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The Field

Items from Mexican Field.

On the 17th inst., Brother J. P. Novak and daughter started for Buenos Aires, Argentina, their new field of labor, going by steamer by the way of New York. We will miss the labors of Brother Novak in this field, and our prayers are that his work will be abundantly blessed by the Lord in winning souls in South America.

A Spanish brother by the name of Lauro Gutierrez has recently identified himself with our work. This brother has been engaged in selling Bibles throughout the republic for seven years. During this time he has met with very severe trials in the way of persecution by fanatical Catholics. On one occasion he was stoned until he became insensible, and his companion was tied to a tree, and stones hurled at him until life was extinct. On another occasion a Protestant minister, who was temporarily visiting him, was assassinated by a Catholic mob.

While at the recent General Conference, Elder G. W. Caviness and the writer made an earnest appeal to the Mission Board for additional funds to carry on our work in Mexico. There were but two objections made to our appeal. One was the great demand from the world-wide field, and the other was a question from the Mission Board as to whether we had done everything possible to secure the faithful payment of tithes from

our own people in the republic. In the United States many people have adopted the payment of not only a first, but a second tithe, also. I trust that we can depend upon all of our constituency in the republic to pay, at least, a faithful first tithe.

The decisions of the recent council held in Mexico City include the following:

Decided to conduct two denominational schools in the republic the coming school year. One of these will be located in the Federal District, and the other in San Luis Potosi.

That at the beginning of the new year we issue an eight-page child's paper in the Spanish language.

That Sister G. W. Caviness act as editor of said journal.

That we subscribe for 500 copies of the new health journal to be published, beginning Jan. 1, 1910, at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

That Brother S. Marchisio be employed by our Mission Board as a Bible-worker.

That Elder Caviness visit San Luis Potosi, Mesquic, and Torreon to hold a few meetings in each place, and baptize the thirty or more converts who are reported as being ready for baptism.

That we publish a semimonthly mimeograph-sheet in the Spanish language to impart to all our constituency the items of interest in regard to all phases of our work.

That the name of the *El Mensajero de la Verdad* be changed at the beginning of the year to *Las Señales de los Tiempos*.

That Sister M. V. Boyd and Brethren

Bowers and Ruiz enter the field as colporteurs to work in behalf of the circulation of *El Mensajero de la Verdad*.

G. W. Reaser.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

President's Annual Address

Another year has passed, its record is closed, and it is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that we review its history. We think of the terrible calamities by land and sea for which the year has been distinguished; of the devastation wrought by cyclones and typhoons, by volcanic eruptions and terrific earthquakes, among the latter of which is included the most terrible disaster recorded in history,—the earthquake of Southern Italy,—where between 200,000 and 300,000 lives were lost; of the havoc which has followed in the wake of wide-spread famine and death-dealing plague; of the thousands, yea, millions, that have perished by these unprecedented visitations, and we can but conclude that the earth is waxing old, that the day of God's wrath in which He will "do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act," is at hand.

As we look upon the social and political world, a condition even more terrible confronts us. In a paper on the religious and denominational condition of San Francisco, as quoted by the *Literary Digest* for Jan. 23, 1909, Dr. George E. Burlingame speaks of the "dreary annals of the past," the "desolating calamity of 1906," and the "deadly plague of worldliness and sin which ravages the city at will." The large number of graft prosecutions that have been carried

into the courts in the past few months, in both the new and the old world, reveals an appalling state of society; its very walls seem to be crumbling to pieces. We hear of the deep-seated and growing unrest in India, in Egypt, in Africa; of the Mohammedan world preparing for the dread day of awful conflict with the Christian world; of the Far East awaking out of the sleep of centuries, and training for combat under the tuition of expert military leaders; of the terrible situation in the Near East that permits of the ruthless slaughter of tens of thousands of Armenians, where some of our own dear people perished in the carnage; and, while the Temple of Peace is being constructed at the Hague, the great nations of the West are engaged in a mad struggle for military and naval supremacy, and the greatest engines of destruction ever invented are being hastened to completion.

