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

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A Day at a Time

"A day at a time—of gladness or pain;
A day at a time—of loss or of gain;
A day at a time—not a month or a year;
A day at a time is all we have here.
"Yet we strive to fill up the future with care,
A score of to-morrows we labor to bear;
Let us do to-day's duty, and when that is done,
Leave the rest to the All-wise, All-loving One!"

Sketches of the Past.—No. 41

The prophecy referred to in our last article respecting those who had been "fellow servants," was not confined to their "eating and drinking" merely; but extended to and included the *smiting* of their fellow servants. The *smiting* is not to be understood as literal smiting with the fist; but is expressed by the prophet Jeremiah, when those who rejected his counsel said, "Come and let us *smite* him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words." Jer. 18:18.

As to how this was done, the following quotation from Brother Himes' writing of August 29, 1844, will show: "Most of the ministers and churches that opened their doors to us and our brethren who were proclaiming the advent doctrine, cooperated with us until

the last year. The ministry and membership who availed themselves of our labors, but had not sincerely embraced the doctrine, saw that they must either go with the doctrine, and preach and maintain it, or, in the crisis that was right upon them, they would have difficulty with the decided and determined believers. They, therefore, decided against the doctrine, and determined, some by one policy and some by another, to suppress the subject. This placed our brethren and sisters among them in a most trying position. Most of them loved their churches, and could not think of leaving. But when they were ridiculed, oppressed, and in various ways cut off from their former privileges and enjoyments, and when the 'meat in due season' was withheld from them, and the siren song of 'peace and safety' was sounded in their ears from Sabbath [Sunday] to Sabbath, they were soon weaned from their party predilections, and arose in the majesty of their strength, shook off the yoke, and raised the cry, 'Come out of her, My people.'

"It was not until 'divers were hardened' and 'spoke evil of that way [the Lord's coming] before the multitude,' that our brethren were moved to come out and separate from the churches. They could not endure the 'evil speaking' of the 'evil servants,' and the churches that could pursue the course of oppression and 'evil speaking' toward those who were looking for the 'blessed hope,' were to them none other than the daughters of mystic Babylon. They so proclaimed them, and came into the liberty of the gospel. . . . It is death to remain connected with those bodies that speak lightly of, or oppose,

the coming of the Lord. It is life to come out from all human tradition, and stand upon the word of God, and look daily for the appearing of the Lord."

The Adventists who were thus treated, as above described, quoted to their oppressors the words addressed to the Sardis church: "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Rev. 3:3.

The believers said to their persecutors: "In thus rejecting and opposing the doctrine of Christ's soon appearing you will meet with a moral fall, and become the fallen Babylon, of which it is finally said, they are 'a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.'" Rev. 18:2. Thus it is seen how the people who were the first to hear the second call to the supper, as mentioned in Luke 14:21, became "maimed," "halt," and "blind."

Of the situation, Geo. Storrs said of the churches: "Which of them will suffer a soul to remain among them in peace that openly and fearlessly avers his faith in the advent at the door?"

It was this condition of things that brought about the proclamation of the second angel's message, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink [of the wine of the wrath of her fornication]." Rev. 14:8. The wine of Babylon, as explained by the Adventists, was the doctrines by which the church was blinding the eyes of the people as to the great truths connected with the judgment-hour message.

J. N. Loughborough.

The Foreign Mission Offering

A thanksgiving week has been set apart by the brethren in Washington, D. C., the special time being November 22-28. The real object for the devoting of this period, as above mentioned, is to secure funds to advance the gospel work in heathen lands where moral darkness reigns.

Christ, the Way, the Hope, the Life, is largely unknown there. Our lot has been cast in a land of Christian light and liberty, and in a country of great prosperity.

We, as a denomination of Seventh-day Adventists, are certainly enjoying much financial prosperity. Is not the Lord giving His people a monetary test? Surely He must be, for He is calling upon us to bear the truth of the three-fold message of Rev. 14: 6-14 to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and this can not be accomplished without a vast deal of money.

Besides the present inhabitants of the celestial world, it will require all of God's redeemed people to make heaven complete. So, it will require, before the warfare is over, as complete a surrender on our part of all our means as the Lord requires to-day of our hearts.

