted. My six-year-old head thought it would be a nice thing to make some matches with which to light candles. I saw that there was much brimstone on the side of the matches near the end (more than match-makers apply in these days) and that it burned. If I could split some little sticks about five inches long, melt some brimstone and saturate the ends of my little sticks, we could light our candles by igniting my stick on a coal. This would save a little, as matches, at first, were an expensive luxury. My mother, who used brimstone in her work of dressing leghorn hats, favored my project by letting me melt some of her brimstone to make my matches. I recollect that the neighbors thought that making these matches was "quite a feat for the little boy."

J. N. Loughborough.

Pacific Press Publishing Company's Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Press Pub. Company was held according to the published announcement, Jan. 27, 1908. There was quite a general attendance of the stockholders, representing 3,081 shares of the capital stock.

The treasurer's report for the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1907 showed a net gain for the home office and its branches of \$21,159.96.

The report of the general manager is as follows:

Dear Brethren and Sisters, and Fellow-workers:

Our meeting to-day is being held under much more favorable conditions than that of one year ago. Then we were still carrying on our work in temporary sheds, under great disadvantage; and although the meeting was held in the new factory it was far from being finished. However, the roof was on and the windows in, and we were protected from the weather.

Moving into the New Factory.

Immediately after that meeting we began to move our material from the shed into the new building, but the work of installing the machinery, putting in the necessary shelving, work-benches, etc., occupied nearly two months, so we were not fully settled in our new quarters until about the last of March.

As soon as things were arranged and we had room to operate, every available person was pressed into service to help bind books. Old hands were recalled and new ones employed, and still we found ourselves unable to keep up with the demand.

We had planned for and expected a big business, but the demands from the field were far beyond our most sanguine expectations.

About the first of July things looked desperate. The students from our Colleges had taken the field and were rolling up orders for big deliveries. We saw that in order to meet this unprecedented demand something out of the ordinary must be done.

An Appeal for Help.

We decided to make an appeal to our people. Accordingly arrangements were made to visit our churches around the Bay and ask for assistance.

Brother Hall went to Oakland; Brother Gage to San Jose; the writer to

San Francisco, and Brother Wilcox appealed to the Mountain View church.

We told the brethren and sisters that we had come this time not to ask them to do more work in circulating our literature, but for volunteers to help in its manufacture. Then we told them of the work being done by our canvassers in the field, and that our factory was being taxed to the limit to fill pressing orders; that we had just sent signatures for 500 copies of "Great Controversy" to San Francisco to be bound, and were placing many orders with printers in the East,—all this at considerable extra expense.

Well, they responded nobly to our appeal, and in a short time we had over 50 persons employed in our bindery alone. It was a veritable beehive. From this time on, bound books were manufactured and delivered to our Book Department at the rate of from 500 to 700 per day.

Holidays were disregarded, and long days were the rule. The loyalty of our employees was tested, and I am glad to say they stood the test nobly,—not one word of complaint, but all seemed to vie with each other to see who could do the most work.

Success Attending Canvassing Work.

You have heard of the wonderful success of our canvassers during the past year: how that boys and girls with no previous experience have gone out and made remarkable records, taking orders for from one to two hundred dollars' worth of books per week. Nothing like this had ever been heard of before, and the record astonished the whole country.

Elder A. G. Daniels, President of the General Conference, on learning of what was being done, wrote as follows:

"I will say that we are amazed in this part of the country at the remarkable work that the Pacific Press is doing in the subscription book business. Some of your reports fairly take our breath; but we are glad of every particle of success you are having. I hope the aggregate of your sales will continue to soar."

But these large sales have not been confined to California or the Pacific Coast alone. All over our territory, from Texas to British Columbia, and from the Pacific Ocean to the Mississippi River the same remarkable records have been made, and the facilities of

our office have been taxed to the utmost.