Early in June the Imperial Press Conference convened in London with more than one thousand delegates representing the press from all parts of the Empire in attendance. Lord Roseberry, premier, was the orator of the evening. In the course of his remarks he gave utterance to the following very significant words:

"I do not know that in some ways I have ever seen a condition of things in Europe so remarkable, so peaceful, and in some respects so *ominous* as the condition which exists at this moment. There is a hush in Europe, a hush in which you may almost hear a leaf fall to the ground. There is an absolute absence of any questions which ordinarily lead to war. . . . All forebodes peace; and yet at the same time, combined with this total absence of all questions of friction, there *never was in the history of the world so threatening and so overpowering a preparation for war*. That is a sign which I confess I regard as most ominous. For forty years it has been a platitude to say that Europe is an armed camp, and for forty years it has been true that all the *nations have been facing each other armed to the teeth*. . . . They can not arm any more men on land, so they have to seek new armaments upon the sea, piling up these enormous preparations as if for some great Armageddon—and that in the time of profoundest peace."

"When they shall say, Peace and

safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape."

In a recent article on "The Changing Times," Mr. Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court speaks in a very forcible way of the present situation as follows:

"Wealth is piling up in such enormous sums that Croesus and Lucullus would be unnoticed among multimillionaires. All these changes are moving with increasing velocity, and that which to-day seems to be the summit of advance is to-morrow almost forgotten in the rapid unfoldings of something new.

"It must be conceded that theology is at a discount; that creeds and forms of worship are losing their hold; that sectarian differences do not impress as they did; that neither Protestants, Catholics, nor Jews are as tenacious of their doctrinal beliefs, their church organizations, or their modes of worship. In other words, the denomination of theological doctrines has largely passed away. It is not merely that the fire of persecution has died out, but also the intensity of conviction which brought about persecution.

"We stand amazed in the midst of these marvelous changes, and wonder if this progress is to continue, and whether in these rapid changes is to be found evidence of a decaying moral sense, and uplifting of the material above the spiritual, and a splendor and luxury which precede national decay and ruin."

In an article in the *Literary Digest* of July 17, 1909, entitled "The Modern Passion for Righteousness," appears the following:

"Together with this appears a turning away from theology. This is accompanied by a turning away from Christ as a moral fact of the present. He thus comes to be looked upon as a historical figure of the past; they disregard altogether the idea of *judgment to come*."

How forcibly this situation reminds us of the words that came to us through the spirit of prophecy some nineteen years ago, as follows:

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are being fulfilled, and stormy times are before us. Old controversies which have apparently been hushed for a long time will be revived, and new controversies

will spring up; new and old will commingle, and this will take place right early. The angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow until the specified work of warning is given to the world; but the storm is gathering, the clouds are loading ready to burst upon the world, and to many it will be as a thief in the night. All heaven is represented to me as watching the unfolding events. A crisis is to be revealed in the great and prolonged controversy in the government of God on earth. Something great and decisive is to take place, and that right early. If any delay, the character of God and His throne will be compromised."

While this is a dark picture, and one from which we would fain turn away, we must remember that as the darkest hour of the night is just before dawn, so this darkness is a token of the breaking of eternal day. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

These things have aroused and alarmed the people, and many are inquiring: What do these things mean? They are not only ready, but anxious, to listen to or to read anything that explains these things, and *now, just now, is our opportunity*.

Progress

We now turn to a more pleasing picture. As we note the progress this cause has made since our last conference, our hearts are made to rejoice. And yet, this is but the beginning of what we shall see in the near future.

During the conference year three churches have been organized,—one at Azusa, one at Boyle Heights, and one at Burbank. One hundred and sixty-one candidates have been baptized, making our present membership about 2,500. One hundred and twenty or more have embraced the faith in the meetings that have been held recently at Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Pomona, Burbank, East Los Angeles, South Hollywood, San Dimas, San Diego, Escondido, Boyle Heights, and Ventura. Our staff of field workers has been materially increased. Elders M. H. St. John, Stewart Kime, E. L. Cardey, J. W. McCord, and D. A. Parsons are now connected with our work, though the three latter workers have come into the field since the General Conference. Besides these, Brother Otis Fisher

has recently begun labor in connection with one of our tents. Also our force of Bible-workers has been strengthened by several students taking up the work, among these are Sisters Baker, Keough, and Jennings. Since the close of our good schools at Fernando and Loma Linda, a number of our young people have been rendering efficient service in connection with aggressive efforts. During the year Elder Reaser has gone from us by appointment of the General Conference, to take charge of the Mexican Mission field; Elder F. I. Richardson, to take the presidency of the Chesapeake Conference; Brethren Blunt, Rawson, and Robles, to labor in Mexico; Elder C. T. Adams and Brother Nichols, to British Columbia; and Brother Nagle, to the Upper Columbia Conference.

