

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

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The Week of Prayer

Once more we are brought face to face with the closing month of another year, and to that month when we usually set apart a week as a special season of prayer. That special week for this year begins Sabbath, December 11, and closes Sabbath, December 18. Special readings for this important occasion have been prepared by the General Conference committee and published in the *Review* of November 18, 1909.

The churches have been supplied with extra copies for the isolated who can not attend the regular services. But if any of the isolated RECORDER readers have not a copy of the *Review* containing these readings, they should notify their conference secretary of that fact, and he will supply you. The offerings should be turned over to the local church treasurer, who will forward them to the conference treasurer. The isolated may send their donations direct to their conference treasurer, where they are not in touch with their local church treasurer.

We have come to an important time in the history of the work. It began some sixty five years ago in a small way. Since then it has grown in numbers and wealth. Colleges and schools, sanitariums and publishing houses have been established in this country and abroad. If we were ever in a position for completing rapidly the work of giving to the world the message, we are occupying that place now. But these facilities count for nothing unless "God be with us." It is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," that His work is accomplished in the earth. Let us therefore seek for that continual living connection with our Master that will enable us to do what He would have us do for Him. Let us make this week of prayer a time for a still closer walking with the Spirit of the Lord.

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

The Harvest Ingathering

The reports that have reached us indicate that many of our people have taken hold of the harvest ingathering work with a determination that brings success. In one city the brethren are not only circulating the papers published for this year's service, but are using up those papers that were not used last year.

In another place we hear of a prominent man who is a busy physician writing to many of his former patients and calling their attention to the important work we are endeavoring to carry forward as outlined in the special *Review*. He does not forget to appeal to them for a donation. In other places the business people are being approached, and usually this class do not turn the messenger away empty handed.

There are many people in the world who are deeply interested in every worthy undertaking that will uplift their fellow man, and they stand ready to hold out a helping hand by contributing their means. Let receivers be sent for their gifts. There is a blessing in the work for the solicitor as well as for the donor.



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Pacific College Items

The task of re-establishing the advanced educational work in the California Conference is now well under way. The Pacific College has been in session two months, and the attendance is much larger than was expected. A genuine interest is being taken by the students in the several lines of work that are to be found in the schoolroom and on the farm.

On a recent visit, the writer observed that nearly all of the grain-hay land had been plowed and seeded for next summer's crops.

For some weeks the sound of the woodman's ax, operated by some of the student body, has been heard during the morning and afternoon work hours as it has been brought into service on the standing timber adjacent to the site for the ladies' dormitory. Already quite a number of large yellow pine trees have fallen and are being cut into movable lengths for the lumber saw which will soon be ready for service.

The saw-mill is to be located down by the boiler house adjacent to the swimming tank. The engine that was in service in Healdsburg will be set up and used to furnish the power to run this mill, which is to produce the lumber for the necessary buildings needed to make the Pacific College what it should be.

Fowler, Fresno, Dos Palos, Dinuba

During the past month we have been building a little home for the church at Fowler. Up to the present time they had been meeting from house to house, a very embarrassing thing to do where some of the family are not in the faith. We could not rent a suitable hall, so we were almost compelled to build something. As we could not raise money enough to d_{2} as we wished to, we built only a classroom, 16 feet by 24 feet, in such shape that the main building can be added later. This room is now finished and the brethren are nicely located in their new home.

In addition to rendering some assistance in driving nails and soliciting funds for this enterprise, we have done what we could elsewhere.

I spent two days at Dos Palos in answer to a request for help sent by Brother Claude Conard. They had had no help for nine months. I need not say they appreciated my stay with them.

The Fresno church feel that they have a claim on a little of my time, so I have been with them two Sabbaths of the month. In answer to a telephone call from Brother Rudy, of Dinuba, two weeks ago, I spent the Sabbath with the members of that church.

At all these places the work is progressing nicely. The brethren are of good courage.

We hope soon to go into a new field. Many calls are coming. May the Lord bless our efforts in carrying this message to those who are hungry for the bread of life.