It must be remembered that our entire stock of books, pamphlets, and tracts had been consumed in the fire which destroyed our factory July 20, 1906, so that when this remarkable campaign began we had no books in stock; but by keeping our presses running night and day, and with this large force in the bindery, we were able to fill all orders promptly. Up to within a few weeks ago we had no need for a stock room for books. The railroad companies have provided stock room free of charge, for as soon as books were bound they were boxed and put on board the cars to fill pressing orders.

Equipment.

Our facilities for manufacturing books are about the same as they were before the fire, embracing the following:

Two modern linotype type-setting machines;

Five cylinder presses;

One large rotary web-perfecting press on which we print the *Signs of the Times*;

Three job presses;

A complete electrotype foundry;

A splendidly equipped book bindery, with two book-sewing machines, two folding-machines, two embossing presses, a rounding and backing-machine (recently installed), and other necessary machinery.

All our machines are run by electric motors, and we have a plant of our own for generating electricity.

We have been happily surprised at the amount of machinery we were able to save from the wreck, and nearly all the repairing has been done right here in our own shop by our own employees.

Book Department.

Brother H. H. Hall, manager of our Book Department, will give you a report of the workings of that Department during the past year, so I will not go into details, suffice it to say that it has been a year of marked prosperity. We have printed and bound for that department nearly 200,000 copies of books in cloth and leather, besides pamphlets and tracts by the hundreds of thousands.

Signs of the Times.

The increase in the circulation of our pioneer missionary paper, the *SIGNS OF*

THE TIMES, has been fully as encouraging as that of the book work.

Two years ago our subscription list was down to about 14,000 weekly.

At the beginning of last year it had increased to about 20,000 weekly.

The special Gospel Series began the first of last May. Previous to this a vigorous campaign had been inaugurated, and our people responded nobly to our call to give this series a wide circulation, and within a few weeks the subscription list ran up to nearly 50,000.

Then came the World's Missions number the first of November, and nearly 200,000 copies of this issue were circulated.

Following that came the Bible-reading Series which is now being published, and of this series we are printing 34,000 weekly.

For many years we have been obliged to report a loss on the *Signs of the Times*, but this year we show a net gain of over \$6,000.

We have made a special effort to secure regular agents,—those who would take a certain number of papers weekly and sell them on the street, in the stores, and from house to house. At the present time we have about 60 such workers taking all the way from 50 to 500 copies weekly.

We feel specially grateful for the interest taken in the circulation of the *Signs* by conference presidents, tract-society secretaries, as well as the rank and file of our people generally. There has been a hearty response to our appeals and a splendid work accomplished.

But best of all, we know that persons are constantly becoming interested and embracing the truth through the reading of the *Signs*, and its influence is being felt far and wide. It is generally acknowledged to be one of the best and most effective evangelizing agencies that we have, and it ought to be given a much wider circulation.

We have tried to improve its mechanical appearance, and the editors are endeavoring to fill its pages from week to week with the very best that can be produced. Letters from our brethren in all parts of the country speak of the *Signs* in the highest terms and say that it is growing better and better.

The *Signs* has always given special attention to the work of foreign missions, and last year through the appeals

made in its columns \$4,652 were raised to establish our Mountain Mission Home in India, and this home was recently dedicated free from debt.

Our Little Friend.

Special attention is given to this paper to adapt it to the wants of the children, and judging from the many letters we receive our efforts are not in vain. The articles are not only interesting, but are calculated to educate and train the minds of these little ones in the right channels.

The subscription list at the present time is nearly 20,000 weekly.

The net gain on this paper for the year was a little over \$2,000.

Branch Offices.

We now have three branch offices,—one located at Kansas City, Mo., one at Portland, Ore., and one at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Kansas City Branch was established in 1893, and has been in successful operation ever since. The past year has been one of marked prosperity, far exceeding all previous records. The balance sheet shows a net gain of over \$5,000. Brother James Cochran is manager of our Kansas City Branch and his report will be read at this meeting.