The Lord is the real owner of all the gold and all the silver, and all the cattle upon the many hills. We are His stewards. He invites us to return to Him a portion of that over which he has made us stewards. Will we not invest our money in soul-saving and thus transfer our interests to the bank of heaven, whose treasurer has never defaulted, neither has the bank ever been closed because of a financial stringency? Deposits are always with one hundred cents on the dollar.

This special period of time that has been set apart will be a golden opportunity for each one of us to share His means with heaven by giving it to extend the light of truth in darkened countries.

Each church should take large numbers of the Foreign Missions number of the *Review*, which will be filled with live matter pertaining to our missionary efforts and accomplishments in heathen countries. These *Reviews* will be for free distribution to friends and neighbors, and the distributors are expected to give each person receiving a paper an

opportunity to make a monetary offering to God's cause, the same to be used to extend the knowledge of our divine Redeemer to those poor souls who are unacquainted with Him.

Let all the churches send in orders for the Foreign Missions number of the *Review* at an early date, so there will be no delay when the day is at hand. Each of us should be as John was, "a burning and a shining light."

H. W. Cottrell.

Our Opportunity

In the RECORDER of last week there appeared a full description of the "Foreign Mission Thanksgiving Ingathering Plan," and all of our church-members are invited to cooperate heartily in making the week beginning November 22 a week for a real ingathering of funds for the advancement of the work among the millions in foreign lands where the printed page and the living messenger have not as yet entered.

We are asked not only to contribute of our own funds, but to solicit from the world at large means for the extension of this work.

It will not be necessary to review this plan, or to dwell upon its importance, only that its success is going to depend upon how each local conference and each local church and also each individual, organizes for systematic effort in this great undertaking. Within the borders of the Pacific Union Conference there are about 7,000 Sabbath-keepers among a population of 2,567,000 people. Many among this large company of people have their abundance of this world's goods—gold, silver, lands, and houses. They are not centered in any one spot, but are to be found in all portions of our several conferences, and it should be the ambition of each individual to work thoroughly the district that may be allotted to him, in order that many of these people may have an opportunity of contributing to the uplifting of their fellow men.

Each church will find that the territory in its section may be carefully worked by first ascertaining how many members are going to take part in this great ingathering festival, and how many copies of the special issue of the *Review* that contains the story of our mission work, these prospective workers wish to cir-

culate. Then when the record has been made and the papers ordered for these workers, take the territory, both the city and the country surrounding, and divide in into districts that have definite boundary lines, giving to each of these workers one or more districts as they may select and agree to work.

It will not be best for promiscuous, unsystematic work to be done, because the workers would soon find that the territory was being burnt over, and they would become discouraged by the overlapping of workers in the same field.

Each worker should be supplied by the church librarian with an introduction card, which will show that the person soliciting is duly authorized to solicit funds in behalf of the general mission work of the denomination. These introduction cards may be procured from the State tract society.

The church officers should ascertain at an early date how many copies of the *Review* will be needed, so that the papers may be on hand in due season, so that all of the workers will have ample time to become thoroughly familiar, by careful study, with the story of our mission work. It is in this subject that these workers must interest others, so must be filled to the overflowing with the needs of the work themselves.

If each conference, and each church in our several conferences will plan for such a systematic work on the part of all our willing members who have a mind to work in this worthy undertaking, we are certain that there will be a great ingathering of funds for the benefit of the fields that are now ripe for the harvest.

J. J. Ireland.

The Field

Marshfield, Oregon

I am as busy as I can be now filling orders, and have been since August 10—just one month ago to-day. The good Lord does bless. Praise His name. In about one week more, the Lord willing (James 4:14, 15), I hope to be all done, and start for home in California.

I see many tokens of God's love and care, so many answers to prayer. We have a prayer-answering and prayer-hearing God. How much all of us have

Reason to be thankful for, every day of our lives.

To be sure, I have my ups and downs, trials and temptations, and the "thorns in the flesh" as all do, but the blessings, the precious provisions of the plan of salvation, tower so majestically high above them all they are not worthy to be counted. The eternal weight of glory prepared for us, far outweighs them all, while we look not at temporal things of sense and sight, but at the things that are eternal.

On this trip of less than three months (or about eighty days), I am sure I will deliver, by the help of our Lord, over \$1,000 worth of orders for books, outside helps, etc. Many are for the heaven-sent books "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Ministry of Healing." May God water the seed sown, and richly bless all the dear company of King's Messengers. They all have my prayers.

Walter Harper.