C. L. Taggart.

November 30.

Pacific Press Items

We have thus far during 1909 shipped out through the Golden Gate a little over \$25,000 worth of subscription books, as compared with \$12,000 for the same time during 1908.

Thirty-one years ago three copies of the Signs of the Times were sent to a gentleman in a New England state. He became deeply interested in their contents, and showed them to others, with the result that several began keeping the Sabbath. A little later a minister was sent there, and after a few weeks of meetings, organized a church of twentyfive members. From that church three ordained ministers have gone to South America, and are holding responsible places in the conference work. One doctor has also gone to that country, while two nurses, a number of canvassers and school teachers have taken up work in their respective lines in different sections of the United States. The one who gave me this information is Elder J. W. Westphal, who is a member of the church referred to.

One of the largest orders we have ever received from South America came last week. It is from Valparaiso, Chile. Brother Carlos E. Krieghoff, the secretary, writes in connection with it as follows:

"Your good letter of August 30 is at hand; also the books were in good condition. The best of the story is they are about all gone. Our canvassers had splendid success, selling from eight to seventeen big books every day. Will you please send at once the following:

"500 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' cloth, Spanish;

"60 'Patriarebs and Prophets,' half moroceo, Spanish;

"40 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' full moroceo, Spanish;

''500 'New Testament Primer,' board, Spanish;

"100 'New Testament Primer,' cloth, Spanish;

"500 'Coming King,' cloth, Spanish." In addition to the foregoing, he orders 8,000 copies of our new illustrated Spanish tracts. He tells that Brother C. J. Foster, who was sent soon after the General Conference, has just arrived, and is already hard at work with the canvassers.

December 5.

H. H. Hall,

The Work in Sacramento

Since our last report we have been following up the tent effort, visiting and reading with those who became interested at our meetings. So far seven have signed the covenant to keep all the commandments, but none of these have yet united with the church, or have been baptized. We have not urged the matter of baptism, owing to some repairs needed on our baptistry, but think they will come in later. Our church school is prospering, and the children seem to be improving under Sister Hicks's instruction.

The church were favored with a visit from Sister E. G. White and Elder W. C. White Sabbath and Sunday, November 13 and 14. Elder White offered some suggestions regarding aggressive missionary work in Sacramento. One thought was that the church invite the students from the Lodi school to cooperate with them in making a systematic canvass of the city with the *Signs* and other periodicals.

We are now distributing the special missions number of the *Review and Herald*. Some good results are seen in this effort.

It has not yet been decided whether a religious liberty convention will be held in this city or not, but it seems to me, if they are helpful and needed anywhere, they certainly would be here.

We are just beginning a special series of Sunday evening meetings, and hope that they may be well attended, and that some good result will come from them.

Our courage in the Lord is good.

C. E. Leland.

December 1,



Are You Getting Acquainted with Your Neighbors?

You will be interested in reading the following letter which is accompanied by a list of fourteen names for the Signs of the Times for six months:

"I have let my subscription to the Signs expire, but I believe you will pardon me when you know that I was waiting till I could see my neighbors so that they might send their subscriptions with mine. We live in a mountainous place where the homes of the people are far apart, so it took a great deal of walking; but I had a delightful time. I do not believe one knows how nice his neighbors are until he has called on them with the Signs. I send you fourteen names for six months subscriptions. Enclosed please find the amount to pay for them."

Another interesting order came in the same mail. It is from a father, who says:

"I wish to enter my own name and the names of my four children upon your list of subscriptions beginning with your synopsis number of November 24. I have read the Signs much during the past twenty years, and by so doing have gained a knowledge of the Bible which I never would have had otherwise. Enclosed find draft for \$5.00."

If these incidents cause you to work up a list of subscriptions, they will be received before January 1 at the present subscription price. The special rate of one dollar a copy a year, if four subscriptions are sent at one time by one person, holds good until January 1. Address your tract society.

J. R. F.

BOOK WORK - ARIZONA For Two Weeks Ending Nov. 26

December 5.

