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

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## The Church

### A New Year Given Us

She came to my desk with a quivering lip:

The lesson was done.

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," she said,

"I've soiled this one."

I took the old leaf so stained and blot-  
ted,

And gave her a new one all unspotted,  
And into her sad eyes smiled:

"Do better now, my child."

I came to the throne with a quivering  
soul:

The old year was done.

"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for  
me?

I've soiled this one."

He took the old leaf so stained and  
blotted,

And gave me a new one all unspotted,  
And into my sad heart smiled:

"Do better now, my child."

— Selected.

### A Happy New Year

"I wish you a Happy New Year" will soon be repeated far and near, by parents and children, brothers and sisters, acquaintances and friends. In a world like ours, this New Year's greeting seems more appropriate than the "Merry Christmas" so lately echoed from lip to lip. On every hand are pale faces, brows furrowed with pain and care, or forms bowed with age. Where

ever we turn may be seen the garb of mourning. The suffering, the careworn, and the aged can no longer be merry. In many a household there is a vacant chair; a beloved child, a husband and father, whose presence gladdened the last Christmas and New Year's festivity, is gone from the circle. A merry Christmas seems a mockery to that bereaved family.

But whatever the cares and sorrows of life, whatever the mistakes and errors of the past, the "Happy New Year," when uttered as an expression of love or respect, falls pleasantly upon the ear. And yet, are not these kindly wishes often forgotten with the utterance? How often we fail to carry their import into the daily life, and thus to aid in their fulfilment. The New Year's greeting is frequently uttered by insincere lips, from hearts that would not forego one selfish gratification in order to make others happy. Recipients of gifts and favors every new year, many accept these as their due. Receiving daily the bounties of heaven, sunshine and shower, food and raiment, friends and home,—all the unnoted yet priceless blessings of life,—they forget the claims of the Giver; forget that God has left them a legacy in His poor; and that Christ, the Majesty of heaven, identifies Himself with suffering humanity in the person of His saints.

Says our Saviour, "It was I whom you neglected. While your wardrobe was supplied with costly apparel, I had no comfortable clothing; while you feasted, I was hungry; while you were absorbed in pleasure, I was sick, a stranger, and uncared for." Let those who would have a happy new year, seek to honor God and make all around them

happy. Let them share the gifts of Providence with those more needy, and bring to the Lord their offerings of gratitude, their sin-offerings, and their free-will offerings.

Let us review our own course during the past year, and compare our life and character with the Bible standard. Have we withheld from our gracious Benefactor that which He claims from us in return for all the blessings He has granted? Have we neglected to care for the poor, and comfort the sorrowing? Here, then, is work for us.

Upon many, God has bestowed His gifts with a lavish hand. Will they make corresponding returns? Some of these persons, when in poverty, were faithful in the smallest trust committed to them. They would sooner deny themselves of the comforts, or even the necessities of life, than to withhold their offerings from the Lord's treasury. God has rewarded their faithfulness by prosperity. But now a change comes over the recipients of His bounty. Their wants increase faster than their income, and they no longer return to God the portion which is His due. Thus is developed that same spirit of covetousness which proved the ruin of Judas.

Let us each bring our souls to task. Let us see if we have brought all our offerings to God. I would do this for myself as an individual. It may be that I have been remiss during the past year. I know not when or where, but to make sure that I have done my whole duty, I will at the first of the year bring an offering to God to be appropriated as may seem best, to some one of the branches of His work. If any of you, my brethren and sisters, are convicted that you have failed to render to God

the things that are His; if you have not kindly considered the wants of the poor; or if you have withheld from any man his due, I entreat you to repent before the Lord, and to restore fourfold. Strict honesty toward God and men will alone meet the divine requirements. Remember that if you have defrauded a neighbor in trade, or in any manner deprived him of his own, or if you have robbed God in tithes and offerings, it is all registered in the books of heaven.

Many are bemoaning their backsliding, their want of peace and rest in Christ, when the past year's record shows that they have separated themselves from God by their departure from strict integrity. When they will faithfully examine their hearts, when they will open their eyes to see the selfishness of their motives, then their prayer will be, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." God requires us to have a pure heart and clean hands. Let those who have committed wrong give proof of their repentance by seeking to make full restitution; let them in their after-life give evidence of a genuine reformation, and they will assuredly enjoy the peace of heaven.

