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

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The Church

Their Return Not

Remember, three things come not back.
The arrow sent upon its track,
It will not swerve, it will not stay
Its speed; it flies to wound or slay.
The spoken word, so soon forgot
By thee; yet it has perished not;
In other hearts 'tis living still,
And doing work for good or ill.
And the lost opportunity
That cometh back no more to thee;
In vain thou weapest, in vain dost yearn,
These three will never more return.

—Selected.

Sketches of the Past. No. 16

When I was about ten years of age, a part of my labor was hoeing in the corn field. One season, after the corn had been plowed, it was important that the hoeing be put forward as rapidly as possible. Just then a neighbor, Mr. Van Vechten, who lived about one mile from grandfather's, died of heart disease, sitting at the dinner table, just after partaking of a hearty meal. This sudden death caused a sensation through all the neighborhood, and of course, it was a great shock upon young minds. I wanted to go with the family to the funeral, but it was decided that it was needful to hurry the hoeing, as there was liable to be rain. So I remained to follow my work in the field.

But what a day that was to me! I did not know anything about heart disease, and fancied that I might be just as liable to die suddenly as for Mr. Van Vechten to thus pass away. I went to my work in a very sober frame

of mind, and with a determination that I would be a better boy than I ever had been before. One side of the ten-acre corn field was a piece of woods, and the rows of corn extended to and from the woods. I would hoe a row of corn through to the woods fence, then I would kneel down in a fence corner and pray to the Lord to help me to be a good boy, and forgive all my sins. Then I would hoe back to the other end of a row and back again to the woods' fence. Every time that I got back to the woods' fence that day I knelt and prayed. I there decided also that I would not go to bed at night without praying. I got a Methodist "Child's Catechism," in which were three or four forms of prayer for children. One of these I committed to memory, not to repeat parrotlike, but tried to make the thought my own to cover my childish needs.

Our corn hoeing was completed, and then came on the expected rain. That was the time for us to be in the shop at work. As grandfather was busy at his end of the bench, and I making a little play wagon at the other end, he began to talk to me. Perhaps he had noticed that I was more serious than common. I know not. I had not said anything to any one about my childish exercise of mind. All at once he said to me, "John, you ought to be a good boy, and pray to God every night. If you are not a good boy, when you die God will send you to hell, and burn you there to all eternity." O, what a sensation passed through my nerves! If he had taken a pail of ice water, and poured it down my back suddenly, I do not think it would have stunned me more.

I did not say anything. In fact I

was so shocked and choked up that I could not speak. But as one of my unconverted cousins once said, after being in a powerful prayer-meeting, "I did not say anything, but I kept up a *terrible thinking*." I thought to myself, "I pray every night for the Lord to help me. What does it avail if I have got to go to hell?" I am glad it did not lead me to the decision of a four-year-old in England. He and his father were before a briskly burning coal fire on the fireplace grate. The father said to him, "If you are not a good boy, God will burn you in hell to all eternity, in a fire that is a thousand times hotter than that." O, unwise father! He meant well. What was the effect?—The boy turned to his father, with teeth firmly set, and holding up a clenched fist before his father's face, said, with much emphasis, "*If God do that, He is a bad man.*"

The boy grew up a *hater* of religion, the Bible, and of God. In his maturer life he dated the origin of that hatred to that remark made by his father, so, in my case, while it did not create hatred of God, it made an impression concerning God's hatred of me that never should have been put into the mind of a child. Of course I was only being instructed in harmony with the church theology of an immortal soul, and the consigning to an endless hell of those who died unconverted. That was the teaching from the pulpit, and so of course, they must teach it in private.

J. N. Loughborough.

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The Field

ARIZONA

Douglas

After being away from Arizona for over four weeks, attending meetings in California, I reached Phoenix Friday morning, February 7. In response to urgent requests by wire to visit Douglas, I left Phoenix the night of the 8th, arriving in Douglas Sunday in time to hear the morning sermon by the resident Christian minister, which was a remarkably poor effort at exposing Adventism.

The time-setting by Miller in 1842 (?) at the end of the "2,300 and some odd days," and the "white-robe" story, were among his array of "facts" which he repeatedly declared people want. The "round world," and "North Pole" were, of course, appealed to, that his hearers might be *thoroughly* convinced that it is absolutely useless to try to keep the Lord's Sabbath.

At night, the Christian minister and his flock turned out to hear the Baptist preacher try his hand at the "Sabbath."

