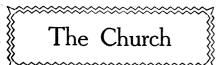


Vol. 8

Mountain View, Cal., November 19, 1908

No. 16



God Give Us Men!

- "God give us men! A time like this demands
- Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
- Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
- Men whom the spoils of office can not buy,
- Men who have honor, men who will not lie,
- Men who can stand before a demagogue And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking.
- Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
- In public duty and in private thinking; For while the rabble with their thumbworn creeds.
- Their large professions and their little deeds
- Mingle in selfish strife; Lo! freedom weeps,
- Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps!"

Sketches of the Past --- No. 50 The Philadelphia Church

In the third chapter of Revelation is found this testimony to the Philadelphia church: "Behold, I come quickly." It will be remembered that the Philadelphia church followed the Sardis church, which, as we have already seen, had heard the doctrine of the Lord's "coming, and was admonished to hold fast what they had "heard" and "received," otherwise His coming would "overtake them "as a thief." Rev. 3:3. The Philadelphia church was composed of those who came out under the sec-"ond message as a distinct Adventist hody, waiting and watching for the coming of the Lord.

The first angel's message, as first proclaimed, went to the churches; and the leaders in the movement, down to April, 1844, had no thought of forming a new organization, supposing the churches would continue to cooperate with them in heralding the near advent of Christ. In this, however, they were disappointed; but it was in the order of the Lord, for the "gospel of the kingdom" should first go to the churches. It was also His plan to have a people separated from the churches that they might have liberty to search for further light and truth. And so the second message and the midnight cry developed a company who searched out and presented to the world the great theme of man's nature and destiny, future rewards and punishments, the Sabbath, and other important truths comprehended in the third angel's message. The Lord's purpose was to have a people free to search for, accept, and obey developing truths of His word, untrammeled by man-made creeds.

We will again call attention to the parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25, for the purpose of showing that while the wise virgins were learning the nature of the event that was to transpire after the coming of the Bridegroom to the marriage — going in with Him, by faith — and the lights of the foolish virgins were going out, another feature is presented, found in these words: "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch • therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25:11-13.

Here is brought to view a movement representing a class of persons who went forth to meet the Bridegroom, but failed to go in with Him to the marriage. A class, who, not seeing the light as to the true events to take place at the close of the twenty-three hundred days, were setting time for the Lord to come; for the Master says to them, "Ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." The class to whom this refers professed to know that which they are told they do not know.

This language represents a movement transpiring not after Christ's second coming, but after the time proclamation -- after the announcement of the coming of the Bridegroom, and the going in with Him to the marriage. The question arises, What has been done since the close of the twenty-three hundred days? While light has been obtained and has spread concerning the present position of the Bridegroom, a class of persons have arisen who are almost yearly setting the time for the Lord to come. Those leading out in this work were persons who were in the Advent movement previous to October, 1844, but who did not follow Christ into the marriage at the close of the midnight cry.

The admonition of the Saviour is to "watch." And this is the attitude of Seventh-day Adventists. They believe all prophetic time closed Oct. 22, 1844, with the closing of the twenty-three hundred days; hence they have had no part in time-setting. Their position is, and ever has been, that of "watching" — watching the signs of the times, watching the advancement of the third angel's message which is to lighten the earth with its glory and ripen the harvest of the earth.

At this point in our Saviour's discourse He introduces the parable of the "talents," in which He points out the duties and dangers of those who have the light concerning Christ's present position — judging the rightcous dead, soon to pass to the judgment of the righteous living. After the parable of the talents is the literal second coming, and the final separation of the rightcous and the wicked. This parable will be noticed in our next article.

J. N. Loughborough.

"Thou Shalt Not Steal"

The eighth commandment prohibits both public and private sins. It condemns theft and robbery. It demands strict integrity and lovalty in all the affairs of life. It requires uprightness in business transactions and the payment of just debts and wages.