Let us enter upon the new year with a clean record. Let faults be corrected. Let bitterness and malice be uprooted. Let right triumph over wrong. Let envy and jealousy between brethren be put away. Heartfelt, honest confession will heal grave difficulties. Then, with the love of God in the soul, there may flow from sincere lips the greeting, "I wish you a happy New Year."

Many who were with us at the beginning of 1908 are not here to welcome 1909. We ourselves may not live to see another year. Shall we not seek to improve the little time allotted us? Will not the church of Christ turn from their backslidings? Will they not cast aside their idols, repent of their love of the world, overcome their selfish greed, and open the door of the heart to bid the Saviour welcome? May the beginning of this year be a time when Christ shall come in among us, and say, "Peace be unto you."

Brethren and sisters, I wish you, one and all, a happy New Year.

"We live in deeds, not years: in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs.  
He most lives  
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts  
the best."

Mrs. E. G. White.

### Sketches of the Past — No. 55

While recovering strength after my two months of chills and fever, I could only labor part of the day, but was diligent in preparing talks on Bible truth. The neighbor for whom I was working, out of kindness of heart, gave me a vest and a pair of trousers, partly worn; but, as he was a man seven inches taller than myself, these garments, after cutting seven inches off the trousers, were far from being a nice fit. As a substitute for a dress coat, my brother had given me a double-breasted overcoat, the skirt of which had been cut off. With this curious outfit and the \$1.00, I decided to go into some section where I was unknown, and make an effort to preach. If I made a failure, I thought none of my friends would ever know that I had made an effort to make such a venture. If I was free, and succeeded, I would take it as evidence that I had not made a mistake as to my duty to preach.

No one but my brother and his family knew that I had any thought of preaching. There were Adventists in my town with whom I met, but they knew nothing of my convictions in this direction. One day one of them, a Brother Boughton, the man to whom my father had said, when I was only two years old, "That little fellow is going to help blow the gospel trumpet," came to me one day and said, "John, what are you going to do this winter?" I replied, "Mr. V—— wants me to work for him in his carriage shop, but he is poor pay; he does not pay me for work that I did for him in the time of school vacation." "Yes," said Brother Boughton, "but what are you going to do?" I again replied, "Your brother has asked me to board with him and go to school, doing chores for my board." "Yes," said he; "but what are you going to do?" "Well," said I, "Brother Boughton, I had decided to go out west of Rochester, north of the ridge road, and try to preach."

Instead of his saying, "Foolishness," as I feared he might say, what was

my astonishment to hear him say, "Thank the Lord! that is just what I have expected you to do. I have been watching you for years in expectation of this very thing, in harmony with a prediction your father made when you were only two years of age." Then he told the particulars respecting the same, which was the first I ever knew of any such prediction. This kind brother then said, "You have been sick, how are you off for money?" I said, "I have been able to save \$1.00 from my labor. This will pay my fare to Rochester, and leave me twenty-five cents. I will walk the rest of the way to Kendall Corners, some twenty-five miles." Said he, "I will help you on your way," and he gave me \$3.00. So I really thus began to get pay for preaching before I commenced. The encouraging words were more to me than the money, being assured that I was moving in the line of duty. Just after Christmas, 1848, I went by train to Rochester, walked twelve miles to Adam's Basin, tarried all night at my brother's, and on Jan. 1, 1849, walked to Kendall Corners, Orleans Co., N. Y. I knew not a soul in the place. With a parcel of \$5.00 worth of books, which had been given me to sell and use the proceeds in my work, I neared the place, lifting my heart to God that He would open my way.

I had been informed that there were Adventists in the place, but I had no names of any. As I neared the village, a man passed me in his cutter. I stopped him, and said, "Can you tell me where any Adventists reside in this village?" "Yes," said he, "there is a family of Adventists living in this house by the name of Thompson." I thanked him kindly and made the call, introducing myself as an Adventist preacher. They welcomed me heartily, but eyed me curiously. My heart was raised to the Lord that they would not question me too closely. I feared they would ask me "how long" I had been preaching. They did not, but instead they said they were glad there could be some Advent preaching in the place. They embarrassed me a little however when they asked me to take off my overcoat, for I had to tell them it was the only coat I had on. I was glad to find a good resting-place for the night. That was the second night in my life

that I had ever tarried away from my own direct relatives or acquaintances.

J. N. Loughborough.

### A Warning

The following letter speaks for itself. It is a warning given to the brethren in California that is timely.

