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- Have you any cheering greeting? Tell it out to-day;
- While you wait, the friend and message. May have gone away.
- Let the one who sighs for comfort Feel a hand-grasp true;
- It will cheer the way, and surely Can't impoverish you.
- We are all the time regretting When it is too laty.
- And some heavy hearts are broken While we hesitate.

Lives are human, though so often We disguise our pain; Some are hungering for your comfort Give and give again.

-Selected.

## Sketches of the Past-No. 30

The Lord has instructed His people by the prophet Joel as to their course of action when His coming shall be nearing, and also has told of some things He will do as the day approaches. He commands, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1. After speaking of the destructive insects that shall be desolating the earth, comparing them to an army (verses 2-9, 25). He says, "The earth shall quake before them; the

eavens shall tremble; the sun and moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining." Verse 10.

Then, again, in the last portion of the chapter, calling attention to scenes near the end of time, He says, "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of snoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." Verses 30, 31. The same is expressed under the opening of the sixth seal, Rev. 6:12, 13, in these words, "Lo, there was a great earthquake [Lisbon earthquake, 1755, the heaviest and most destructive earthquake that had ever been known]; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind."

So also our Saviour, in giving the signs of His near coming, said, "Great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines; and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven." "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken [when God shall again speak and "shake not the earth only, but also heaven." Heb. 12:26.]; and then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21:25-27.

From these scriptures we may reasonably draw these conclusions: The Lord says to His people, You, on your part, go forth and give with earnestness the note of alarm to the people, telling them that the great day of the Lord-the final day of reckoning-is nigh at hand, and I, on My part, will show signs and wonders in the heavens, with calamities on earth, by sea and land, confirming your declaration of the message by fultilling the signs predicted.

How was this accomplished? The Lord began to raise up and send forth those who heralded His near coming, soon after the falling of the stars in 1833. As these faithful servants proclaimed the message, the Lord showed many wonders in the sun, moon, and in the heavens, deepening conviction in many minds that in very deed the message being proclaimed was the Lord's own warning to the world. Those who have read the pamphlet, "Last-Day Tokens," must have noted how many wonderful sights were seen in the heavens from 1833 down to 1844, and especially the many sights in the heavens in 1843 and 1844, when the work was so rapidly spreading under the proclamation of the first and second messages.

As an illustration of this, I will call attention to what occurred on that night at the close of the discourse by Elder Barry, mentioned in my last article. It was a cloudless night with no moon shining. As we came out of the church building, what a sight was visible to all! Stretched across the heavens, from southwest and northeast was a band of white light about as wide as the breadth of the moon's disk. The sight caused a feeling of awe to come upon all, and the young man whom my grandfather, a few hours before, had reproved for making light of the subject of the Lord's soon coming, now looked with terror into the heavens, and with a trembling voice said to my grandfather, "Uncle Nathan, the advent doctrine is true." That wonderful band of light in the heavens not only continued all of that night, but was equally visible, in a clear sky, the whole of the second night. Some unbelievers said, "It is the tail of a comet." Who ever heard of the tail of a comet over one foot broad to our view, and long enough to reach clear around the world, as that light must have been, and continue so for two whole nights?

About the first of January, 1844, a large comet did become visible to the naked eye, but the tail was like a blaze of fire. To the naked eye the tail was about one yard long, and at its widest only about six inches. The "comet-tail" explanation of the wonderful light in the heavens had no weight with candid souls. J. N. Loughborough.

## The Temperance Number of the "Watchman"

This number is now out. It is neat and attractive, although not elaborate in appearance. The splendid spirit of its timely articles stands forth as a prominent feature on every page. The reader feels that he has before him a magnificent array of facts and principles bearing on a most vital topic. The simple and forceful language inspires interest and solicits confidence. This number will accomplish much for the cause of prohibition and for the salvation of precious souls if it is given the circulation it deserves.