To steal is to take that which does not belong to us. One who steals is called a thief, a robber. Men steal from one another, and rob each other in their acsire for gain, but when they accept of Jesus Christ this sinful practise is stopped. After being born again they have no further desire to rob each other, for they are brought into harmony with the eighth commandment, and it would hardly be expected that they would henceforth take from God or man that which does not belong to them and appropriate it to their own use. But the Lord through the prophet Malachi charges even those with transgressing the eighth commandment. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:8.

Paul asks the question in the sixth of Romans, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid." "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), and the eighth commandment of the law says, "Thou shalt not steal." Now if we steal we are thieves or robbers, and the scripture above quoted shows clearly that those who do not pay tithes or make offerings are robbing God, and they are transgressing the eighth commandment.

James tells us that it is by the law we are to be judged, and if we keep the whole law and yet offend in one point we are guilty of all. It seems very fitting that all professing Christianity should consider this matter and ascertain whether they are keepers or transgressors of the commandments of God. Rev. 22:14.

"Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse."—W. H. Thurston, in "Canadian Union Messenger."

The First Report of Thanksgiving Collections

The first report reaching us on the Thanksgiving collections came from Canada, where Thanksgiving week is about a month before Thanksgiving in the United States. The churches in Canada have been taking a very lively interest in soliciting for missions during Thanksgiving week in the Dominion, and we are pleased to give this report of \$27.70 collected by one sister in Toronto, while distributing 200 copies of the *Review*, making an average of nearly 14 cents per copy. This is not a large amount, but it demonstrates that the plan is a successful one, and that it is possible to collect a large amount for missions. Many will do far better, but even at this rate the 500,000 papers we are to put out would bring into our mission treasury \$70,000. It will go far above this amount, for many are assuring us that they will get from 50 cents to \$1.00 per copy for all the papers they put out in the United States. Let all attempt to make the papers they handle average at least 50 cents per copy, and bring to missions at least \$250,000.

We are planning to publish the name of the party who collects the largest amount of money, without regard to the number of papers used, and also the name of the member who averages the largest amount per copy of the papers circulated. Who will take a part in this commendable race?

Those who have not yet ordered the papers should do so at once and place all orders with the State Tract Societies who will supply the solicitors' cards. Canvasses will be sent direct from the publishing house.

Gen. Conf. Missionary Committee.

"The strongest argument for the truth of Christianity is the true Christian—the man filled with the Spirit of Christ."



Comparative Statement of Tithe Received from the Various Churches in the California Conference to October 31 of the

> Years 1907, 1908

	1000	
	1907	1908
Alameda	\$1,166.61	\$1,408.50
Arcata	310.30	344.50
Armona	668.06	1,399.72
Arroyo Grande	134.65	119.37
Arbuckle	71.50	6.75
Bakersfield	165.03	108.17
Berkeley	$1,\!478.03$	666.98
Bishop	813.20	435.30
Burrough	204.21	49.41
Buckeye	40.95	62.65
Calistoga	286.22	179.09
Chico	2,234.57	2,121.84
Corning		66,98
Dinuba	278.40	975.51
Dinuba (German)		56.15
Dos Palos	66.28	122.68
Eureka	1,496.18	1,307.84
	436.70	1,507.04
		168.05
Ferndale	450.15	
Fresno	1,818.46	1,322.19
Grass Valley	297.00	188.64
Glennville	260.58	158.25
Guerneville	127.91	109.31
Hanford	769.11	606.22
Healdsburg	3,100.86	1,818.87
Hughson	200.92	428.65
Island		· 159.03
Laton	168.23	45.00
Le Grand	2,218.77	554.50
Lemoore	595,11	349.55
Los Gatos	249.15	296.54
Lockwood	500.65	160.70
Laguna		88.12
Lodi (German)	52.00	
Lodi	1,216.29	1,838.75
Lompoc	/	120.00
Kerman	58.40	
McKinleyville	125.60	17.45
Modesto	461.35	320.22
Morgan Hill	777.83	431.08
Mountain View	4,990.36	4,207.92
Monterey	343.03	77.50
Mount Bullion	59.43	82.32
Merced	00.10	501.85
	015 11	
Napa	215.11	387.57
North San Juan	5.50	6.00
Oakdale	326.90	243.51
Oakland	5,182.27	4,318.97
Oakland (colored)	83.31	
Pepperwood	449.22	111.60
Placerville	197.95	205.55
Petaluma	205.25	446.09
Red Bluff	312.70	170.15
Redding	291.18	468.80
Reno	848.68	879.92
Sacramento	1,078.92	880.48
San Francisco	3,663.63	3,168,85
Sanitarium	4,748.44	5,574.61
Camparian	.,, ±0, ±±	0,011.01