A certain man from Ohio, who claims to be a preacher in this denomination, has created some disturbance in one of the large churches of this conference; and this warning follows the line of similar warnings given to the early churches in the days of the apostles. See 2 John 7-11; and 2 Thess. 3:6-12.

S. N. Haskell.

Sanitarium, Cal., Dec. 11, 1908.

TO OUR BRETHREN IN CALIFORNIA:

Last night instruction was given me for our people. I seemed to be in a meeting where representations were being made of the strange work of Brother Mackin and wife. I was instructed that it was a work similar to that which was carried on in \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of Maine, and in various other places after the passing of the time in 1844. I was bidden to speak decidedly against this fanatical work.

I was shown that it was not the Spirit of the Lord that was inspiring Brother and Sister Mackin, but the same spirit of fanaticism that is ever seeking entrance into the remnant church. Their application of Scripture to their peculiar exercises, is Scripture misapplied. The work of declaring persons possessed of the devil, and then praying with them, and pretending to cast out the evil spirits, is fanaticism which will bring into disrepute any church which sanctions such work.

I was shown that we must give no encouragement to these demonstrations, but must guard the people with a decided testimony against that which would bring a stain upon the name of Seventh-day Adventists, and destroy the confidence of the people in the message of truth which they must bear to the world. The Lord has done a great work for His people in placing them on vantage ground. It is the duty of the church to cherish its influence. Precious are the words, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me." The words of inspira-

tion carefully studied and prayerfully obeyed, will thoroughly furnish unto all good works.

As a denomination, we need to look more continually to God for guidance. We are living in an evil age. The perils of the last days are upon us. Because iniquity abounds, Satan presumes to bring in all kinds of delusive theories upon those who have tried to walk humbly with God, and who are distrustful of self. Shall self-confident, fanatical men come to these humble souls assuring them that they are possessed of evil spirits, and after praying with them, affirm that the devil is cast out? Such are not the manifestations of the Spirit of God, but another spirit.

I call upon every church to beware of being led to think evil of those who, because distrustful of self, fear that they have not the Holy Spirit. There are those who have followed their own ways instead of the ways of God. They have not acknowledged the light that God has graciously given; and because of this they have lost the power to distinguish between darkness and light. There are many who have heard much in regard to the path they ought to follow, but who ignore the requirements God makes of them. Their light does not shine in works that reveal the principles of truth and holiness. It is this class, who in time of test will accept falsehood and erroneous theories for the truth of God.

Great light has been given to the people of God. Let our people awake, and go forward to perfection. You will be exposed to fallacies of Satanic agencies. Fearful waves of fanaticism will come. But God will deliver the people who will earnestly seek the Lord, and consecrate themselves to His service.

(Signed) Ellen G. White.

"The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble."

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 weepest, in vain dost yearn,  
These three will never more return.

—Selected.

## The Field

### Encouraging Developments in Mexico

In the month of October, 1907, one of our humble solicitors, Brother Christian Schultz, took a journey of about 350 miles south of Mexico City to a town called Salina Cruz on the Pacific Coast of the republic. His special work was to take subscriptions for our paper, *El Mensajero de la Verdad*.

Providence overruled so that one of these papers fell into the hands of one Antonio Sanchez, who was born in Spain and reared a Catholic, but who, while in his native country, had become a devout Protestant. On account of his change in religion he was persecuted and for a time cast into prison in his own land. In order to enjoy religious liberty he had emigrated to Mexico, and was in charge of a large force of men who were working on one of the public docks at the port of Salina Cruz, when the messenger of truth was placed in his hands. In a short time he was convinced that the Seventh-day Adventists were the only strictly Bible Christians with whom he ever came in contact. He embraced the truth, and while engaged in his occupation as foreman of a large number of men, he would eat his noon-day lunch in a few minutes and spend the remainder of the noon hour in preaching the truth to his workmen.

In a short time he raised up, under the blessing of the Lord, a company of twenty-five or thirty Sabbath-keepers. Dr. Swayze has visited this company twice, and found them very earnest Christians and loyal to the truth. They are now organized into church relationship, the members having been baptized, and a full quota of officers selected. Brother Sanchez, not satisfied with laboring simply for the people of Salina Cruz, sought opportunity to go to other towns on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and found that he could get an excellent hearing wherever he went, the people being willing to furnish rooms for his meetings.