The Baptist minister said he might startle some of his hearers by saying "the child of God is not even bound by the Ten Commandments." He had found something new,—the Greek of Matt. 28:1,—which "teaches plainly the end of the Jewish Sabbath, and the introduction of the Christian Sabbath." In this he did not at all agree with the Christian minister's statement that "we now have *no Sabbath* at all;" but that slight difference amounted to but little so long as each was seeking to overthrow the true Sabbath.

We really felt sorry for this man, for he evidently had a very hard time, and again and again looked appealingly toward the Christian pastor for sanction and support.

On Monday morning, Elder Bond and the writer attended the pastors' union study.

We had quite a pleasant and profitable time with the preachers, whom we have reason to believe will be a little more careful of their statements in time to come.

So far as we could learn, their efforts against the truth created very little real interest, and no public reply was made. As Elder Bond is located there, he can

keep watch over those interested. A nice Sabbath-school has been organized in Douglas, and we hope to see the work so strengthened that a church organization may be effected in the near future.

H. G. Thurston.

CALIFORNIA

Monterey and Santa Cruz

Since leaving Oakland and Berkeley, I have been living at Santa Cruz and Monterey. Monterey is a promising city, and has been so located that one feels that it can not help becoming a place of much importance in the near future. The government is fortifying the place, and keeps for this purpose soldiers here training them for service in the army. How much more eager should we be to fortify this place and make it a stronghold for God. Yet very little is being done here with regard to spreading the message, and it is up-hill work to represent Christ here, as in the past His so-called followers have not always rightly represented Him. The walls are truly broken down, and repairs are needed in this vineyard. To represent Christ means to live as He lived, to keep His commandments, and not to break one of them. To take up the work here means a great deal of anxiety and care, prayer and watching. To live aright day by day means more here than all the books one could sell and preaching one could do, as "they are watching you."

I have been working in gardens here some and have tried to do the work as well as possible, and put in a little extra work, so the people might see that we do care for them. If we want to make friends we must show ourselves friendly. Besides I have had a chance to attend a few sick people, and help some out of their troubles. I find it is not so much the work we do, but the way in which we do it, that gives us access to people and enables us to win them for God.

The health-reform work is much needed here, and it is hoped that a lighthouse will soon be established to guide the wandering mariner into the haven of rest.

Santa Cruz also needs the health-reform work more fully established. Thousands of people go there for their health from different parts of the country, besides those who lay there "by the pool" year out and year in waiting for the waters to be troubled. Cancers, sore eyes—the spiritual vision as well as the

material eye,—sore throats, lung troubles, and the various diseases man is heir to, all are waiting for those who are to go out and heal all manner of diseases, cast out devils and preach repentance and that the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

I see several souls in Santa Cruz and vicinity with whom I have worked now for several years, ripening for the great harvest of God. They have been trained so that when they once become Christians, devils, hell, and religious pretenders, shall not, by the grace of God, overthrow them. I think it better to work with a man for years and prepare him for what he is going to do, than to get ten men "to join" without fully realizing the conflict before them. It is better to have one man standing in the day of conflict than to have ten men that will run from the enemy.

In work here and work there it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." "Without Me ye can do nothing." "Follow Me."

P. Padurson.

Eureka

Most of my time for some weeks has been spent at Eureka in house-to-house work with papers and "Family Bible Teacher," holding Bible-readings and Sunday-night preaching services.

Some of the members are actively engaged in missionary work, and there are some souls interested enough to read and study the truth for this time.

Having sold the old church property here, we are pushing forward the construction of a new church building and church schoolroom on a more suitable lot than the one formerly occupied. Though the weather has not been the most favorable, yet the work is progressing nicely.

Brother W. L. Sims has been doing a good work in a school district some fifteen miles from Eureka. Of this he will doubtless write.

A. J. Osborne.

February 20.

I think you might dispense with half your doctors, if you would only consult Doctor Sun more, and be more under treatment of these great hydropathic doctors—the clouds.—*Beecher*.

California Church Schools

The following is the statistical report of the church-school superintendent of the California Conference, Prof. I. C. Colcord, rendered at the recent conference session at Fresno. We print it in full as the information is both interesting and valuable.