6		
	1907	1908
San Jose	\$2,002.19	\$1,395.58
San Luis Obisp	0 139.87	149.27
Santa Cruz	512.39	408.38
Santa Rosa	803.61	401.35
Sebastopol	816.91	299.22
Selma	542.35	412.27
Soquel	215.80	204.25
St. Clair, Nev.	141.50	3.00
St. Helena	861.75	916.39
Susanville	80.40	102.05
Stockton	1,208.00	761.42
Smith River	108.50	47.05
Turlock	508.65	659.12
Ukiah	291.50	313.89
Vacaville	246.26	104.36
Vallejo	404.77	183.90
Wallace Distric	t 166.46	502.62
Watsonville	52.95	22.71
Woodland	696.75	775.52
Personal	1,569.18	1,032.68
Total	\$57,746.99	\$49,199.28
	Claude Conard	, Treas.

The Medical Missionary Convention of the Pacific Union Conference, Held at St. Helena Sanitarium, October 26 to 29

After the very successful meeting held at Loma Linda last year, the workers in this part of the union conference looked forward with a great deal of interest to this gathering. Their anticipations were more than realized. There was great interest manifested in all the topics discussed, and many new plans were brought forward. Great unity of spirit prevailed among all present. As we near the closing hours of this message, it is good to see the workers in all lines uniting more closely each year.

The prevailing thought seemed to be, less of theory and more of actual work. The health reform movement has been called the right arm of the message, but many of us are crippled in our work because of paralysis of the right arm. Let us be up and doing. Let us restore life to our right arm, and develop it to its full capacity of work.

Plans were discussed for sending out nurses and demonstrators to the churches to give instruction in healthful dress and cookery. But they will need the hearty cooperation of all. Will we cooperate?

A part of the time was taken up with a discussion of diseases which our workers meet in foreign lands. The nurses led out in this with a study of the causes and symptoms, followed by a discussion of the treatment given by one of the physicians. We have ren-

dered too little assistance to these pioneers in foreign lands. We who have the advantages of schools and scientific research in this country should do all we can to lighten the burdens of our brethren in mission fields.

Many excellent papers were read, dealing with topics of vital interest to the work at this time. A full report of the proceedings will be published in pamphlet form, and may be had by addressing the undersigned or Dr. J. R. Leadsworth, Loma Linda, Cal. The price is 35 cents. The convention was attended by twenty physicians; seven ministers; twenty graduate nurses; forty-five undergraduates; and sixteen other workers, besides many resident helpers.

It was decided to hold another convention next year, the time and place to be decided later.

F. F. Abbott, M. D., Secretary of Convention. Sanitarium, Cal.

Red Bluff

Not having reported for so long a time is no indication that we have been idle in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Since Elder Martin went from Corning to Oroville with the tent last July we have been alone. Our time was spent mostly in Corning with the new company that was raised up there. Marked advancements have been made among our people there; especially is this noticeable in the younger members.

The company has been somewhat broken up from the very first, which was altogether unavoidable. Besides this there have been many discouraging features in connection with the work. A bitter spirit has prevailed against our brethren and the Lord's work from the very start, so much so that but few have been added to the church since its organization in July.

A few weeks ago there was an attempt by the town officers to force some of our brethren to work on the Sabbath. What they call "clean-up-day" had passed on Tuesday. These brethren had a scrap-iron heap back of their shop such as one may find about almost any blacksmith shop. Not knowing that it was any more offensive than the same would be elsewhere, or at some other shop, they did not remove it as some of the anti-Sabbatarians thought they should. Nothing was said until the following Sabbath morning, when an official appeared and notified them that the scrap-iron must be removed, and that work must begin at once, and on failure to do so it would be done at their expense.