September 10.

CALIFORNIA

To the Churches of the California Conference

Dear Brethren:

The funds of the General Conference are low on account of the growth of the work in foreign fields, and the following plan has been suggested:

First, that a week be taken, toward the latter part of the year, in which all of our laborers, as far as is consistent, will donate one week of their time; that is, give their wages for one week to the work in foreign lands.

Second, that all our brethren and sisters be asked to give one week of their time, where they can possibly do so.

Third, A special number of the *Review* will be prepared and sent out to all our churches free, according as they request, to be widely distributed among their friends and neighbors; and at the same time, that our brethren will ask these friends to contribute to the cause according to their ability and largeness of heart.

All the money received is to be forwarded to the treasurer of the conference, who will in turn forward it to its destination in Washington.

Please send in your order for as many copies of this special number of the

Review as you wish, to the California Bible House, at once. The papers are absolutely free, and are to be given away; and donations are to be received either from our brethren or from those outside of the faith. Please attend to this matter *at once*, and write to the California Bible House telling them the number of papers you wish, either as a church, or as individuals; give the address of the person, or the church where they are to be sent.

Every church ought to be able to take large numbers of these papers and distribute them freely, the whole community being encouraged to contribute to the foreign mission work.

It will be an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with your friends and neighbors, and for them to learn what we are doing as a people in the foreign missionary work.

S. N. Haskell,
Pres. California Conference.

Stockton Tent-Meeting

At the close of the tent effort at Fresno, we engaged in labor with Brother J. D. Alder, at Stockton. The first public service was held in the tent, Thursday, July 23.

In all, thirty-five discourses upon present truth were delivered, besides Bible studies and visits. At the close, on Sabbath, August 29, six dear souls were baptized. Five of these united with the church, while one was rebaptized. Since then another has been added by baptism, and two others are keeping the Sabbath.

I am now on my way to the Fresno camp-meeting, while Brother Alder remains at Stockton.

J. H. Behrens.

Eureka Camp-Meeting

The Humboldt County camp-meeting was held in Eureka, Cal., July 23 to August 3. While the attendance of our own people was not as large as we had expected, the Lord met with us, and those who attended were strengthened and refreshed. There was a good spirit manifested, and much work was done in the town of Eureka during the meeting by workers from the camp. One day almost the entire camp spent the

forenoon in visiting from house to house.

Considerable attention was given to the temperance work, Dr. Edwards conducting a health and temperance meeting each day at five o'clock. The last Sunday afternoon was also devoted to the temperance work. Calls came in from other places, and Dr. Edwards gave addresses at Fortuna and Arcata during her stay in Humboldt County.

The Sabbath-school work also received attention during the camp-meeting, and Sister Carrie R. King, the Sabbath-school secretary of the conference, remained about two weeks after the camp-meeting closed, visiting the different churches, and helping them in their Sabbath-school work.

The book-tent was an attractive feature of the camp. A large quantity of literature was taken by the campers and visitors to be distributed in the county. The entire sales during the meeting at wholesale rates amounted to \$488.30. The retail value was \$870.15. This was a good record for a small meeting. We sincerely trust this literature will not be held by our people, but that those who purchased it will sell, loan, and give it away, so that the truth may reach many who are not acquainted with it.

A workers' institute was held a few days after the regular meeting had closed.

The new church building in Eureka was just completed, and the dedication was appointed for the first Sabbath after the close of the camp-meeting. The writer and Elder Osborne conducted the dedicatory services. The Eureka brethren may well be proud of their new church building. They, like David, would not offer to the Lord that which had cost them nothing; but had the church *all* paid for before they gave it to the Lord. On the day of the dedication they gave two thank-offerings, one to foreign missions, and one to the Japanese mission work in Oakland.

We visited the Arcata church twice while in the county. Our brethren in Humboldt County seem to be of good courage.

Brother W. L. Sims was conducting a tent effort at Fortuna during the time of the camp-meeting with quite a good interest.

S. N. Haskell,
Pres. California Conference.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

On Sundays, usually quite a number of the patients enjoy visits from their relatives and friends.

The family enjoyed a little outing at Hillcrest, Thursday evening, from 6:30 to 8:30. The two hours were spent enjoying a watermelon lunch, music, and games.