No. Schools	26
Intermediate	2
Primary	19
Family	5
No. Teachers	34
Enrolment	672
Average Attendance	550
Per cent of Attendance	94
Department	Good
Largest School	85
Smallest School	7
Grades Offered	1-10
Average No. Grades Taught	7
Average Daily Classes	21
Banner Pupils	138
No. Visitors	271
Children not of S. D. A. Parents ..	70
Schools in the Country	9
Good Voices for Singing	108
Instrumentalists	25
No. Graduates	18
Salaries	\$27.50-\$50.00
Maintenance of Schools per	
Annum	\$220-\$1,000
Valuation of School Property,	
Approximately	\$20,000
Baptized	47
Conversions	58
Missionary Meetings Held	152
Missionary Letters Written	71
Missionary Visits	175
School Prayer-meetings	123
Parents' Meetings	46
Books Loaned	47
Tracts Given Away	910
Poor Helped	65
Little Friends Given Away	1,098
Youth's Instructors Given Away ..	1,462
Life Boats	130
Mission Special of the Signs Sold	530
Quilts Made	4
Donations	\$182.76

Young People's Corner

Missionary Volunteer Day

Do you know the story of the rise and progress of the Young People's work among us?

Do you understand the plan of organization?

Do you know what the Missionary Volunteer work stands for?

These questions and others will be discussed on Sabbath, March 7, which has been appointed by the General Conference Department as Missionary Volunteer Day. Let all our churches make the most of this opportunity for a thorough consideration of this important branch of the Lord's work.

It would be well for the church elder, Sabbath-school superintendent, and leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society (or some other young person where there is no society) to act as a committee in planning for the program. The readings suggested for the forenoon session, which will appear in the *Instructor*, should be assigned to those who can read well, and have a deep interest in the work.

The following topics are suggested for the afternoon:

Reading of Letter from Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Bible and Testimony Study on Good Reading.

The Value of Good Books, and a Crusade against Harmful Literature; Discussion.

Plans for Our Library; (may be the report of a committee on this work).

Question box, conducted by the leader, with opportunity for discussion. (Questions should be handed in not later than the close of the forenoon session.)

The reading of the letter, and other topics, should be assigned to young people as far as possible, and every effort put forth to make the afternoon generally interesting.

Let the assignments be made at once, and let as many as consistent have a place on the program. Let the music be definitely planned for.

An offering is to be made—one-third for the establishment of a Young People's Library in the local church, and two-thirds for the better equipment of our Missionary Volunteer departments in the local, union, and general conferences. Two-thirds of the offering should be sent to your conference treasurer.

This Missionary Volunteer Day is a great opportunity to give a new impetus to our Young People's work all over the field.

M. E. Kern,

Chairman Gen. Conf. Mis. Vol. Dept.

[The above notice is just as it was sent out by the General Conference De-

partment, but as it is so late in reaching us, and consequently still later in reaching the societies, it is not probable that very much can be done toward arranging for this special service for next Sabbath as here announced. In fact, it will be noted below that the California Conference has postponed its observance of the day until March 28. A similar step might be well on the part of the other conference Young People's officers. Editor.]

Missionary Volunteer Day for California

Our Missionary Volunteer leaders in the East do not seem to realize that we are a long way off, and therefore it takes some time to reach us by mail. The instructions, programs, etc., for Missionary Volunteer Day did not reach us till February 26, therefore it was not possible to arrange for it to be held March 7th in our conference. We are very desirous that this shall be a very profitable and successful day for all our young people, and in order that it may be so, we must give them time to prepare for it. So we have decided to postpone this service in California till March 28, 1908.

We trust that all our churches will take hold of this with energy and enthusiasm, and prepare to make it a day that will be long remembered because of the blessing that it brings to the young people, and through them to the entire church. We are told that if we will only have our cups right side up, they will be filled with blessing.

The program for Missionary Volunteer Day is published in the *Youths' Instructor* dated February 25, and the readings for the forenoon session in the *Instructor* dated March 3. It is suggested that the elder of the church, leader of Young People's Society, and the superintendent of the Sabbath-school act as a committee to make arrangements for the observance of Missionary Volunteer Day. In churches where there is no Young People's Society, some young person in the church should be chosen to act on the committee.

Small companies, where there is no church organization, can observe this day with just as much blessing and profit as can the large churches, for the success of our gatherings does not depend upon numbers, but upon our attitude toward the Lord and His work.

Let us all do our very best at this time, and so relate ourselves to the Lord that He can work for us with mighty power.

Mrs. Carrie R. King.

Miss. Vol. Sec'y.