We believe it to be the duty of our conference laborers to spend their time in carrying the light to those who do not know the truths of this message rather than in labor for our own people, and have been laboring to this end as far as possible. We are sure that our dear people will willingly release our ministers that they may spend more of their time in quickly going into the highways and byways to seek for the lost, and lead them back to the Father's house, and to find those who are longing to know the way of life more perfectly, that they may be prepared to stand before the King. We must not adopt the method followed by other denominations, of locating pastors over our churches, and thus forget the very object of our existence—the giving of the last message of mercy to a lost world. I am glad to report that every laborer in this conference is ready to lead out in one strong united effort to carry the third angel's message to every soul, to the farthest corner of our field without delay.

Finances

The tithe for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1909, amounted to \$36,667.13, while for 1908 it was \$31,265.50, representing a gain of \$5,401.63. The second tithe was \$9,150.78, and in 1908 it was \$7,865.97; gain, \$1,284.81. The first tithe for 1908 amounted to \$12.81 per capita, while for 1909 it was \$14.66. The second tithe for 1908 was \$3.18 per capita and for 1909 it was \$3.66. This is reckoned on the basis of a membership of 2,500, which may possibly be exceeded, and in this case it would reduce the per

capita tithe. The trust funds for 1909 were \$10,381.65. This makes a total of \$56,193.16 raised in the field for the work exclusive of that raised for our institutions. Adding to this the one third of the second tithe retained by the churches, we have the sum of \$60,786.55, \$16,047.72 of which has passed directly into our general work.

While we can not purchase salvation by our works, or a place in the kingdom of God by any amount of gifts that we may make to the cause of God, yet it is true that a faith that brings salvation will bear fruit in a faithful discharge of its duty to God in rendering to Him that which is His own. The stream that has been flowing into the Lord's treasury has its source in the regenerated hearts of God's dear people, and will continue to flow on in ever-increasing volume, bringing life and blessing to thousands who now sit in darkness, till the mystery of God is finished.

Book and Periodical Work

It is a source of pleasure to report the substantial increase in the volume of business of the tract society during the past few months. The first half of 1908 the subscription-book sales amounted to \$2,447.55, while for the same period in 1909 they were \$6,683.70, a gain of \$4,236.15. During the entire year of 1908 the sales amounted to \$5,154.35, \$1,529.35 less than they were the first half of this year. Southern California stands at the head of the list for books sold during the past half year in the five union conferences of the West.

From June, 1907, to June, 1908, there were \$2,210.29 worth of periodicals sold. During the last twelve months the sales were \$3,368.05, making a gain of \$1,157.76. The above figures do not include about 25,000 religious liberty *Signs* sold last winter in this conference, nor 22,000 missionary *Reviews* distributed last autumn. There were also several thousand *Bible Training Schools* sold in this territory the past year, but not handled through the tract society.

The sales of trade books, tracts, and pamphlets from June, 1908, to June, 1909, amounted to \$4,643.34. This amount, added to the retail value of periodicals sold by our people during the same period—\$5,030—makes a total of \$9,673.34 worth of business done directly through the tract society office, without solicitation other than the regu-

lar correspondence carried on by the secretary, which speaks much for the faithfulness of our brethren and sisters.

The above, with the subscription-book business, makes a total retail value of \$19,063.84 for the year.

The good results of the wide distribution of our literature are becoming more and more apparent, and we should push this work forward with ever-increasing vigor. I can not speak too highly of the work our devoted canvassers are doing. They may not see the immediate results of their labors, and the true value may not be recognized by men, but angels record it; and those who perform faithful service in this line of work will be recognized and honored in the courts of heaven as laborers together with God.

Shall we not encourage suitable persons from all parts of the field to permanently enlist in this blessed service?

Educational Work

The past year's work, both at Fernando Academy and at Loma Linda College of Evangelists, has been a very profitable one. Fourteen were graduated from Fernando, twelve from Loma Linda, and ten from Glendale. A large number of these graduates have entered various departments of the work. Since each of these schools will present a full report of its work, I need say but little at this time regarding it. I can not, however, in justice pass from this department of our work without first speaking of the excellent work being wrought by all of these institutions. The atmosphere pervading the schools has been of a deeply spiritual character so that with scarcely an exception the students have been inspired with but one desire, and that has been to prepare themselves for a place in this closing work. How thankful we should be that God has chosen to plant such institutions in our midst, where our children and youth may be shielded from the overmastering temptations of the world's educational centers, and at the same time be trained for efficient service in the world-wide field of the Master now, and to take part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven through the eternal ages. I esteem this of greater value for my children than the highest honors or the greatest wealth the world can give. If every Seventh-day Adventist parent in this conference fully appreciated this, our schools would be overcrowded this coming year.