The brethren plainly but kindly refused to do or allow anything to be done that day on their premises. After learning that he could not scare them, and having no law to revert to, the officer gave it up as a bad undertaking, but was on the ground the next morning (Sunday) and left orders for them not to remove the scrap-iron that day. The brethren were kind enough to obey orders this time and so the heap is still there.

This will suffice to show the spirit that has been manifest in Corning, and this antagonism has been encouraged by nearly all the pupils in the town, and indeed found its origin there. Never have I seen the opposition so marked. nor heard the voice of the dragon so audibly; but I believe this is only a drop in the bucket.

Mrs. Patterson has worked particularly with the children, having a class of fifteen most of the time. Three were added to the church October 3, and we still look for good results to accrue from our labor there.

I have visited the Red Bluff church several times during the summer, and seeing the need, we decided late in October to locate here for the winter. There is an old, established church here. However, it has not made much progress for several years. Since we came, there seems to be a spirit of labor taking hold of the members of the church, so much so that we are planning a thorough missionary campaign. Meetings will probably begin in the church about December 1, which will be preceded by a house-tohouse canvass.

There seems to have been a good beginning. October 31 I had the privilege of burying two, a man and his wife, in baptism, and again Sabbath, November 7, two others, sisters.

Since we came to Red Bluff, the Baptist minister has planned a four-months' attack against the Sabbath. Satan is still alive. We believe that this place is ripe for the message, and hope to give it a thorough warning before spring. Brethern, pray for the work here.

November 15. J. R. Patterson,

Reno, Nevada

Since our last report we have held a series of meetings in Yerington, a small place about seventy-five miles south of Reno, in quite a rich mining and agricultural section.

We began services the night of September 26. Despite the opening of a skating-rink, an opposition revival, and a dance every few nights, there was a fair interest all the way through, and seeds were sown, the full fruit of which will be revealed at the last day.

In the midst of the effort, the weather turned cold and very windy, making it impossible to keep the tent warm enough for a large audience, so the attendance was not so large the last two weeks.

On the 26th of October it was our privilege to administer baptism to three dear souls, the service being held near Yerington, in the Walker River. The candidates were recommended to Fallon, Reno, and Sacramento, respectively, for membership. We returned to Reno on October 27, and are getting things in shape for the winter's work.

Baptismal services were held in Reno at Moana Springs, November 1, when three candidates were buried in the watery grave. These were the result of the follow-up work done by Sister Belle Hickox, our Bible worker. She reports a number of others on the point of deciding, and expects some to obey.

Pray for the blessing of God to attend the work being done in Nevada.

J. Adams Stevens.

B. E. Beddoe.

ARIZONA Globe

November 4.

I am now at this big mining camp, some 1,200 miles southeast of San Francisco, busy at work. For some ten days I was at beautiful Loma Linda Sanitarium.

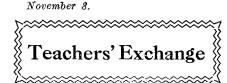
The dear Lord gives success. The weather here is almost perfect,- bright, clear, warm, sunny days, and cool, clear nights. I seek God much for grace and strength, and He does hear and answer. Isa. 61:10; 63:7; Ps. 71:15, 16, 19.

The first day's work here, the Master gave me three orders for the jewelcasket of truth, that grand book, "Ministry of Healing," besides other orders.

The making of these relief books a

part of my regular canvassing work seems to call down blessings on the other part of the work. It brings a hallowed, sweet, mellowing influence into the work that is refreshing to the soul. O, if all our workers would take hold of these two devoted books, "Ministry of Healing'' and "Christ's Object Lessons." and try to carry out the Lord's plan for them, what light, joy, and blessings would come into their souls; how they would be watered, be refreshed in so doing. They would not miss having a part in it. My hope and courage is good in the Lord.