News from the Missionary Volunteers of California

One hundred twenty names were enrolled for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course in California Conference, and examination questions were sent to all of them at the close of the study of the first book, "Early Writings." Many excellent papers have been received which show that the writers have enjoyed, and profited by, the study of this book. I am sure you would be interested in the answers to the question: "What practical benefits have you received from this study?" I quote from a few of the papers as follows:

"The plan of salvation outlined in the Bible is beautifully magnified in this little book. Through its study I have become more established in the firm foundation of truth."

"The study of 'Early Writings' has strengthened my faith in the third angel's message, given me bright glimpses of what is in store for God's people, and given me a clearer idea of what God expects of His people in making a preparation for His coming. Through this study I have learned to love my Saviour more, and also to enjoy the study of the Bible more."

The next three are from very young girls:

"These lessons have made the characters of Christ and of Satan plainer. Satan sought for self-exaltation, and fell. Christ, by humbling Himself, showed His great love for others, and thereby gained the victory. By the study of these lessons, I can see that, as Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, so He is also able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him."

"It is clear to me now why God did not destroy Satan instead of casting him out to this earth. As I studied the plan of salvation, I was filled with love and admiration to see the great love of God for fallen man in giving His only Son to come to this earth to suffer such cruel shame and death. Also the great love of Jesus in making the sacrifice He did. It fills me with a greater desire to give

my life, my all, to the Lord, and to get ready for His appearing."

"This study has made me understand the sanctuary question as I never have before. It has also given me a desire for more solid reading, and the ability to appreciate it. The more I read of such books, the more I want to read them."

A young lady who has had very limited educational advantages, and who has never heard a sermon on present truth till within the past two or three months says: "Since studying this book I have realized as never before the intensity of the struggle between Christ and Satan; the tenderness of God's love; the cunning hatred and revenge of Satan, and the deceitfulness of sin. I have learned that perfect obedience to God's will is the only thing that will stand the test of the judgment, and that prayer is the key that unlocks to us the treasures of heaven."

A woman between sixty and seventy years of age writes: "By this study some points that I did not before understand have been made plain to me. I can never thank you enough for getting me started in studying."

What this study has done for others, it will do for you. If you have not yet commenced to study the first book, it is not too late to do so now. The book, in pamphlet form, can be obtained from the California Tract Society for only thirty-five cents, and it is a book which should find a place in the library of every Seventh-day Adventist.

Those who have been taking the study, should send their papers as soon as possible

to the undersigned, Mountain View, Cal. All others who now begin the study, are invited to send in their names for enrolment.

Mrs. Carrie R. King.

Missionary Work

Report for Two Weeks Ending February 14, 1908

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Heralds"			
J. V. Pierson	32	31	\$61.50
"Home and Health"			
S. A. Wright	30	9	30.50
"Great Controversy"			
Clarence Bean	24	6	16.55
"Bible Readings"			
H. M. Whitbeck	20	1	2.50
R. S. Fries	17	7	22.10
L. L. Hutchinson	9	4	11.00
H. M. Whitbeck	8	2	5.00
R. S. Fries	7	5	8.60
	65		\$157.75

Total Sales for Two Weeks Ending February 14, 1908

By the King's Messengers	\$157.75
By the Home Agents	94.25
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	\$252.00

"We may keep so close to God that in every unexpected trial our thoughts will turn to Him as naturally as the flower turns to the sun."

Report of the Home Agents for Two Weeks Ending February 14, 1908

Miscellaneous Books and Papers

Agent	Hours' Work	Books Sold	Value Books	Papers Sold	Value Papers	Total Value
J. E. Austin	66	17	\$27.85			\$27.85
Mrs. Von Fitinghoff	20			508	\$25.40	25.40
Mrs. Phebe Press	9			169	11.85	11.85
Mrs. Phebe Press	6		2.00			2.00
¹ Mrs. C. A. Knight	14	5	14.75			14.75
² Mrs. M. D. Utt		3	3.95			3.95
² Mrs. E. E. Parlin		8	9.45			9.45
² Miss Annie Wille				10	1.00	1.00
³ James Harvey						
		35	\$58.00	687	\$36.25	\$94.25

¹Week ending Jan. 31; ²Order; ³Week ending Feb. 14, papers distributed, 260, pages of tracts, 1,700; Feb. 14, papers distributed, 563, pages of tracts, 376.