It seemed best at our recent council to have this brother discontinue his secular occupation, and spend all of his

time in advancing the message. There are many thousands of a very superior class of Indians in the isthmus country. From the state of Oaxaca two of the strongest men ever developed in the republic came to the capital to take charge of government affairs. Spanish and Indian blood commingled in both of these illustrious men. In my judgment the world has not developed, during the present generation, a greater ruler than Porfiria Diaz,—one of the two notable characters above referred to. As president he has guided the affairs of this republic in a most creditable manner for more than a quarter of a century.

Other items which make us hopeful for the development of our work in the Tehuantepec district is that the Indians there are not only superior intellectually, but they are said to be so much more honest than the peons of the central portion of the republic. Here almost everything portable must be kept under lock and key or within thief-proof walls; while in Oaxaca, Tehuantepec, and Chiapas,—three states in the vicinity of the isthmus,—on account of the honesty of the people, there is as little effort made to safeguard personal belongings as in any part of the United States. In this connection it is significant that the Catholics have gotten no foothold among these honest, intelligent Indians. They hold almost universal sway over the peons of the middle portion of the republic. The question might very naturally be raised as to whether the Papacy corrupts or improves the primitive people of any land.

Brother Sanchez' father-in-law, a very intelligent man of about forty-five years, desires to start a self-supporting missionary school at once.

We are sending two of our brethren down to Salina Cruz to instruct some of the young men of the new church located at that place in canvassing for our books, and in taking subscriptions for our missionary journal. We are also requesting our Mission Board to send three more Bible workers to this field, as they are very much needed to fill urgent calls in the principal centers, just at this time.

We sincerely trust that the Lord will soon greatly enlarge His work in the republic, and enable us to win many souls to Christ.

G. W. Reaser.

November 16.

## ARIZONA

### Canvasser's Experiences Among the Mines of Arizona

This finds me as busy filling my orders as my strength and age will admit. The Lord gives all the success. All honor ever to His holy and exalted name. Psalm 145.

In only ten short days' work I have placed a little over \$500 in orders for books, helps, etc., or an average of \$50 a day. Yesterday it was about \$70, Sunday, too. In addition to this there are a number of orders for that most valuable work of heaven-filled truth, "Ministry of Healing." Also, still more orders were for smaller books, etc.

This canvass marks my first trial at handling "Ministry of Healing" in Arizona, on the same plan that I have worked out for years for "Christ's Object Lessons"; that is, to take these books along as a part of my regular canvassing work, and take one or two orders a day for them (or more if the providence of God so indicates) as missionary work for the dear Lord. On this first trial in Arizona, my orders for "Ministry" have been from zero to seven a day.

I never saw a more successful delivery of the book. People want it; long for it; and I believe some will derive untold benefit from heeding the principles contained therein. For this I am thankful to our heavenly Father.

The weather has been very trying of late,—heavy rains, wind, and frosts and ice at night. I do not stop for it. Hope to be all but done here in ten days more. May God richly bless all the seed sowers, and prosper the King's Messengers all over the broad harvest field.

Walter Harper,

Globe, Ariz.

December 12.

### Correction

In reporting the proceedings of the Arizona annual conference in the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER dated December 17, the secretary of that conference failed to place the name of Eugene A. Brown among those receiving ministerial licenses. His name should appear on this list.

"Prayer is the key to the morning and the bolt of the night."

## Teachers' Exchange

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Announcement

The second term of Fernando Academy begins on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1909. Since this will be very soon after the holidays, it will be a good time for new students to enter. New classes will be started in the following subjects:

Bookkeeping, Pedagogy, Hydrotherapy, Zoology, Daniel and Revelation, Astronomy, Botany, Psychology.

Other classes can also be entered by those who are proficient. Our school work thus far this year has been very successful, and the Lord has come near to us all along.

We would like to have those who are planning on entering the school this year to commence at the opening of the second term. Those who are interested will please send for a calendar by addressing the undersigned.

H. G. Lucas, *Principal,*  
*San Fernando, Cal.*

### CALIFORNIA

#### Normal Notes

The winter vacation began December 23 and ends January 4. The second semester will open January 23.

A hot-water heating plant has recently been installed in the ladies' home. It is proving most satisfactory.

The enrolment of the Western Normal Institute has reached 175, and a dozen or more students are expected after the holidays.

The students have organized a library association, the purpose of which is to secure useful books and other literature for the library.

Work on the boys' dormitory will begin this week. We hope to have the building up in a short time. This will doubtless please the young men who have been waiting in great expectancy.