The Lord's prospering hand continues over our church-school work. I greatly admire the self-sacrificing spirit manifested by our church-school teachers. We trust that still greater improvement will mark the progress of the work this coming year.

Missionary Volunteer Department

Considerable advancement has been made in the development of this department of our work during the past year, especially in perfecting the organization. There are certainly very encouraging signs of a spiritual awakening among our young people, which we long to see spread throughout our ranks, till the last tie that binds them to earth with its pleasures has been severed, and, clad in the complete armor of light and righteousness, they swell the forces of the Lord that are now marshaling for their final conflict.

The Sabbath-School Work

Though not receiving as much attention as this department of our work deserves, on account of its secretary's being so fully occupied with other important duties, I am pleased to report steady growth. A number of institutes have been held, each of which has been a real help in making the work of the school more effective. A deeper interest in the missionary phase of our work has been manifested by a number of schools devoting all of their offerings to missions during the last few weeks of the year, instead of spending a considerable portion in defraying their running expenses as heretofore. I trust that this conference will adopt the above plan, recommended by the General Conference at its last session, and that every Sabbath-school will quickly fall into line.

past year. The Loma Linda Sanitarium shows a net gain of a little over three thousand dollars for the year. This is quite an improvement over the previous year, and the prospect is very favorable for a still better showing for the present year. The Glendale Sanitarium has sustained a loss of about three thousand dollars. But if we take into consideration the fact that quite a portion of this money was used in putting the building and its equipment into proper shape for caring for patients, and that the future is not likely to call for such an outlay, the outlook is encouraging. The Paradise Valley Sanitarium has passed through a very similar experience, though its deficit is not so large, being about one thousand five hundred dollars. Both of these institutions have now secured experienced and very competent physicians and surgeons to stand at the head of their medical staffs. The loss in the operation of the institutions occurred almost wholly in the earlier part of the year, and we are confident that, with the blessing of God, the present year will reveal a net profit. If ever God has led in the establishment of institutional work among us as a people, it is certainly true that He has guided in establishing each of our sanitariums in Southern California; and we may be assured that He will help us as we carefully plan for the relief of the burden of their indebtedness. Soon the money that now lies in banks or is invested in large estates will be a source of trouble to its owners except it be transferred to the cause of God. The Los Angeles Treatment Rooms show a loss on the year's work, but since we secured the services of Dr. Evans the situation has

is fragrant with the presence of the great Physician, and the workers are partaking of the spirit that actuated the Saviour when He left heaven to come to this dark world of sin and suffering to bear away its sin, and to relieve its suffering. He "went from house to house, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the mourners, soothing the afflicted, speaking peace to the distressed. With unflinching tenderness and gentleness He met every form of human woe and affliction."

How thankful we should be that God has given to His remnant church a complete message of healing for both soul and body. He has made His church His depository in which the wealth of His goodness, His mercy, and His love are to appear in full and final display. May we each so relate ourselves to Him that we may be unobstructed channels through which His blessings may flow out to the world about us; and that all that He has spoken concerning His work in this field may be fulfilled.

While we are deeply grateful for the blessings of God upon the various departments of our work throughout the year, and especially for this large gathering, many of whom are with us for the first time, and for the many others who love the truth just as dearly as do those who are present, but can not leave their homes to meet with us, yet, when we think of the multitudes who are unwarned, our hearts cry out for the power of the Holy Spirit to fit us for greater efficiency for the future. The magnitude of the work that lies before us demands more than we have yet given. We have accomplished something, but we must do more; we must quicken our pace; our faltering steps must become strides. Think of the vast population yet unreached with the message of the soon-coming Saviour; of the thousands of men and women who are looking wistfully to heaven; of the "prayers and tears and inquiries that go up from souls longing for light, waiting only to be gathered into the kingdom," and then decide if it is not time that among God's people there should be a great reformatory movement.