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quartets, and choruses—and short talks by representatives from the church, the Pacific Press, and the Mountain View young people's society of which both of these young persons were active members. Just before the close of the evening's exercises, Brother and Sister Roberts were presented with tokens of remembrance by their freinds and fellow-workers, among which was a large steamer-rug, which will be much appreciated by them on their voyage across the ocean. After hearty farewells, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung, and the company broke up. Brother and Sister Roberts left early the next morning for Washington state, where a few days were spent in visiting her folks, before sailing to their distant field of labor.

Church-School Manual for Parents and Teachers

This book is nearly ready. It furnishes ample instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy and from leading educators concerning the principles of Christian education. The proceedings of the General Conference Educational Convention, held at College View, Neb., June 29 to July 10, 1906,—probably the most important educational meeting in the history of our denomination,—are outlined quite fully. The "Manual" gives exhaustive outlines of courses of study, including not only the common branches, but manual training as well; with suggestions on materials and where to procure them; also chapters on Drills, Daily Program, Text-books, School Organization and Management. The paragraphs on discipline and the chapter on the Home School alone are well worth the price of the book to parents of children under school age.

Contains nearly 400 pages, well bound in cloth. Price, 50 cents, post-paid. Address your tract society.

WANTED.—Seeds, bulbs, plants, etc. The Graysville Sanitarium at Graysville, Tenn., is in position to make good use of flower and vegetable seeds, plants, bulbs, vines, etc. With considerable ground to improve and with limited means, it feels warranted in giving others an opportunity to assist in this way. Address as above.

Saint Helena Sanitarium Training School

The next training class for Missionary Nurses begins April 6, 1908. We desire to correspond with consecrated young people who desire a training as missionary workers. Exceptional opportunities for experience offered to persons of promise.

Address Dr. H. F. Rand, or Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal.

Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The fifth annual session of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Phoenix, Ariz., in the Seventh-day Adventist church, at 10 A.M., April 7, 1908 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such business as may be necessary.

H. G. Thurston, *Pres.*
M. T. Poston, *Sec'y.*

Sanitarium Food Company

The sixth annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company, for the purpose of electing directors, and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal., on Thursday, March 12, 1908, at 12 o'clock M.

L. M. Bowen, *Pres.*
H. E. Randall, *Sec'y.*

Help Wanted to Work on Melon and Vegetable Farm

Wanted: A young man and wife with no children over three years old; man to do general farm and team work, and wife to do house work in a family of four, two being children five and eight years old respectively. Or a young man and a woman. Will be a good home for a Christian woman, and work not very heavy until after May 1, when there will be more help to cook for.

Also we wish to be in correspondence with a man that understands picking ripe watermelons, with a view to hiring for this season's pick.

A good place for those just taking

hold of the truth, and losing former employment; if the young man lacks experience in farm work and teaming, willingness to learn will answer.

Any one knowing persons who will take the place please write to

Jones and Doty,
Ripon, Cal.

Obituary

Word received at the Conference office from Escondido, Cal., on the 24th inst., contained the sad news of the death of Prof. Howard E. Osborne. Brother Osborne had been in declining health for several weeks, but continued his work as teacher at Fernando College up to a recent date. It was supposed that his lungs were seriously affected, but the physician who attended him stated that his lungs were in a fairly good condition, and pronounced the disease which ended his life, as walking typhoid fever.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder W. M. Healey assisted by Prof. H. G. Lucas on the 25th inst.

Professor Osborne was a man of unusual talent. He was gifted as a teacher, a public speaker, and also as a writer. He was greatly beloved by all our people who were personally acquainted with him. He held a remarkable influence for good over the students at Fernando.

In this affliction the bereaved family have the deep sympathy of ministers, faculty, students, and of our people generally throughout Southern California.

G. W. Reaser.

February 25.

"We know we must toil, if ever we win
Some other day;

But we say to ourselves, There's time to
begin

Some other day;
And so, deferring, we loiter on,
Until at last we find withdrawn
The strength of the hope we leaned upon
Some other day."

When we are alone we have our
thoughts to watch; in our family, our
tempers; and in society, our tongues.
—Hannah More.

"A bright, cheerful, and happy temperament will accomplish more real results than a hundred grumps."

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1908.

A recent letter from Prof. E. S. Balenger, of Southern California, states that the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, located near San Diego, is having a very good patronage at the present time. Dr. R. F. Cummings is now in charge of that institution.