The Junior B Class went for a ride one day this week to Napa and return. They visited the Soldiers' Home at Yountville with 800 inmates, and the Hospital for the Insane at Napa, with 2,000 inmates; also went through the shoe and glove factories and the cannery. They returned at night feeling that the day had been profitably spent, and they had had a pleasant outing as well.

Sabbath afternoon, August 30, a meeting for parents and friends of the church school was held on the school grounds for the consideration of that branch of church work. The afternoon of September 5, a question box containing questions on Bible subjects was opened on the lawn, and a goodly number enjoyed the answers. A song service with a Bible catechism is planned for Sabbath afternoon, September 12, on the lawn.

On Sunday, August 30, and Sunday, September 6, friends of the church school spent the day in work on the grounds, making quite a difference in appearance, not only outside but also within the building. The school opened on September 7, with an attendance of about fifty-five. The teachers are Prof. A. W. H. Millard, and Miss Emma Marchus. A new bell has been secured for the building, which can be heard in the surrounding valley and hillside.

Among our recent visitors and guests are Miss C. A. Whitney, secretary of the Associated Charities, San Francisco; Dr. J. Myers, of Raymond, with his sister; Mr. L. J. Perry, manager San Francisco, Vallejo, and Napa Valley electric line, and brother F. L. Perry; Mr. F. C. Mortimer of First National Bank, Berkeley, wife and son; T. J. Evans, head of the shoe manufactory at Napa; Mrs. H. C. Reynolds en route

for Honolulu in the interests of Humane and W. C. T. U. work; and Rev. O. E. Hart, of Oakland.

Tuesday evening the gymnasium was well filled with the family and guests to witness a patent medicine demonstration. Peruna, Hostetter's Bitters, Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and Hood's Sarsaparilla were distilled and burned, and each gave a bright light. Patent medicines may be divided into two great classes. The *first*, and the one in which we feel the most interested, has a deleterious effect upon the system, and produces drug habits. Four classes of these may be named as follows, according to what they contain:

1. *Alcohol*, of which the above are examples.
2. *Acetanilid*, all headache powders, as Orangeine, Anti Kamnia, Bromo Seltzer, etc.
3. *Morphine*, or *opium*, soothing syrups and cough and consumption cures, as Mother Winslow's Soothing Syrup, Kopp's Baby Friend, Shiloh's Consumption Cure, Pica's Consumption Cure, etc., etc.
4. *Cocaine*—Catarrh remedies, as Birney's Catarrh Powder, four per cent; Crown Catarrh Powder, two and one-half per cent, etc., etc.

They are all narcotics and not only are injurious to the body, but *always* tend to form habits that are most difficult to overcome.

The second great class are those that do no harm and no particular good except to the one who sells them. Simply a case of a fool and his money parting company. In this class may be named Liquozone, Magic Ring, Hot X-ray Porous Plasters, Electric belts and insoles; Viavi Vital Ore, etc.

M. L. E.

September 11.

Tehachapi

After coming all day by horse and buggy up a mountain, one enters in a large valley called Tehachapi Valley, in which lies the town by the same name. To the south about five miles is another small place called Aqueduct. Twenty miles south of Tehachapi is the junction Mojave. With these towns and the

thickly settled nooks and vales we have been kept very busy.

While here we have tried Elder and Sister Haskell's plan of scattering and selling literature. First we went over the town with temperance literature, which created considerable interest. With this we held several temperance meetings. Then we sold "Seer of Patmos," which was received far beyond our expectation. After that, *Signs* monthly, and *Liberty*, with an abundant supply of tracts.

We have been grateful indeed to see some results so quickly. There is a young man in the country whom we met in a very peculiar way, which showed that the Lord especially led us to him. He was supposed to be dying of consumption, but we thought at once that he had a very bad case of stomach trouble. We immediately took him in hand; he stopped the use of tobacco, tea and coffee, and began a treatment of diet; and now he is able to walk into town, a distance of three miles, and do a fairly good day's work. He is now a commandment-keeper. His mother said yesterday that she realized that she must do the same if she ever received God's blessings. They expect soon to go to Armona to work in the fruit, and the son is planning on going to camp-meeting at Fresno.

In town we also have a sister who has learned to love and keep God's truth. We are busy helping these to become established. We find several others who are interested from reading, who we hope in time will see the whole light.

There is also some interest at Aqueduct. We hold Sunday afternoon meetings there in a home near the town. There are some very earnest people, and it does one good to hear so many "amens" from the congregation. There is a sister living there, recently from Los Angeles.