Walter Harper.



Morning Exercises

Being interested in reading the accounts in the Teachers' Exchange, I take the opportunity of adding a mite to the list.

School has been in progress now for some time, and as the newness is wearing off we find it harder to keep our pupils enthused with the school life.

What shall we do about it, and how shall we keep up the interest? I believe the morning exercises are a help in solving this problem. "Well begun is half done," applies in school work as in other activities. I will tell you what has been a help to us in our morning exercises, and possibly it may be suggestive to others.

We have taken up different subjects of Bible study. The first was the Word of God. We studied what it was, how it was given, its inspiration, etc., for one week. The subject was then changed and we used the life of Elijah as a study for a week. (No subject is used more than a week at a time.) Then a week was spent on the study of miracles in both the Old and New Testaments.

Following this we took up a study about the body, taking the eye for our topic one morning. The subject was given the day before, and each pupil was asked to bring one text on the subject. The eye, ear, mouth, and nose were the parts taken up, and I was surprised when one little boy brought in about fifty texts about the nose. Can you do as well?

We then went back and continued our subject of the Word of God, asking each one to bring a text on the power of the Word.

Three or four texts are studied each morning, sometimes one pupil reading the text; at another time all giving it in concert. Some of the more important texts may be committed to memory.

The study of Satan has been especially interesting to my pupils --- who he was before he became Satan; how and why he was compelled to leave heaven; what he is doing now, etc. Excellent opportunities are afforded to tell the children how he tries to enlist boys and girls in his service; who they are following when they disobey, swear, steal, strike, etc.

My pupils enjoy these exercises. Possibly your pupils would, too. Try it, teachers.

November 11. J. W. Rich. Mountain View, Cal.

Chico

We are enjoying our school and church work as never before. I teach five days every week and preach one or two sermons. Last Sunday I went to Paradise, about seventeen miles from Chico, leaving here at 6 A.M. and returning at 6 P.M.

We held an all-day meeting. The Lord came very near. The text used in the afternoon was Rom. 1:15-20, and the Lord gave great liberty. Praise His holy name. Some who were present said our meeting was like those of 1844. The Lord graced the room with His presence. Amens could be heard all through the service.

A church was organized of thirteen adult members with prospects of three or four more. One gratifying feature of the church is that every member is in full harmony with all the principles that we hold as a people and with each other.

The members voted to adopt for a name Paradise Mission Church, which is very appropriate inasmuch as they have already started a mission. They are distributing literature, and have taken some homeless children and old people for whom they are caring from their own resources.

A church school was also organized. They have their teacher and probably six or eight pupils, and hope to commence school soon.

4

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

Paradise is on a very beautiful plateau 1,700 feet high, overlooking the beautiful Sacramento valley, with its large fruit farms, its waving grain fields and evergreen alfalfa meadows. The plateau is covered with pine forests, with here and there an apple or olive orchard, making it a very beautiful place. Our brethren there have great hope that the Lord will do wonderful things for His people in Paradise.

We have a growing church here at Chico. Two members were added last Sabbath, and we expect others to cast their lots with us soon. We need both ministerial and financial support, as this is a fruitful field and must be worked soon.

Our intermediate school here is doing excellent work. Our students' home could care for six or eight more. Many here are inquiring for the truth. We are happy to be doing all we can for the Master both in the school and in the mission field round about. We are so busy that urgent correspondence sometimes has to be neglected, feeling that it is high time we should be about our Father's business.

J. W. Bressie.

November 8.

Loma Linda

We are getting along nicely and are receiving much of the blessing of the Lord. We have an enrolment of fortytwo now, and expect several new pupils the coming week. Mrs. Leadsworth has grades one to five, and I have grades six to nine.

We have organized a Missionary Volunteer Society in our school which meets every Friday afternoon from two to three. The children elect their own officers from the school, and each set of officers serve but four weeks, thus giving all an opportunity to learn. They also have their own program committee, and interesting and instructive exercises are given every. Friday afternoon. A splendid interest is being shown by all the pupils.