Our Portland Branch was started in 1904, and is in charge of Brother W. V. Sample, who will present his report at this meeting. The net gain at the Portland Branch this year was a little over \$300.

Brother Sample has been passing through some very trying experiences during the past year in the way of sickness in the family and the death of his companion, and he needs our sympathy and prayers.

A few months ago in order to meet the growing demand for books in the Canadian Northwest, we established a branch office at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. This office is in charge of one of our former employees, Brother Chas. M. Cottrell.

Dedication of Our New Building.

Our new factory was dedicated to the Lord and to His work on Sunday, Sept. 8, 1907. There was a good attendance of our people, as well as those not of our faith; and many of those present testified that it was the best and most impressive service of the kind they had ever attended. Truly the Spirit of the

Lord was present to witness to what was said and done. Quite a full report of the proceedings appeared in the *Signs* under date of Oct. 2, 1907.

The building, as you will notice, is not quite as imposing as the old one, but we find it more convenient and better adapted to our work in many respects. It is covered with iron inside and out, and the floor is laid on solid concrete. This cuts off all chance for fire to sweep under the floor, and makes the building practically fire-proof.

We also have splendid water protection, both of our own and from the town. There are nine hydrants inside the factory, and a large double hydrant at each of the four corners, located about twenty feet from the building, all connected with both our own and the town supply. In addition to these, we have several chemical fire-extinguishers.

You will remember that the Directors were authorized to spend \$25,000 in the erection of the new factory. This amount was also to include repairs on the powerhouse and tank house. You will be glad to learn that we have kept well within the appropriation, the cost of construction being \$22,597.69.

The old building contained 31,261 square feet of floor space, but 10,160 square feet of this was taken up by offices, halls, chapel, etc., leaving only about 21,000 square feet for factory purposes.

This new building is a one-story structure, 127x171 feet, and has about 22,000 square feet of floor space. Of this amount about 2,500 square feet are taken up by offices, editorial rooms, halls, etc., leaving for factory purposes nearly 20,000 square feet, or about 1,000 less than in the old building, and cost only about half as much.

When we take into account the fact that at the time this factory was put up building material of all kinds was at the highest notch, we consider the showing rather remarkable.

Brother A. O. Tait acted as superintendent of construction, and much credit is due him and his faithful corps of helpers for the substantial and economical manner in which the work was done. It is only just to state that some of our brethren worked on this building for much less wages than they might have received elsewhere. It was a real

sacrifice on their part and we appreciate it fully.

Finances.

At a special meeting of the stockholders held soon after the fire the treasurer presented his report, showing that the assets of the institution, amounting to over \$200,000 had been wiped out by the fire, and that there was a deficit of \$13,000.

Through the reclamation of machinery, advance in the price of our Oakland real estate, cash discounts, etc., the deficit at the time of our last annual meeting had been reduced to about \$1,000.

According to the treasurer's report just rendered, our surplus at the present time amounts to about \$28,000. This remarkable increase comes from the net gain of the institution during the past year, reclamation of machinery, cash discounts, donations, etc.

All departments of the home office, as well as the branch offices, show a net gain this year as follows:

Home Office, net gain	\$15,829.09
Kansas City Branch, net gain	5,021.17
Portland Branch, net gain. . .	309.70

Total net gain. . . . \$21,159.96

We have no financial report from our Canadian branch. It has been running only a few months.

During the year our interest-bearing debt has been reduced \$5,000 and we have a stock of books on hand valued at nearly \$40,000, which we did not have at the beginning of the year.

New Stock Room and Stable.

In printing so many different books and in such large quantities, it was impossible for our bindery to take care of all the signatures as fast as they came from the press, hence it became necessary to build a stock room and a waste-paper shed which you will see at the west of the factory. The stock and signature shed cost \$861.94; and the paper-baling shed, \$240.50.

A small stable has also been erected just west of the factory at a cost of \$382.83. All these buildings are constructed of iron, in harmony with the main building.