Word just received from Bakersfield tells us that one of our W. C. T. U. sisters has come to love God's beautiful message. From here we want to go to Kernville, another town of about the same size, only off the railroad and more secluded.

We could have used a small tent very nicely, for there is no place to hold meetings; but we are glad for the good work the truth-laden pages of literature have done. We found one of Brother Walter Harper's books, "Ministry of

Healing," being circulated as a Christian Science book. It has got around as far as our new Sabbath-keeper. We didn't object to its circulation, for several Christian Scientists have read it, and we hope have had a glimpse of the true Science. Nearly everywhere Brother Harper sold books we have placed more literature, showing that our literature does not prejudice.

Chas. N. Miller,
Minnie E. Miller.

Utah Conference Notice

The seventh annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2-7, 1908, for the purpose of selecting officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may arise. The first meeting will be held at 10:30 A. M. of the first day. Churches are entitled to one delegate for their organization, and one additional delegate for every five members. We request that all our churches be sure that their full quota of delegates are duly elected, and such as can, be in attendance at the conference.

S. G. Huntington,
President.

Utah Conference Corporation Notice

The fourth annual meeting of the Utah Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is appointed to convene in connection with the seventh annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at Salt Lake City, Utah, Monday, 2 P. M., October 5, 1908, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. All accredited delegates to the conference are members of this corporation.

S. G. Huntington,
President.

Home Wanted

An old man desires a home in exchange for light work on a ranch. Please communicate with the Hydratic Dispensary, 916 Laguna St., San Francisco, Cal.

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Obituary

It is with deepest sorrow that we make known to our many friends through this issue of the RECORDER the sad news of the death of our darling baby, Edith Ione, who fell asleep at Douglas, Ariz., Sunday morning, Aug. 30, 1908; the cause of death being meningitis. She was born in Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 30, 1907, and was therefore eleven months old the day of her death. She was a strong, healthy child previous to her short sickness of but five days.

The funeral was held August 31 at the gospel tent, her uncle, Elder J. E. Bond, officiating.

We mourn, but not as those who have no hope.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care;
Safe from the world's temptations,
Sin can not harm her there."

Isaac P. Dillon,
Edith I. Dillon.

Fruit Ranch at a Bargain

For Sale.—A twenty-acre fruit ranch in the Santa Clara Valley, five miles from San Jose courthouse, and one and one-half miles from electric line. Can be had at a bargain before January 1. Address Loma Linda Sanitarium, Loma Linda, Cal.

Do the best you can where you are, and when that is done you may see an opening for something better.—*Report of Progress.*

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Elder J. O. Corliss was called the middle of this week to Humboldt County in the interest of the Sunday agitation.

We have recently received a beautiful folding postal on which is a colored picture of the building and grounds of the Glendale Sanitarium, located at Glendale, Cal., a suburb of Los Angeles. From this it may be seen that in appearance and surroundings at least, this institution is all that could be desired by one seeking rest or health. A postal card to the above address will bring descriptive literature and full information regarding the advantages of this institution.

Sabbath, October 5, has been set apart for a general offering for the colored school work in the South. There is certainly a good work being done by these schools, and many more of them should be established. The brethren who have charge of that work are depending upon this general collection for funds to carry on the schools that have already been established, and to start others in equally needy localities. Hence the necessity of making this offering a liberal one.

"In a recent fight made by the mothers of Alabama against the liquor traffic, the following card was effectively used:

"From a bushel of corn the distiller gets four gallons of whisky:
Which retails at\$16.80
The Farmer gets45
The U. S. Government gets 4.40
The Railroad Co. gets80
The Manufacturer gets 4.00
The Drayman gets15
The Retailer gets 7.00
The Consumer gets Drunk
The Wife gets Hunger
The Children get Rags
The Politician gets Office
The man who votes license gets What?
"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunk also."'
Hab. 2:15.

"Nothing succeeds like success," and from the reports of those working with periodicals, this branch of the work is surely to remain at the front.

One agent selling *Life and Health* in Detroit, Mich., writes: "I like the work better every day. The people come up eagerly to get the papers." Another agent in Buffalo sold 100 copies in five hours, and 400 papers in five days in Chicago. Another agent taking a trip, ordered 1,300 copies of *Life and Health* in lots of 50 to 100 to various towns along the way.