Sabbath, November 7, we had our Harvest Ingathering Service. There was a good attendance, and we received a donation amounting to about \$17, besides canned fruit and food for the poor. The following is the program rendered:

Harvest Ingathering Program Song ---- '' Wake the Song,'' Congregation

Scripture Lesson School Prayer Prof. G. M. Price. Song — "Only an Armor-Bearer" School Meaning of Ingathering Service Mrs. J. R. Leadsworth

Recitation — "The Passover" Lolita Leadsworth Recitation — "The Ledger of Heaven" Beatrice Price Dialogue — "Sending the Gospel" Nive Pupils Song — "The King's Business" Four Girls

Recitation — "Maclstrom" Francis Nichols

Dialogue — "Scripture Exercise" Five Boys

- Sixteen Girls
- Money Needed for Harvest fugathering Service Mac Erskine Omens of Progress—""Reasons for Grat-

itude'' Elder Burden

November 8. Laura Wagner.

Local Teachers' Institute

On November 1, the teachers of our church schools near Los Angeles met at the Edendale school. The day was spent holding round-table-talks on several important subjects. Fifteen teachers were present, also E. S. Ballenger, our superintendent. It was the dictum of all present that this was one of the most profitable one-day institutes ever held.

Brother Milton P. Robison led out on the subject of agriculture. This was discussed at some length by E. C. Jaeger, of the Fernando Normal, after which others joined in the discussion. The work in agriculture must fill a large part in our school work — in fact, it must be the A B C of our education. Not only are we to raise vegetables and flowers, but we must teach the children how to plant and care for fruit-trees and berries, especially the latter, which prove quick bearers and provide fruit until the trees come into bearing.

Instead of teaching the children to garden to make money for missions, we should have them know that we learn this in order that we shall be able to run a mission farm successfully. This will keep out the commercial idea. The garden must be planted so as to bring the produce into the market when there is a scarcity. Onions grown for sale while young was mentioned as an excellent crop. The importance of proper bunching and neatness in displaying vegetables was also dwelt upon.

Mrs. Grace O'Neil-Robison discussed language work. The important pointswere:

1. The teaching of language must not be confined to the class recitation. It is most successful when carried on all through the day. Every sentence spoken in the schoolroom should be of the purest type.

2. Every answer of the pupil should be a complete sentence. This is of inestimable value.

3. The beauty of expression must be cultivated by constantly looking for examples of same in our reading, and as many of these passages as possible should be committed by the pupil.

Our new Nature Study book was much landed.

The afternoon session was given over to a consideration of personal work and text-books. Miss Goodall, of Fernando, spoke of the work to be done by the teacher for her pupils. Personal work is neglected in most Seventh-day Adventist homes, hence the greater responsibility of the teacher. If the teacher sustains the proper relation to God, and is conscious of it, the pupils in need will be brought in a position where an effort for their salvation can be successfully made. If the teacher neglects this duty, her teaching is in vain. Better would it be if she taught not at all, for she is feeding only husks.

Brother Robison urged a uniform use of our text-books. The lack of uniformity has worked disastrously to our educational system. Instead of testing the old and pointing out where improvements could be made, we are constantly calling for something new. If teachers would not depend so much on text-books, but be masters themselves of the subjects, it would not make so much difference about the text used. We can not expect our writers of texts to take to their work very enthusiastically when they do not know that their books will ever be used.

> E. C. Jaeger, Fernando, Cal.

November 4.

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

Published Weekly by the

Pacific Union Conference of Seventb-Day Adventists Mountain View, Cal.

Subscription Price - - Fifty Cents a Year

Editorial Committee J. J. Ireland H. W. Cottrell Claude Conard Entered as second-class matter July 6, 1906, at the Post-office at Mountain View, California, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

THURSDAY, November 19, 1908.

A recent letter from Los Angeles states that the two vegetarian restaurants formerly operated by the Southern California Conference in that place have been sold. Sister E. C. Gray and Brother E. G. Fulton were the purchasers.