The first article is that of Elder A. G. Daniells, entitled "Christianity against the Liquor Traffic;" the second article, "Is It Right?" is a contribution from Mrs. Stevens, National President of the W. C. T. U.; "Beer Drinking" is the title of a plain word-picture by Doctor Kress. The President of the Tennessee W. C. T. U. has contributed "The W. C. T. U. and the Temperance Movement," this is accompanied by a map showing the progress of the prohibition movement in the United States. A stirring selection from Mrs. E. G. White is the "Plea for Prohibition." Elder G. I. Butler has written under the title "Bible Temperance.'' Other noble presentations of the temperance cause are given under such titles as the following: "The Price of a License;" "D. L. Moody on Mod-

erate Drinking;" "A Scene That Apthe Heathen;" "Freedom's palled Call;" "President Lincoln As a Temperance Man;" "The Devil's Substitute;" "Does Prohibition Frohibit?" "Woman's Part in the Cause of Temperance; '' "What They Say, Some Striking Statements by Eminent Men;" "The Crest of the Wave;" "The Name;" etc., etc. There are two striking illustrations, one "Belshazzar's Blasphemous Feast'' with striking comments; the other showing a young man taking his first "drop" and later after he had "dropped" everything good in his life, receiving as his recompense the last "drop." The numerous notes are truth clinchers. Temperance principles are carried into the advertising of a few of our most choice books on the second page. This number is printed with a beautiful blue ribbon badge, and with titles and initial letters in blue and black. It contains sixteen pages.

Who will exercise himself in behalf of the temperance cause and share in the blessing of those who help circulate this good issue? "Let all take hold to give this Temperance Number a wide circulation."—E. G. W.

In ordering this paper be sure to ask for the Temperance Number. It will be supplied at the following prices:

Each

Order through the tract society. The Watchman.

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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA The Los Angeles Camp-Meeting

As previously announced, our annual camp-meeting will be held in Los Angeles, August 6 to 16. The location of the meeting will be the same as last year; viz., on the west side of Vermont Avenue, two blocks south of Santa Barbara Street. This proved to be an excellent location last year, being level land, amply large, with a good supply of pure water, and excellent car service, also a cool location in view of a possible wave of hot weather. We have learned recently that a very encouraging interest was created in the neighborhood of the camp last year, and the people have expressed a desire to attend our meetings this year.

Our people will be interested to know that we are to have a strong corps of workers from abroad, besides our own conference laborers. Mrs. E. G: White, Elders W. C. White, H. W. Cottrell, Luther Warren, W. A. Spicer, E. J. Hibbard, and H. Shultz, are all expected to be in attendance. We anticipate the greatest revival ever experienced by our people in Southern California.

The proximity of the end and the great work that we have to do in warning the world demand a more full consecration on our part than we have heretofore known. Already a tidal wave, as it were, of the blessing of God has been sweeping over some of the churches and institutions of our conference. We trust that every one who attends this meeting will come with a full determination to secure the blessing of our God in all of its fulness.

The principal reason that our conference committee decided to again hold the meeting in Los Angeles was because the greatest number of our people could share the benefits of the meeting if held at the center of the conference. An urgent appeal was presented to have the meeting held in San Diego, to which our committee would gladly have acceded had it not been for the desire to give the greatest number of our people opportunity to attend this annual feast of tabernacles.

We hope that not a single discordant note will be struck during the meeting.

The date of the meeting was fixed to correspond with the cheap excursion rates from San Diego. The only days during the month of August when the \$3.00 round-trip tickets are sold between San Diego and Los Angeles are August 7 and 8. These tickets must be purchased and used to make the forward journey on one of these dates, but are good for returning thirty days from date of sale. when validated by ticket agent at Los Angeles Sante Fe station. This can be done as you go to take the train for return trip.

#### Directions

The usual rate of one and one-third fare for round-trip will be given by all steam roads. Purchase ticket at full fare going. Be sure to take receipt of agent, stating that you are attending the Seventh-day Adventist camp-meeting at Los Angeles. This receipt must then be presented to the conference secretary for indorsement before it can be used to secure one-third fare in returning.

As the Southern Pacific Company has discontinued the line to University Station, we can not have baggage checked there this year.

On arrival in Los Angeles, take yellow street-car marked "Dalton Avenue" on front (south-bound) or any yellow car, and transfer to Dalton Avenue car. Dalton Avenue cars all run south on Broadway through the center of the city. Get off at Vermont Avenue, and go two blocks south to camp.

Those coming from the north over the Southern Pacific will find it most convenient to take a "Dalton Avenue" car (this sign will be on the front of car) south-bound at River Station, which goes direct to the camp.