As we think of the fulfilled and rapidly fulfilling prophecies, telling unmistakably that the last swiftly passing moments of probationary time have almost fled, and that the coming Saviour is even now *at the door*; as we witness

	June 30, '08	June 30, '09	Gain
Number of schools at close of year.....	40	43	3
Membership at close of year	2,040	2,251	211
Total contributions for the year.....	\$2,467.29	\$3,106.20	\$638.91
Offerings to missions	1,413.	1,927.81	514.44
Per cent per capita of total contributions	1.21	1.37	.16
Per cent of total contributions given to missions57	.62	.05

I trust that 1910 will show one hundred per cent of the offerings given to missions.

Medical Work

In some respects the work in our sanitariums has been very encouraging the

changed, and now they are running at a profit, even though it is the dullest season of the year for such work.

When we consider the spiritual phase of this work, we behold a beautiful picture. The atmosphere in each institution

the strange commotion in the elements, the very earth itself uniting in the proclamation of the general doom of all; as we look into the troubled faces of the millions about us, some in the mad pursuit of gain, others of pleasure, and still others vainly seeking for earthly power and glory, but all ignorant of the only saving message for this time, what a weight of responsibility must come upon every soul who has been immeasurably blessed with the light of the third angel's message; what a burden such an one must bear to in some way bring this precious light to these darkened souls! No sacrifice will be too great for him to make, no labor too taxing, if only he may accomplish this purpose. In the light of the sufferings of the Son of God, which were endured that these very people might be saved from the awful ruin that is impending, can we quietly witness the gathering of the dark storm-clouds of God's unmixed wrath, hear the rumbling of the coming tempest, see the warring of the angry elements, and speak no word of warning; take to the praying thousands no message of hope or comfort in this dark hour, either by placing in their hands some message-laden book, tract, or paper, or, if opportunity is offered, by taking our Bibles in our hands and prayerfully directing their minds to the word of God that will serve as a safe retreat when the storm in all its relentless fury breaks upon the world?

Shall we not awake, throw off the shackles that have bound us, and henceforth seek with all our powers to gain the approval of the Master, when the redeemed will hear, from those lips that once gave utterance to the agonizing cry, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" the words of never-ending blessing, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"? Shall we not at this meeting start the movement that will make a reality the following vision which the Lord's servant recently saw:

"During the night season a representation passed before me. Among God's people there seemed to be a great reformatory movement. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before

them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side, doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with a heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God."

I pray that the Holy Spirit may direct in all the deliberations of this conference; that each committee may be under the direct supervision and guidance of the all-wise Counselor. The Lord is at work; and although all the forces of evil are now uniting against God and His truth, leading some to question the fundamental truths of the message, and to step off the platform of truth, let no one be faint-hearted or discouraged. "Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference." Time is swiftly passing, and "upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. From every direction, from far and near, are coming calls for help. God calls upon His church to arise and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of God is to be gained; the world perishing in ignorance is to be enlightened." We need now to confess our backslidings and to press together. We should allow nothing to come in that would separate us one from another, or from God. We are not to talk of differences of opinion, but to unite in the love of the truth as it is in Jesus. There is before us the dawn of a bright and glorious day. Let the word of advance be sounded all along the line.

"Awake! awake! put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake! as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

E. E. Andross.

UTAH Ogden

Since I left Vernal last April I have been associated with Elder S. T. Hare in tent-meetings at Milford, Eureka, and Ogden. At the first two places, which are mining camps, it was impossible to work up an interest on account of the prevailing indifference to religion.

At Ogden the attendance was quite good, considering the many attractions of a large city, and we hope there will be some who will accept the truth as a result of the effort put forth.

In harmony with a recommendation made at the General Conference for me to go to Manitoba, I left Ogden, August 10 to go to Logan and remain there a few days before going to my new field of labor.

Elder Hare will continue the tent effort at Ogden, assisted by Brother Chas. Smith.

As I leave this field where I have been actively engaged in the work nine years, my prayer is that the Lord will abundantly bless the workers, and that many honest souls may yet be won for the kingdom of heaven in this state.

August 15.

Chas. Nelson.

ARIZONA Kingman

The work here is onward, although a little slow. Three dear souls have decided to follow their Master, and several more are deeply interested. We hope to hold a series of meetings here next month.

The work at Chloride, a small place twenty-five miles from here, is not as encouraging as we would like to see it. Three or four are a little interested. We are doing all we can, and will leave the result with the dear Lord.

There is a settlement about sixty miles away, and several are very anxious that we make them a visit, and hold some meetings.

There are many calls, but only a few who can or will go. There is only one worker north of Phoenix. It makes our hearts ache to know there are so many calling for this precious truth, and we can go to but one place at a time.