"Home and I	Healt	'h''
	Hrs.	Ords. Value
W. O. James	28	19 \$63.80
"Heralds of the	Mo	ming''
B. F. Swan	22	21 49.95
Total	50	40 \$113.75



Thus far a very successful school term has been enjoyed in Santa Rosa. God has greatly blessed us, and we are of good courage. The school is small, but more pupils are expected in a short time.

During spare moments the children have been making some useful little articles which we intend to sell. With the money received we hope to repair our church and school building.

A few days ago about an hour was devoted by the school to distributing the Review and Herald. We visited homes on five or six streets, about two pupils working on each. I went on the same street with the little ones. Many papers were given away, and we received about \$2.00 in donations. We hope to do a great deal more in the next few weeks.

Naomi L. Severy.

December 3.

Glennville

The school is located about two miles from Glennville, and we are forty-five miles northeast of Bakersfield. The little valley we are in is about one and a half miles long and one mile wide. The elevation is 3,500 feet. Hills and mountains surround us on every side for many miles. All of the hills are covered with different kinds of oaks and other trees.

The water comes from springs. There are about ten springs near the school, some being cold water, others warm. Perhaps some of our church school teachers and pupils walk to school on a pavement; not so here. We go through fields and fences, up and down hills, and over little creeks.

Around the small school building is a fence that was made by the school children a few years ago. Inside the fence there is a flower garden containing beds of cosmos, chrysanthemums, flags, myrtle, violets, roses, lilacs, tree ferns, etc. At present it does not look very beautiful, for the frosts have killed some of the flowers. The ground is quite thick with autumn leaves, too.

Beside the school is a large oak tree. Hung in the tree is our large school bell. It is at least twelve inches in diameter, and can be heard ringing from any place in the valley.

The walls in the schoolroom are papered, and the ceiling is lined. We have about six yards of blackboard space. There are some very pretty pictures on the walls.

We had an instructive and interesting Harvest Ingathering service November 6. It consisted of talks, recitations, readings, and songs, the topics being Harvest Time, Thanksgiving, and Missionary. Six of the children had an offering of \$17.30, which they earned during the summer from their missionary gardens. They had but five cents apiece to begin with, so their pennies and nickels became dollars.

It is the work of the girls of the school to keep the schoolroom in order. The boys bring in water and wood, build fires, clean the yard, water flowers, etc.

We have made some maps from equal parts of flour and salt and mounted them on cardboard, showing the mountains and the large rivers.

The children have been making hammocks of brown, blue, orange, and red

twine. All but one are completed at present. They enjoy swinging in these nice hammocks.

We are making some pretty sofa cushions now, but will soon take up some other line of work. The children enjoy the half hour industrial period so much.

The older children are enjoying an imaginary trip to Australia and some of the Pacific Islands. After telling them about a certain part of the journey, and putting an outline on the blackboard, they write about it on scratch paper. I correct their work and then it is copied nicely with pen and ink. Each has to make and bind the book his story is copied in. I have a great many railroad and steamer illustrated booklets and folders, and the children receive much information from these. They have cut out a great many pictures from old papers with which to illustrate their books. The folders and illustrated booklets have beautiful pictures of places on the islands and in Australia. In this way they learn geography and composition. They are not taking this trip for pleasure alone, but expect to become missionaries.

The weather here is, as a rule, very pleasant. But one morning the thermometer registered twenty degrees and everything was frozen. We have had snow twice and rain several times.

Violette Pearl Stone.

November 20.

The Quiet Hour

"Face the work of every day with the influence of a few thoughtful, quiet moments with your own heart and God. Do not meet other people, even those of your own home, until you have first met the great Guest and honored Companion of your life - Jesus Christ.

"Meet Him alone. Meet Him regularly. Meet Him with His open book of counsel before you; and face the regular and irregular duties of each day with the influence of His personality, definitely controlling your every act."---John T. Stone.

Begin now. The Morning Watch Calendar for 1910 will help you. Order from your tract society. Price five cents M. E. Kern. each.