Those residing in Los Angeles or vicinity can follow above directions or take Interurban West Jefferson cars (green) south-bound, which will transfer to Vermont Avenue south of Jefferson Street. West Jefferson street-cars from Santa Fe station will transfer to camp at Vermont Avenue. San Pedro cars on Hill Street, also Redondo Inglewood cars on Broadway, pass the camp. Redondo cars not having sign "Inglewood" on front do not pass the camp. Get off Redondo cars at Vermont Avenue.

#### Tents and Furniture

Prices for tents are as follows:

10 x 12, \$2.50; 12 x 17, \$3.50. Fly or burlap carpet, 50 cents each, extra, for  $10 \times 12$ , and 75 cents each for  $12 \times 17$ tents.

Bring your own bedding with you. Straw can be purchased for filling bedticks. We will undertake to have tents and furniture in readiness for those who order at least one week in advance of meeting.

Send orders at once for furniture and tents to Frank Lane, 257 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

G. W. Reaser. June 3.

#### Loma Linda Graduation

The commencement exercises of Loma Linda College of Evangelists were held in the gymnasium of the institution on the evening of the 9th of June. There were about 300 people in attendance, including the patients and several persons from Redlands, who were especially interested in our work.

The following persons were graduated as professional nurses: Bessie May Atkins, Ellen Myrtle Cornish, Flora Barker Merrill, Mable Buell Parks, Carolyn May Brunson, Nora Desa Davis, Sarah Jane Oberholtzer.

Dr. Abbott, after an appropriate speech, presented the diplomas. The valedictory, prepared and presented by Miss Nora Davis, was much appreciated by all.

The following morning, Miss Ellen Cornish, one of the graduate nurses, was united in marriage to Walter Foster. The newly married couple started immediately for Japan, being under appointment by the Mission Board for service in that field. June 12.

G. W. Reaser.

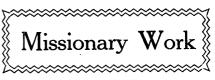
## Loma Linda Sanitarium

Elder Luther Warren, who has been holding some special services at Fernando Academy for the past few weeks, is here at his home for a few days. He leaves again about the 4th inst., and will stop at the newly opened mission in Los Angeles for a day or two before proceeding north to attend the Oakland campmeeting.

The date of our graduating exercises has been placed for June 9 this year, or about a month earlier than last year, to accommodate one member of the class, Miss Ellen Cornish, who immediately thereafter will proceed to Japan in answer to the call from the Mission Board.

Our field work in Colton and San Bernardino, which is under the charge of Miss Grace Jennings, is progressing nicely. Almost every day she takes two or three of our students over to these towns, holding Bible-readings, health talks, or giving treatments; each member of the school thus getting her turn about once in a week or ten days. It is a quiet, persistent work; but all are feeling the blessing of the Lord in thus answering the call of duty.

The following are a few items which indicate advance moves in the various branches of our work: The new bakery is in working order; the first number of the "Medical Evangelist," our sanitarium paper, is off the press; several cottages are in course of construction to accommodate teachers and helpers; and at a recent meeting of the Sanitarium Board it was voted to put in an elevator immediately and to provide for three new class rooms, a laundry, an ice plant with cold storage room, and a chapel. June 3. G. P.



#### CALIFORNIA

## Report for King's Messengers for Week Ending June 5, 1908

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Coming King"			
Miriam E. Clark	43	10	\$21.50
Mrs. Mattie Peach	38	33	50.00
Della Stearns	37	21	35.00
* Attie E. Howe	24	65	120.00
* Ethel Holmes	24	61	102.00
"Daniel and Revelation"			
Alfonso N. Anderso:	n 36	3	18.20
"Great Controversy"			
Hayden Gilstrap	29	11	35.25
"Heralds of the Morning"			
J. V. Pierson	28	47	82.25
C. V. Raaths	20	30	60.00
$\mathbf{Miscellaneous}$			
Della Stearns		22	11.50
Total	279	303	\$535.70
* Report for week ending May 29.			
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Count no duty too little, no round of life too small, no work too low, if it come in thy way, since God thinks so much of it as to send His angels to guard thee in it .- Mark Guy Pearse.

Two more languages have been added to the fifty-two in which this gospel message is now going to the world. They are the Sesuits of South Africa and the Manganja of Nyassaland. A twentypage tract containing Bible-readings on the coming of the Lord, has been prepared in the former, and a tract in the latter language is now being printed in Cape Town, South Africa. Thus the message continues its onward march to all the world in this generation.

# PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1908

Prof. G. W. Caviness and Brother J. P. Novak are at the Pacific Press working on some Spanish translations of our books.