The Sunday-night meetings at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Mountain View have been resumed. All during the long winter evenings last year services were conducted with good interest, and a very good beginning is being made again this year.

Elder J. E. Bond, of the Arizona Conference, who has been spending some weeks in California, was at Mountain View last Sabbath. The occasion of his visit was the funeral of his wife's mother, Mrs. Black, who has been residing with another daughter, Mrs. G. W. Erfurth.

A letter dated November 15, from Brother A. J. Stevens, of Reno, contains the following: "The work in Nevada shows encouraging progress, four having been baptized thus far in November. We are preparing for an energetic campaign during the week of the Thanksgiving Ingathering."

A meeting for the consideration of the work with the Thanksgiving *Beview* and *Herald* was held by the Mountain View church last Sabbath. The different phases of the question were discussed, and sample papers handed out to the members. A large number handed in their names to take part in the campaign. The funeral of Mrs. Christine Black was held at the Mountain View church last Sabbath afternoon. Mrs. Black was the mother of Mrs. G. W. Erfurth, whose husband holds a responsible place with the Pacific Press Publishing Company. Of the nine children whom Sister Black raised, all except two are in the truth, and several are actively engaged in the work.

A new prophetic chart has recently been published by the Review and Herald Publishing Company. This is double the size of the regular prophetic charts gotten out in the past, and is printed on unglazed muslin, so that it can not be hurt by folding. The symbols are arranged the same as those on the smaller colored chart, but have all been redrawn, particular care being taken to follow the Bible descriptions. The symbols of Daniel 2, 7, and 8 are arranged chronologically in parallel columns, and in such a position that the chart may be folded so as to show only the subject which it is desired to present. The figures are all large enough to be readily seen in a good-sized hall or tent. Price, \$2.75. Order of your tract society.

The following paragraphs are from a recent letter from Brother R. T. Dowsett, secretary and treasurer of the Southeastern Union Conference, in acknowledgment of the monthly remittance which the California Conference sends to that field for the support of Elder M. H. Brown, now laboring in North Carolina:

"Elder Brown seems to be doing well in North Carolina, and likes his new home. He writes that his son George is improving in health, and he is in hopes that he will be able to do some work for the Master in a short time.

"The work in our conference is on the up grade. We have many things to encourage us, and we are glad to see the work coming up. We certainly are in a destitute field. Much hard work confronts us while our facilities are small and somewhat meager. We appreciate the help we are receiving from our stronger conferences."

A Young Worker

The following letter from Sanitarium, Cal., printed just as it was written, certainly shows a commendable spirit for one so young, and is an indication of faithful home training:

"Dear Brother Haskell:

"John Howard Rand, \$10. Pledge to Huntsville School.

"I earned the money myself selling popcorn, selling papers, and chopping wood for mama. I pledged it at the Lodi camp-meeting.

"I am eight years old and love to work for Jesus.

"John Howard Rand."

The California Special "Signs of the Times"

The Pacific Religious Liberty Association is getting out for general circulation throughout the state a paper on the present great issue in California, the question of a state Sunday law.

This paper is being issued as a special edition of the Signs of the Times. It will contain thirty-two pages and cover, which will be printed in three colors. The front cover design will contain the American flag and the portraits of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. On the back cover will be what eminent authorities say of religious legislation.

The paper will be full of well-written articles on the principles of religious liberty and the present issue. A large edition is being printed. It will be ready for distribution by December 1. The paper will retail for 5 cents, but can be bought by our people for 2½ cents a copy.

Every believer in present truth and freedom in California should take a large number of these papers and place them in the hands of all their neighbors and friends and others besides. And these orders should be sent in at once, for there is only a short time and a great work to be done before the Legislature meets the first of January.

At once, *immediately*, NOW, TO-DAY is the time to send in your order.

Those of our people in the Southern California Conference should send their orders to the Southern California Tract Society, 257 South Hill St., Los Angeles; while those in the California Conference should order of the California Bible House at Mountain View.

Remember the price and the time $-2\frac{1}{2}$ cents and NOW!