Have been trying to work Kingman, Chloride, and Gold Roads, but it has been too much. We had to give up the work for a month, and go for a camping trip. We are at work again, and of good courage, and will do what we can. Pray earnestly for the work in this needy field.

August 16.

Geo. and Lillie Sims.

NEVADA

Goldfield

Last Sabbath afternoon I had the privilege of administering the ordinance of baptism to one of the new ones here. She left the following morning for Denver, where she will unite with the church. Several others will go forward in baptism soon. Not having material for church officers, we will have to depend on a good, strong Sabbath-school to hold the people together.

Owing to the fact that the town is rapidly going down, many of those who have shown a deep interest have either left or are going to leave as soon as they can. There are still some who have not yet decided, and these are taking most of our attention now.

Brother Moler will leave for California in a few days, and I will remain here until the interest is bound off. Pray for the work in Goldfield.

August 13.

J. Adams Stevens.

WANTED.—Four or five competent church-school teachers for Southern California. School continues nine months. Give experience and recommendations. Address H. G. Lucas, Educational Secretary, Fernando Academy, San Fernando, Cal.

CALIFORNIA

Our General Camp-Meeting

It has been decided to hold our general camp-meeting at Fruitvale. This camp-meeting will be one of more than usual importance.

There are many interests of the California Conference that will be considered, and we hope to see a general attendance of our brethren and sisters.

Every church ought to be represented.

The cause of God is taking on new proportions yearly, and there never has been a time since the organization of the California Conference, when there were more important interests at stake than now. We wish to lay all these matters before our brethren and sisters, so at the coming conference they may understand the particular workings of the cause.

Last year the California Conference took the lead of all conferences in the country in the sale of literature, and, so far as we have learned, of the number that were baptized and taken into the churches.

It is by a united front that success is accomplished, and this is easily done when all our brethren become thoroughly acquainted with every advance step; and the various interests that are now pending will be talked over at this meeting, so that our brethren may fully understand where we are.

There are many evidences at the present time that probation is even now ending, and the work closing; God is pouring out His Spirit in a special manner, and we all want to share in it. We can not afford to let any personal interest prevent our becoming acquainted with the advance steps that are now being taken.

Elder Geo. I. Butler, one of the early pioneers of this message, will be present, and other of our leading brethren and sisters will be there. Come one; come all.

S. N. Haskell,
Pres. Cal. Conf.

August 19.

How to Reach the Camp-Ground

We have been fortunate in securing a very accessible, and, at the same time, quiet location. All should buy tickets and have baggage checked to Fruitvale. The Southern Pacific station is about a quarter of a mile from the camp-ground. The only street-cars running from Fruitvale station go directly past the main entrance to the camp-ground, so it will be impossible for any one to take the wrong car from the station. If any desire to walk from the station to the grounds, they can follow the street-car line up Fruitvale Avenue until the tents come into view.

Those coming through or from San

Francisco will take the broad-gauge ferry to Oakland pier, where they will board the Seventh Street local train, and go direct to Fruitvale station.

Those coming from the south or east by way of San Jose or Niles, must be sure to get off the train at Fruitvale or they will be carried on to Oakland.

Those coming from the north by way of Oakland can take the street-cars running from Sixteenth Street depot to Fruitvale direct, getting off at Fruitvale Avenue and walking two blocks up said Avenue to the camp-ground, or they can ask for a transfer to the Fruitvale Avenue car-line, and ride all the way. Another way would be not to get off the train at Sixteenth Street depot, but ride on to Oakland pier, and take the Seventh Street local direct to Fruitvale station.

Whether you come from the north, south, east or west, do not forget to buy tickets and check baggage to Fruitvale only. Deliver baggage checks to no one except camp-baggage agent at Fruitvale station or on the camp-ground.

Geo. A. Snyder.

Help! Help! Help!

The coming state camp-meeting has been located on Fruitvale Avenue, two blocks from East Fourteenth Street, on a convenient piece of land, being easy of access and centrally located.

There is always a great deal of hard work connected with the preparation for a camp-meeting, such as leveling the ground and pitching the tents, etc. We have to hire men to assist in this work, and that takes money. Now there is a way whereby we can save some of that. The cause is God's, and we are God's property, hence we are working together with Him. Can not a number of our regularly employed conference workers, who can leave their present work without its suffering, come early to the camp-ground, and assist in the preparation for this meeting? This would be greatly appreciated, and it would not leave the whole burden on a few of the laborers. Please plan accordingly. The work will commence August 26, and the meeting is set for September 9 to 19.