Boarding Hall.

Brother and Sister Cartwright have had charge of our boarding-house nearly all the time during the past year. They

have tried to make it a real home for our young people who have had no homes of their own, and they seem to appreciate what has been done for them. The house shows a net gain for the year of \$233.58.

Evening Classes.

Early in the fall evening classes were organized for the benefit of our employees. At the present time the following branches are being taught: Bible, Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, and Music.

Spiritual Interests.

Never before in the history of the Pacific Press have we had a more earnest, devoted, self-sacrificing set of laborers than at the present time. They are largely composed of persons of mature years with a true Christian experience; and while none have reached that high standard that we desire, yet all are striving to live a consistent Christian life. The last Week of Prayer was a season of spiritual refreshing from the Lord.

In Conclusion

Before closing this report we desire to express our appreciation:

1. For the hearty cooperation of our people generally in the circulation of our literature.

2. For the union and harmony that have prevailed in the management of the institution during this trying period.

3. For the interest and hearty cooperation of our employees at times under very trying circumstances.

4. And above all do we wish to express praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His wonderful love and goodness manifested in His care over us and His institution during the year that has just closed, and the good degree of prosperity that has attended the work.

In this connection we are reminded of the remark of Sister White immediately after the fire. You will remember that she referred us to the experience of Job. The prospering hand of the Lord had been with His servant and he was a wealthy man; but the Lord suffered everything to be taken from him. After this trying experience, and his having learned the lesson that God would have him learn, he was blessed and prospered more than ever, and the record says, "So the Lord blessed the latter end of

Job more than his beginning." Job 42: 12.

From the record of the past year it would seem that this prediction has in a measure been fulfilled; but we believe it will be fulfilled to a much larger degree in the future if we are only faithful to Him.

It is our prayer that God will guide in all the plans that are laid at this meeting, and that the coming year may be one of still greater prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. JONES, *Gen. Manager.*

Resolutions Adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

It is certainly befitting, in view of the great goodness, the providential watch-care, and the clear guidance of the Infinite Father whom we serve, that His children should recognize at such a time as this, not only in a general, but in a specific way, the blessings He has bestowed upon us in the year past; for

Despite all the losses and after discouragements consequent upon the great fire;

Despite the difficulties and disadvantages of conducting our work in cramped and inconvenient quarters during the early part of the year;

Despite the discouragement from those who stood afar off and doubted, and asked, "What do these feeble folk?"

Despite the fact that all commercial work from the world has been eliminated from the institution, which from a human view would seem to invite disaster;

Despite the expense of moving and repairing and adjustment;

Despite the determined opposition of unseen forces, whom tho not having seen, we have felt;

Despite all these and more,

God has blessed, and blessed abundantly.

The elimination of outside work has been the means of concentrating brain and talent to His work. As His servants have studied for Him, He has given them clearer vision and has opened before them simpler and more economical ways of doing His work, has given clearer and more truly scientific methods of keeping accounts and inventories, of computing the cost on publications, of eliminating red-tape methods, thus bringing about closer connections with

less machinery, and securing more effective work.

He has given skill and wisdom to our employees in the repair of fire-damaged machinery, so that, unlike the story of old, when we came to a heap of scrap-iron we found a machine.

Difficulties have brought us nearer to His side and our insurmountable obstacles. He has made stepping-stones to higher effectiveness, and has given us the most prosperous year all things considered in the history of the institution.

Therefore with humility of heart and contrition of soul over past mistakes, we would recognize Him as the One to whom in all things our praise is due, and would anew consecrate ourselves for better service in His cause, knowing that only so may we expect continuance of His blessing.

Whereas, in the providence of God death has been permitted to take from our ranks our esteemed and aged brother, William Saunders, who died in Oakland, Cal., Oct. 28, 1907, and who for many years has been one of the most active members of this Company, therefore

Resolved: That we, the stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, in annual meeting assembled, hereby express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and daughters, and wish them the comforting assurance of Him who is too wise to err and too good to prove unkind; and, further,

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the annual meeting of this Company, and a copy of same sent to the widow and daughters.