"Christian Science in the Light of Reason and Revelation" is the latest pamphlet published by the Pacific Press. It is a reproduction of Elder R. A. Underwood's late series of articles on that subject in the *Signs of the Times*. It is published as No. 197 of the Bible Students' Library, and sells for ten cents. Order of your tract society.

"One speaker in Washington, D. C., in recommending the publication of a pamphlet on the better observance of Sunday, said that they should be careful not to call Sunday the Sabbath, 'because, if we say Sabbath, we shall be up against the Adventists and the Jews, and we know how they thwarted our plans on the question of the Bible in the public schools.'"

Word comes from the North that Elder W. B. White, formerly president of the Pacific Union Conference, now president of the North Pacific Union, has accepted a call of the General Conference to go to South Africa and take charge of the South African Union field. His son-in-law, Prof. O. K. Butler, now teaching in Walla Walla College, also goes to take the principalship of Claremont College at Capetown. They expect to leave sometime this spring.

We have recently received two songs from the Beddoe Music Company, of St. Helena, Cal., which we believe will be appreciated by all lovers of sacred music. "An Hour with Thee," is a solo, and "Will It Be too Late?" is a duet and chorus, the music of both and the words of the latter being written by Brother B. E. Beddoe of the California Conference. The price is 15 cents each, or the two for 25 cents.

A very neatly printed folder comes to us from Santa Barbara, Cal., announcing the Santa Barbara Sanitarium located at 118 W. Figueroa Street. This booklet gives cuts of the institution and places of interest in the vicinity, a description of the advantages of the place as a health resort, and the work that is carried on; who are admitted; rates, etc. If you are interested in anything that this institution can give you, address the sanitarium for one of these announcements.

"A superintendent of schools in Ohio has just ordered twenty-five copies of *Liberty* magazine. In his letter to the publishers he stated that, though an officer in the Methodist Church for years, he did not propose to hold office in that church any longer, as there was too much the spirit of Catholicism in it at the present time, the church being void of the spirituality it once possessed. He said *Liberty* was the most valuable publication he knew of, and that he desired these twenty-five copies to circulate among his special friends."

The Idaho *Scimitar*, of January 4, contains the following:

"A few Sundays ago a farmer drove over to the county attorney's office and demanded the arrest of a near neighbor's thrashing-crew that were violating the Sabbath. The county attorney was pulling weeds in his garden, and he suggested that the complainant go before the justice of the peace of his township, but he was informed that the justice was fixing his windmill. He was then asked to telephone to the sheriff and have him attend to the matter, but he was loading cattle at the stock-yards. The farmer was exasperated and resolved to saddle a horse and go for the constable, but his good wife, who was canning fruit, informed him that the boys had driven the horse to town and were playing ball."

We would call special attention to the articles in this issue regarding the Missionary Volunteer Day. The announcement from the General Conference Department gives the date as March 7; but unless the leaders in the different churches have had special information direct from headquarters, it seems rather doubtful whether they will be prepared to observe these exercises upon that day. So in the California Conference March 28 will be observed as Missionary Volunteer Day, thus giving opportunity for each society or church to become well prepared upon the readings and other matter to be presented.

Last Sunday night a mass meeting was held in Golden Gate Hall in San Francisco in the interests of religious liberty. About two hundred and fifty persons were present, and a profitable service was held. Among those who were present and participated in the discussions were Elder H. W. Cottrell, chairman of the meeting; Elder J. O. Corliss, who led out in a speech of about forty-five minutes on whether or not California should have a Sunday law; and Elder John S. Wightman, of Nevada, who addressed the company on the results of Sunday laws in states where they now exist, and what a Sunday law would do for California. After these addresses, the meeting was thrown open to free discussion, which was taken advantage of by a number of speakers; some in favor of and some against Sunday legislation. Good music was furnished by the Oakland and San Francisco church choirs, and by the Lawrence male quartet of San Francisco. Representatives of all the leading newspapers of the city were also present, and it is to be hoped that the principles presented may find their way into many minds.

A very pleasant and appropriate service was held in the Mountain View church, Monday evening of last week, being the occasion of the farewell of Brother and Sister B. A. Roberts, who sailed from Seattle this week for China. As announced two weeks ago, Brother Roberts goes to take charge of the foundry in the new printing-plant soon to be erected in Shanghai, and Sister Roberts will assist with the proof-reading. The program at the farewell exercises consisted of a number of musical selections—vocal solo

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