Camp-meeting Committee.

Andrew Brorsen.
F. A. Lashier.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Tuesday evening, August 17, the Napa Mandolin Club gave an open-air concert for the benefit of the sanitarium family and guests, which was much enjoyed by all.

The little, new, sixteen-page, illustrated, descriptive booklet, entitled "In Regard to Your Health," has been received from the press. Send for some to hand to those whom you know to be interested in coming to the sanitarium for treatment.

The new structure being erected at the rear of the helpers' restaurant will furnish, in the basement, quarters for canning and storing fruit; on the first floor, a milk and kumyss depot, and a storeroom for furniture; and on the third floor a classroom and library. We gladly allow the old classroom under the store to be used for storing purposes and accept the new, well-lighted, well-ventilated, and well-equipped classroom.

Who Should Take a Nurses' Course?

If this question were answered wisely, and if every one wished to make the very most of life, there would be almost no one exempted from such a course of training.

The world is sick, and will continue to get sicker until the end of time, in spite of pure-food laws, the simple life, etc., and it behooves every Seventh-day Adventist to not only know how to care for his own health, and the health of his immediate family, but to be able to take part in relieving and instructing the sick world.

A man who had been educated for a Jewish rabbi, and who had a wide knowledge of sanitarium work, once said that he could plainly see that this denomination was destined to be the doctors and nurses of the world because there is not enough money in honest care and instruction of the sick for one to engage in it except for conscientious reasons.

We have also been told that long after other occupations are closed to this people the sick and suffering will need care and nursing.

The gospel message would have been incomplete without the medical missionary work in the time of the early rain; then, surely, to make it complete and sufficient to meet the wants of the people, it must include medical missionary work in the time of the latter rain.

Why, then, should not many more of our young people be getting a practical training along these lines? There is no walk in life but that a nurses' course will help to better fit one for it. The practical knowledge of hygiene, the skill acquired in actually giving treatments, the learning to meet all classes of people and minister to them acceptably, and the broader insight into human nature and human needs, all tend to make one a better teacher, a better canvasser or colporteur, a better minister, a better parent, or a better worker in any sphere to which providence may call him.

August 21.

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Of Interest to Teachers

Through the cooperation of the authors and publishers, desk copies of the following text-books will be furnished, post-paid, at *half price* to those who are teaching in our denominational schools:

	Regular	Teacher's
	price	price
Bible Nature Studies	\$1.00	.50
Bible Nature Series No. 1	1.20	.60
Bible Nature Note Book No. 1	.40	.20
" " " " " 2	.40	.20
" " " " " 3	.40	.20
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Essentials of English	.75	.37
Educational Reader No. 1	.60	.30
" " " 2	.60	.30
" " " 3	.75	.38
" " " 5	.90	.45
" " " 7	1.00	.50
McKibbin's Bible Lessons No. 1	.90	.45
" " " " 2	.90	.45
Studies in Gospel History	1.00	.50
Science in the Bible	.30	.15

To secure books at these prices, orders must come through your Educational Secretary or Superintendent, who will forward to the Pacific Press. Only one copy of each book to a teacher will be furnished at these rates. Cash must accompany order to secure discount. Ask your Educational Secretary for special order blanks.

The New Magazine

We wish to call the attention of our people generally to the new undertaking of the Department of Education in the establishment and conducting of a magazine devoted exclusively to the interests of our educational work.

It is designed that this new magazine, to be entitled *Christian Education*, shall be very practical in its teachings. We purpose setting forth an application of principles which will enable those who teach to accomplish their work not only more easily but more thoroughly. Not only do we intend to make it practical, but we also hope to present such a clear exposition of the principles underlying our educational system as to make it desirable and attractive to those not of our faith.

We also intend to make this magazine of special value to the home life, and it should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist. From these homes it should go into all other homes where the parents are interested in the education of their children and in their general welfare.

This magazine should be to the educational work what *Life and Health* is to the health work. The spirit of prophecy has said that the work that lies nearest the church-members is to become interested in the children and youth. Because this is true, our people should be thoroughly informed regarding these educational principles and their practical application.

Wherever there is a church school in existence, or wherever there is one to be established, the church should make an earnest effort to have this magazine thoroughly distributed among the people of the community that they may become well acquainted with our principles in education. The educational work is closely interwoven with that of the gospel, and because of this we will be enabled to bring a saving knowledge of the last gospel message to many through our educational work.