Missionary

Whereas, There is a general movement looking toward a revival of interest in and a better organization of home missionary work, to which end missionary secretaries are being appointed by many conferences to give leadership to this movement, therefore

Resolved: (a) That we hereby cooperate with such conferences by passing on to them such information, statistics, and missionary incidents as may be helpful to them.

(b) That unity and greater strength may be given to this movement on the part of the local conferences, that we unite with each union conference in the territory supplied by the Pacific Press Publishing Company in the selection and

support of a qualified person to carry on a similar work in the union conference, such person's title to be known as Union Conference Missionary Secretary.

Increased Costs.

Whereas, Statistics show that prices of commodities have increased at least 36.5 per cent during the past ten years, and

Whereas, A most careful investigation shows that the cost of materials entering into our books has increased 26.6 per cent, therefore,

We recommend that costs of manufacture be closely watched, and that such changes in prices be made from time to time as are found absolutely essential.

In view of the definite instructions and urgent calls that have come to us from the servant of the Lord from time to time to give this message to the large cities without delay, and, in view of recent events which go to show that very soon the way will be hedged up, and,

In view of abundant experience which has demonstrated that the *Signs of the Times* is one of the most effective and inexpensive agencies we have for accomplishing this work, therefore,

We, the stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Company and members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, in annual meeting assembled, hereby appeal to conference officials, tract society and missionary secretaries to give special attention to the matter of selecting and instructing persons to act as regular agents for the *Signs of the Times* in the large cities of our country, and give these agents such assistance as may be deemed advisable in order that they may make the work a success; and that this work be organized just as thoroughly and systematically, and pushed just as energetically as the subscription book work.

And further, that we urge them to put forth strong, systematic, and persistent efforts to increase the regular circulation of the *Signs of the Times* in each conference to at least twice its membership, in harmony with the recommendation of the Publication Department of the General Conference.

We believe that a much greater circulation of the paper lies in club-taking among many of our churches, and that greater efforts be put forth to secure this among our state officers and ministers.

We plead with our conference officers to search out those of undeveloped talent who have adaptability, and encourage them to become agents for the *Signs* in our cities, thus heralding the message to the world at a greatly increased rate and in a largely self-supporting way.

We ask the Publishing Committee of the General Conference to counsel our various publishing houses and endeavor to bring about some plan which will not involve clashing of interests, confusion in the field, and consequent lack of effectiveness and failure to do the best work.

We approve of the special work of the *Signs* for foreign mission fields, raising as it has \$4,706.68 for the Mountain Mission Rest Home in India; \$235.54 for China; \$691.19 for Japan; \$50.37 for Korea; \$629.75 for other fields; \$139.92 for the sufferers in San Francisco. Total, \$6,313.53.

Whereas, The scholarship plan has been productive of great good in its relation to the publishing work, the educational work, and for the development of workers, therefore,

Resolved: That the incoming Board of Directors be authorized to consult with the conferences, colleges, and tract societies relative to more perfectly organizing the scholarship plan in its relation to all our institutions.

We recommend the approval of the resolution passed at our Stockholders' Meeting one year ago authorizing the Board of Directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Company to turn over the plant to the Pacific Press Publishing Association, in accordance with the conditions stated in said resolution.

Whereas, the Mission Board is about to commence the publishing work in the China Mission Field, and

Whereas, God has signally blessed this institution in the past year, therefore,

We recommend, (a) That we undertake, through the *Signs of the Times*, to raise the sum of \$6,000 to assist the Mission Board in the publishing enterprise, and (b) that we commend to the incoming board, for their favorable consideration, the donation by this corporation of \$1,000 to the above publishing fund, as a thank-offering on the part of the institution.

The following brethren were chosen as the board of directors of the corpor-

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1908.