Elder M. Serna, who has been sick at the Phœnix Sanitarium in Arizona for about three months, has so far recovered as to be able to leave for his home.

The Pacific Union Conference Teachers' Institute opened in Healdsburg the forepart of this week. No details of that work have yet been received.

A letter recently received from Mrs. A. Speedie, a former Bible worker of San Francisco, now living at Conconully, Wash., says, ''I have just closed a five months' home church school in the family of Brother Rudolph.''

Elder J. O. Corliss, accompanied by a Brother Johnson, left for Salt Lake City, Utah, the forepart of last week. Elder Corliss goes to assist Elder Huntington in that place in a series of meetings, and Brother Johnson will have charge of the music.

From the North Pacific Union Gleaner of June 10, we note that the following officers for the Western Oregon Conference were elected at the recent session of that conference at St. Johns, Ore.: President, Elder C. W. Flaiz; vice-president, Elder W. L. Black; executive committee: Elders C. W. Flaiz, W. L. Black, T. H. Starbuck, P. A. Hansen, J. M. Cole, W. C. Emerson, and H. J. Dirksen. As per previous arrangements with its employees, the Pacific Press Publishing Company closed its factory from last Thursday evening until Monday morning to give those who desired an opportunity to attend the last few days of the campmeeting in Oakland. Many of the workers took advantage of this occasion.

Under date of June 3, Elder S. G. Huntington writes from Salt Lake City, Utah: "Brother Nelson begins his meetings to-morrow night. Brother Gjording Sunday night, and Elders Hare and St. John Sunday week. Elder St. John baptized three converts at Provo last week, and has three or four more whom he will baptize shortly."

Word has just been received that Elder C. E. Knight and wife, formerly of California and Arizona, but recently of the Western Washington Conference, where he has been acting as secretary and treasurer, have been invited by the Mission Board to connect with the work in South America. The Western Washington Conference has released them for this needy field. Elder Knight was at one time president of the Arizona Conference.

The Oakland camp-meeting was a large and very profitable one. There were over one hundred living-tents pitched upon the grounds, some people secured rooms, and many of those living in Oakland and vicinity stayed at their homes and came on the grounds each day. Among the laborers present who aided materially in the spiritual phase of the meetings were Mrs. E. G. White and Elder Luther Warren. A full report of the meeting will be given later.

At the special session of the California Conference held on the Oakland campground June 9 and 10, the matter of our college work in Healdsburg was thoroughly considered. Under the existing conditions in Healdsburg it was not deemed advisable to try to carry on school work there in the future. A committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the California Conference committee in selecting a suitable location in some rural district, and making arrangements for the removal of the school to that place. Some money was raised toward this enterprise. A more detailed report of this conference session will no doubt appear later.

A recent letter from Elder H. G. Thurston, of Arizona, states that Douglass is proving quite a fruitful field, and the brethren who are laboring there report quite an interest. He states further that the conference is endeavoring to secure a Spanish teacher for some of the young Mexicans to see if they can not be developed into strong workers for their own people. There are about 80,000 Spanish-speaking people in Arizona in need of the help that consecrated young workers could give.

Arrangements are being made to send several young men from our union conference into old Mexico to spread literature containing present truth among the people. Up to the present time four have been selected who will take up work in that needy field sometime during the present summer. Following are the names of the brethren who expect to go shortly to that neglected land: J. A. P. Green, Earl Hackett, and J. L. Brown, of Fernando Academy, Southern California, and A. A. Reinke, of Healdsburg. Brother Green is now at the Pacific Press becoming more familiar with advance methods of book work, and counseling with the brethren in regard to future plans.

The first annual announcement of the Western Normal Institute is now ready for distribution. In accordance with the action taken at the California Conference session held at Fresno last January, that a normal institute be established, a corporation has been formed and a location secured near Lodi, in the San Joaquin Valley. Buildings are now in process of erection, and it is announced that the Normal will be ready to receive students by Sept. 22, 1908. A strong faculty has been chosen of which Prof. E. D. Sharpe, formerly church-school superintendent for California, is president. The announcement gives full outline of the aims, plans, and courses of study offered by the Normal Institute. We are certain that the establishment of this school will meet a long-felt need in our church educational work, and we trust that it may receive the hearty support of our people everywhere. Those interested in this work can receive the calendar on application to Prof. E. D. Sharpe, Lodi, Cal.