All subscriptions to *Christian Education* should be sent to the Review and Herald, or to the state tract society. The price is fifty cents a year, or in clubs of five, to separate addresses if desired, the price is, for the present, thirty-five cents. Subscribe now.

Frederick Griggs.

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Elders Cottrell and Corliss returned last week from the Los Angeles camp-meeting. They report the largest camp-meeting that has ever been held in the Southern California Conference.

The personnel of the Southern California Conference committee as elected at the recent session in Los Angeles is as follows: E. E. Andross, E. J. Hibbard, J. J. Wessels, J. A. Burden, C. E. Ford, Harmon Lindsey, and M. H. St. John.

Miss Rose Ginther arrived the middle of this week to take up work as stenographer in the California Conference office. For several years past, Miss Ginther has been connected with the office of the North Pacific Union Conference at Walla Walla, Wash.

Mrs. H. H. Hall, who has been accompanying her husband in camp-meeting and institute work in the North Pacific Union Conference, returned to Mountain View last Friday. Brother Hall will spend some time in the Middle West before returning to his work here.

Upon recommendation of the General Conference, Elder W. B. White, until recently president of the North Pacific Union Conference, has been elected president of the Atlantic Union Conference. He left about the middle of the month for his new field of labor. Elder White was president of the Pacific Union Conference for two years.

Word from Sebastopol, Cal., states that the Bible institute, being held there this week by Elder and Mrs. Haskell and Brother S. G. White, is progressing well. A good attendance is reported, considering that this is the harvest season in that section.

The camp equipment used at the Santa Cruz meeting was shipped the fore part of the week to Fruitvale for the general camp-meeting to be held there September 9 to 19. Also Elder Brorsen was in Mountain View on Monday shipping the remainder of the outfit from the warehouse. Work on the grounds will begin at once.

Recent word from Brother A. F. Haines, who left the Pacific Press the latter part of June under appointment from the General Conference to Panama, states that he had proceeded as far as New Orleans on his way to his new field. Brother Haines and family spent the month of July visiting friends and relatives in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. He goes to Panama to take charge of the *Caribbean Watchman* printing-office.

Many of our school-teachers will hail with joy the announcement regarding school books which appears in another column. Every teacher should have a complete set of the text-books that have been brought out by the Educational Department, but many have felt heretofore that they could not afford to purchase at the full price all the books recommended. This courtesy on the part of the authors and publishers will enable all of our regular teachers to supply themselves with these good books without any great financial outlay. Do not send orders direct to the publishers, but ask your educational superintendent or secretary for a special order blank, and return the same to him after selecting what is desired. He will pass the order on to the publishers.

General Camp-Meeting for California

As announced previously and elsewhere in this issue, the next camp-meeting for California will be held at Fruitvale, September 9 to 19. Preparations are being made for a large gathering.

Meetings will be held each day for the young people and children. A food store and a restaurant will be operated on the camp-ground as heretofore. The plan that has been followed for the past two years in California, of closing the dining-tent on the Sabbath, will also be adhered to here. Prepared foods will be on sale at the camp store on the preparation day, so that each may provide for himself during the Sabbath.

Application has been made for reduced rates over the railroads for those attending this meeting, and it is probable that the usual courtesies will be extended. Tickets should be bought to Fruitvale station.

Arrangements are being made so that there can be used in the large tent a novel combination of scenic background and moving pictures illustrating the prophetic symbols. This has never been used in our camp-meetings before, and will be a drawing feature in the evening services both to our people and to outsiders.

We trust that every possible effort will be put forth by our people to attend this important gathering. Further particulars will be given later.

Claude Conard,
Sec. Cal. Conf.

Tents

Orders for tents for the general camp-meeting at Fruitvale, September 9 to 19, should be sent in at once to Elder A. Brorsen, 828 34th St., Oakland, Cal., or to the California Conference office, Mountain View, Cal.

Prices will be as follows:

12 x 17 tent	\$3.50
10 x 12 tent	2.50
Burlap floor or fly for 12 x 17 tent,	75 cents each, extra.
Burlap or fly for 10 x 12 tent, each	50 cents extra.

Claude Conard,
Sec. Cal. Conf.

Paradise Valley

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium Training-School for missionary nurses will be ready October 1 for first and second year students. Please send applications early. Address all communications to

Winifred W. Frederick,
Supt. Training-School.

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