The annual meetings of the Pacific Press Pub. Co., and the Pacific Press Pub. Association were held at the Company's office Monday, Jan. 27, 1908. In another column will be found quite a full report of the business transacted at this gathering.

The report of the Loma Linda Medical Convention is now ready. It is a neat, large page pamphlet, and we believe that our readers will find that it contains much valuable information. The price is 15 cents. Address the Pacific Union Conference, Box 172, Mountain View, Cal.

Elder A. G. Daniells and Prof. Frederick Griggs were visitors in Mountain View, Cal., attending the annual meeting of the Pacific Press Pub. Co.

The fourth biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference was held according to appointment at Sanitarium, Cal., Jan. 17 to 25, 1908. The attendance of delegates from the several conferences in this union was excellent. A synopsis of the proceedings of this gathering will be published in the next number of this paper.

Elders A. G. Daniells, W. W. Prescott, and S. N. Haskell, and Prof. Frederick Griggs were the General Conference representatives present at the recent session of the Union Conference. The advice, counsel and instruction of these brethren was much appreciated.

Annual Meeting of the California Conference Association

The twelfth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the thirty-seventh annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Fresno, Cal., Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, 1908; for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

W. T. Knox, *President*.

E. A. Chapman, *Secretary*.

Annual Meeting of the California Conference

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the California Conference will convene at Fresno, Cal., Jan. 31, 1908, at 7:30 P. M., continuing until February 5.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the church, and one additional delegate for every twenty members.

A full delegation is earnestly desired.

W. T. Knox, *President*.

E. A. Chapman, *Secretary*.

The Field

Pacific Union College

We wish again to remind all prospective students of the fact that our second semester began January 22. It is a good time for any one who is contemplating entering the school to connect so as to begin his work at the best advantage.

Four months and a half of school still remain, and quite a large number of new classes are organized. This gives students an opportunity to take up any of the studies conducted in the commercial department, such as bookkeeping, typewriting, shorthand, penmanship, spelling, commercial arithmetic, commercial law, etc. Classes are also being organized to study the book of Revelation, botany, astronomy, Bible doctrines, psychology, and other studies, as demanded.

Saturday night, January 11, was the occasion of a stereopticon lecture. The students had the privilege of viewing about a hundred slides, representing life at the college during the past four or five years. The college chapel was packed

to the utmost, nearly 200 persons being present to enjoy the occasion.

Recently we have had quite a number of new students matriculate, among whom we call to mind: Mr. Tunsen, Mr. Hodgkins, Mr. Cook, Messrs. Anthony, Mr. Reese, and Miss Hufford and Miss Davis.

L. A. Reed.

Merced.

During the tent-meetings held at Merced last summer a Sabbath-school was organized of some twenty-five or thirty members, and by the close of the meeting some fifteen new ones had promised to keep the Sabbath.

Our tent was moved to a small place not far away and we continued to meet with this company every Sabbath. On December 9 we were permitted to organize a church of 22 members. Others are keeping the Sabbath and promise to unite with the church in the near future.

We are of good cheer in the Lord and thankful to have a part in His glorious gospel message.

C. M. Gardner.

A. J. Stevens.

Pacific Press Publishing Company's Annual Meeting

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ation for the ensuing year: H. W. Cottrell, M. C. Wilcox, H. G. Childs, E. A. Chapman, C. H. Jones, H. H. Hall, A. O. Tait.

Altogether this was one of the most satisfactory and profitable years in the history of the corporation.

H. G. Childs, *Secretary*.

“It is two per cent. genius and ninety-eight per cent. do-ology that brings about success in any line of work.”

The man who sustains his prayers with honest effort has a strong defense against the devil.—W. H. C.

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business?”

He shall stand before kings:

He shall not stand before mean men.”

Prov. 22: 29.

“Without haste and without rest,
Let each man wheel with steady sway
’Round the task that rules the day,
And do his best.”