Liberty is also moving right along. One order for 1,000 copies to one individual in Oakland, Cal., was followed by a wire order for 5,000 copies for the Oakland Missionary Society.

The importance of the truth presented in the present number of *Liberty* demands a circulation of at least 100,000 copies. It gives the straight third angel's message.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1908.

Death of E. A. Chapman

It will be with sincere sorrow that the readers of the RECORDER will learn of the death of our beloved brother, Edwin Arnold Chapman, the secretary and treasurer of the California Conference and treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference.

The last sickness of Brother Chapman was very brief, being contracted in central California while arranging for the camp-meeting to be held at Fresno this month, and his death was entirely unlooked for by his family and associates. Returning from his mission to Fresno, he was unable to continue his journey homeward further than Oakland, where he died the evening of September 8, aged forty-nine years, eight months, and eight days.

Brother Chapman was born near Petaluma, Jan. 31, 1859. His father, Thomas Matthew Chapman, and his mother were of the early pioneers of the third angel's message in California. Being brought up from childhood under the influence of a Christian home, our brother gave his heart to God at an early age, and became actively identified with the organized work of the denomination when but nineteen, by connecting with the Pacific Press. Eventually he became the secretary and treasurer of that institution. For a number of years he was also connected officially with the Pacific Union and California Conferences.

In 1906, at the earnest solicitation of the California Conference Committee,

the Pacific Press released Brother Chapman in order that he might give to the conference his undivided time and effort as secretary and treasurer.

The sterling qualities of our departed brother, his Christian experience, integrity of character and lovable disposition won for him the respect and love of a large circle of acquaintances, who deeply mourn him. He will be greatly missed by the California Conference, which he has so long and faithfully served, and especially by the church at Mountain View, of which he was senior elder.

His widow and three orphan children have the sincere sympathy of all his brethren and friends in this their sad hour of bereavement. May the Lord bless and comfort them in their sad trial and loss.

Funeral services were held at Oakland and also at Petaluma, where interment took place; and an impressive memorial service was conducted at the church at Mountain View, Sabbath, September 12.

W. T. Knox.

A Special Session of the California Conference

A call is hereby given for a special session of the California Conference to convene at Fresno, Cal., in connection with the camp-meeting which will be held September 17 to 28.

The first meeting of the conference session will be Monday, September 28, at 9:00 A.M. Matters of special importance to all the brethren and sisters are to be considered and decided.

The committee chosen at the Oakland conference to look out different sites for a location for the conference college will be expected to report their findings, and the conference will decide upon the definite location for the school.

Some one must be chosen to take the treasurership of the conference.

Each church should choose its allotted number of delegates, being entitled to one for the organization, and one additional for every twenty members.

The church elders should attend to this matter *at once*.

S. N. Haskell,
President.

A misunderstanding as to who should report the Eureka camp-meeting is the reason for its not appearing in our paper at an earlier date.

The Temperance number of the *Watchman* is still having a ready sale. Already about 200,000 of these papers have been printed, and another edition will be put out soon. Order of your State tract society.

The September number of the *Signs* monthly, the leading articles of which are devoted to the alarming ravages of insect pests, is meeting with a ready sale. The October *Signs* monthly will be on the subject of "Finance," and this number, too, will no doubt be well received. Are you helping in the circulation? Why not?

Recent word from Elder E. E. Andross, who was lately elected president of the Southern California Conference, states that his wife is very ill in the Portland Sanitarium, at Portland, Ore. We hope that Sister Andross will soon be restored to health, and that Brother Andross will be able to take up his duties in Southern California in the near future.

According to previous announcements, the Fresno camp-meeting begins to-day. All arrangements have been made for a profitable meeting. On September 28, the day following the close of the meeting, a special session of the California Conference has been called, as per notice in another column of this paper. Provision will be made for the extension of the reduced railway rates to cover this date.

We have just received the first ten lessons constituting section one of the Standard Graded Course of Sight-Singing, by Prof. Gerard Gerritsen. In harmony with the request of the Text-Book Committee of the Educational Department of the General Conference, Professor Gerritsen has issued this as the first part of his handbook for teachers in the art of sight-singing. It is gotten out in typewritten form, and from our meager examination of the lessons, they are well adapted for beginning work. For further information, address Prof. Gerard Gerritsen, Room 670, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

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