The prospects for the future of the Normal are very encouraging. A studious spirit prevails, and we are very much encouraged and satisfied with the results of the past three months' work.

We are glad to announce that Elder D. T. Fero will connect with the Normal the first of the year. He will have charge of the Bible department. Plans are also being laid to secure a strong teacher to take charge of the department of science. He will doubtless begin his work the first of the year.

Our balance sheet for the past three months shows a very material gain. This includes all expenses, both running and corporate, so that we are ahead above every expense that can be figured against the institution. We thank the Lord very much for His blessing in giving us success spiritually, financially, and educationally.

The week of prayer was in all respects a very profitable occasion. We were favored with the presence of Elder Snyder, Sister King, and Sister Bainbridge. The meetings were excellent. All but two or three of the students gave their hearts to the Lord. The last Sabbath thirteen young people gave their names to be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, promising to give their services to whatever field the Lord should call. Sixty-four signified that they had decided to enter some branch of the Lord's work.

A strong society of Missionary Volunteers has been organized, the aim of which is to do practical missionary work. The society is divided into various departments over each of which will be a leader. Some of the departments are as follows: Literature, personal missionary work, giving Bible-readings, correspondence, Christian help band, reading course, attainment department, temperance, and foreign mission department. The society has planned to divide up the territory and do systematic missionary work.

E. D. Sharpe,

December 22.

Lodi, Cal.

**Wanted.**—Good ironers for laundry. Permanent employment will be given to any one who can do satisfactory work. St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, P. O., Napa Co., Cal.

The most powerful and lasting impressions are made during childhood.

## Notice to Young People

A Missionary Volunteer convention is to be held at the St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Cal., Feb. 24 to 27, 1909. Prof. M. E. Kern, chairman of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, is to be present and take a leading part in the work of the convention. Prof. E. D. Sharpe and other prominent instructors will also assist.

This will be an opportunity such as we have never had before on this coast, and we earnestly hope there will be a large attendance of young people from all parts of the conference. Every church should send at least one representative to receive this instruction, and as many more as possible.

All should reach the sanitarium as early as Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, 1909, so as to be ready for the opening of the convention Wednesday morning. The sanitarium has kindly offered to entertain free of charge all the young people who attend.

Although we expect this to be a very pleasant occasion, we hope it will be a time of hard work and study, and we earnestly pray it may result in great blessings to the Missionary Volunteer work of this conference.

All who plan to attend should send their names as soon as possible to the undersigned, that plans may be made for their entertainment. If fifty persons attend, we can get one and one-third fare for the round trip over the railroads, so it will be an advantage to all to get as many as possible to go. Let us do all we can to avail ourselves of this opportunity, even though it requires a sacrifice.

Mrs. Carrie R. King,

M. V. Sec. Cal. Conf.

## Our Unseen Leader

In chapter sixty-eight of the "Scottish Chiefs," William Wallace disguises himself as a Frenchman, that he may test his men as to valor and patriotism.

The Scots, eight thousand strong, are met by ten thousand English, but by hard fighting, put them to flight. Later in the day the enemy is reinforced by another ten thousand, and come against

the Scots, only to meet another defeat. Near the close of day a third ten thousand is joined to the enemy, and the nearly thirty thousand come against the few Scots who are left.

The Scots, terror-stricken, in despair, began to flee. In vain Wallace, as Guy de Longueville, rushed into the thickest of the carnage and called to his men to fight. To them he was a foreigner and untried. Wallace felt the crisis, and spurred his steed up the steep ascent where he could be seen by the whole army; then taking off his helmet, waved it in the air with the shout: "Scots! you have this day vanquished the Southrons twice! If you be men, remember Cambrus-Kenneth, and follow William Wallace to a third victory."

Instantly new courage came into every Scottish heart; faith in their leader, who had never lost a battle, inspired them with determination to win, and victory was theirs. Christ says: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." "Lo, I am with you always." From His unseen throne His words ring out: "Christians, you have in this life conquered Satan a thousand times! If you be God's children, remember the open tomb and follow Jesus Christ to final victory."—*Homiletic Review.*

"He who loses wealth loses much; he who loses a friend loses more; but he that loses his courage loses all."

## Prompt Forwarding of Funds

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tended for our mission fields. At this time of year we stand in great need of this money, in order that our brethren in destitute fields may not be left without proper support. We would therefore be pleased, and our workers greatly assisted, if all our church treasurers would send at once to the treasurer of their conference the amounts which they may have received on the Thanksgiving Ingathering, the week of prayer offering, or any other contributions intended for our mission fields. Then the conference treasurer will render excellent service to those in need of these funds by promptly forwarding to this office all money which should come here. Will the brethren concerned please attend to this matter without delay?

A. G. Daniells,

Pres. General Conf.

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## 1909

Before this issue of our paper is in the hands of some of its readers, the year 1908 will be in the past, and the new year will have begun. We trust that the favoring hand of God will be over each one, and that the year 1909 may see a great advance in the experience of every follower of Christ toward the heavenly kingdom. None on this earth can tell what the year may bring forth; but we all have the satisfaction of knowing that if our relationship with God is constant, nothing can come but will be for the glory of His name, and for the good of His children. Let us be followers of our dear Lord.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Elder and Mrs. Haskell of the California Conference spent a few hours in Mountain View last Sunday looking after various interests connected with the work.

The fore part of this week there came from the Southern California Tract Society at Los Angeles an express package of petition blanks containing 3,080 signatures. Let the good work go on.

The manager of the Book and Sales Department of the Pacific Press, Brother H. H. Hall, and the assistant manager of the circulation department of the *Signs of the Times*, Brother J. R. Fern, expect to leave next Monday for Kansas City, Mo., to assist in the bookmen's convention to be held there in January.

Miss Medora V. Stone, teacher of piano at the Western Normal Institute at Lodi, Cal., is spending the holiday vacation with friends in Mountain View. Also several of the students from this part are taking their vacations at home.

Miss Alice Chapman, daughter of the late E. A. Chapman, formerly secretary and treasurer of the California Conference, is spending her holiday vacation at her home in Mountain View. Miss Alice has charge of the church school at Long Beach, near Los Angeles, Cal. She is teaching a very successful term.

Brother H. A. Kristal, who formerly had charge of the tent factory at the Healdsburg College, has been spending some time of late at Mountain View going over and repairing the tent stock of the California Conference. Thus everything will be in readiness for the next season's tent and camp-meeting efforts.

Brother Carl Weaks, general canvassing agent for the North Pacific Union Conference, who has been in Mountain View for a number of days preparing for the coming bookmen's conventions, and consulting with the managers of the Pacific Press, left last Sunday night for Los Angeles and the middle West, where he will assist in the Kansas City bookmen's convention. He will return for the bookmen's meeting at Mountain View, January 24 to February 1.

Brother Z. S. Arey, who left Healdsburg last September to engage in colporteur work in Kentucky, writes a special plea for some individuals to send him a continuous supply of the *Little Friend* for missionary work. The following lines are taken from his letter: "I could use some *Instructors*, and possibly a few *Signs*, but it seems the *Little Friend* would suit best. If you could see as I can the good these little papers would accomplish for these poor colored people, you would do all possible to help in this line. I need papers right now, and I pray you may do what you can to supply them regularly."

All who can assist in this good work, kindly send the papers to Z. S. Arey, 405 Laurel St., Richmond, Ky.

Petitions against Sunday legislation in California are now coming in by the hundreds every day. But there should be no thought of slackening the pace for the next two weeks at least, or until the matter has been brought before the Legislature and decided for good. The Legislature meets next Monday in Sacramento, but it will take a few days to get organized for business. However, there is no telling how soon after this the matter of a Sunday-rest bill may come up, and everything that can be done should be accomplished before that time. Now is the time to work as we have never worked before. Are you doing it? If you do not have petition blanks and literature, send for them at once to the Pacific Religious Liberty Association, Mountain View, or to the Southern California Tract Society, 257 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal. Remember the great need, and the shortness of the time yet remaining, and work as for your life!

## Annual Meeting of the California Conference Association

The thirteenth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the thirty-eighth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Oakland, Cal., Feb. 4 to 10, 1909, for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

H. W. Cottrell, *President*.

Claude Conard, *Secretary*.

## Annual Meeting of the California Conference

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the California Conference will convene at Oakland, Cal., Feb. 4, 1909, and continue until February 10.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the church, and one additional delegate for every twenty members. A full delegation is earnestly desired.

S. N. Haskell, *President*.

Claude Conard, *Secretary*.

## The Prompt Forwarding of Funds

I desire to call the attention of all church and conference officers to the matter of promptly remitting the funds which have come into their hands in-

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