"Many receive advice; only the wise profit by it."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healdsburg Biblical Institute

There will be an institute held in the Healdsburg church from December 17 to 26. The forenoon of each day will be devoted to Bible study and instruction in missionary work.

We are glad to announce that Elder J. N. Loughborough will be with us during the institute. We trust the brethren from the neighboring churches, as well as the members of the Healdsburg church, will make a special effort to attend these meetings.

Brethren, come aside from your busy cares for a few days and study God's Word, and the Lord will reward you by blessing your own souls and making you a blessing to others.

> S. N. Haskell, Pres. Cal. Conference.

Biennial Meeting Pacific Union Conference

The fifth biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Mountain View, Cal., January 24, 1910, and continue until the 30th, for the purpose of electing an executive to direct the work for the ensuing biennial term, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Each local conference is entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate in the sessions of this conference without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred churchmembers.

The conference will be organized at 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 25, 1910. By order of the Executive Committee.

H. W. Cottrell, President.

J. J. Ireland, Secretary.

Religious Liberty Institutes

The appointments for religious liberty institutes throughout California thus far definitely arranged are as follows: Fresno. Dec. 14 to 20

Armona,	Dec. 21 to 27
Lodi,	Dec. 28 to Jan. 3
Oakland,	Jan. 4 to 11

Competent instructors will attend all of these meetings; and in view of the vigorous campaign for soul liberty in behalf of all the people of our state, these will be valuable occasions for every

Summary of Reports from Sabbath-Schools in California for Quarter Ending September 30, 1909

		e	pt.	Total Contributions				u er
NAME OF COTOOL	ers	Average Attendance	Members Home Dept.	lbuti	Seg		su	Average per Member per week
NAME OF SCHOOL	Members	vera	dme	tal	Expenses		Missions	Avera per A
Alameda	Й 47	4¥ 34						
Alameda	10	$\frac{34}{10}$. \$	$\begin{array}{r} 23.77\\ 4.12 \end{array}$	\$11.79	\$	$11.98 \\ 4.12$	\$.019 .03
Arcata	41	36		20.18			20.18	.037
Armona	105	87		27.92			27.92	.02
Arroyo Grande Atwater	$\frac{21}{25}$	$\frac{18}{22}$	2	$\begin{array}{r}12.17\\ 6.62\end{array}$			$\begin{array}{r}12.17\\ 6.62\end{array}$.047 $.02$
Bakersfield	30	$\overline{17}$	3	7.57			7.57	.02
Barstow Colony	35	20		11.17			11.17	.024
BerkeleyBishop	$\frac{54}{21}$	$35\\18$		$\begin{array}{c} 31.11 \\ 13.50 \end{array}$			$\begin{array}{c} 31.11\\ 13.50 \end{array}$.044 .049
Burrough	9	7		10.00		,	10.00	.045
Byron	7	6		7.10			7.10	.077
Calistoga	$\frac{39}{75}$	$\frac{26}{51}$	2	$\begin{array}{c} 9.66\\ 40.77\end{array}$			$\begin{array}{c} 9.66\\ 40.77\end{array}$.019 .041
Clarksburg	15	11		14.60			14.60	.074
Corning (failed to report)	45	າະ		07.01				
Dinuba Dinuba (German)	$\frac{45}{30}$	35 30		$\begin{array}{r} 37.81 \\ 5.04 \end{array}$	6.70		$\begin{array}{r} 31.11\\ 5.04 \end{array}$.053 .012
Dos Palos	25	18		8.05			8.05	.012
Elmhurst	27	14		9.64			9.64	.027
Eureka Exeter	$\begin{array}{c} 60 \\ 17 \end{array}$	$48 \\ 15$		$\begin{array}{r} 24.80 \\ 7.27 \end{array}$			$24.80 \\ 7.27$.031 $.032$
Fallon, Nev.	31^{-1}	25	11	21.01	1.75		19.26	.052.047
Ferndale	17	17		7.00			7.00	
Fortuna Fowler	$\frac{17}{36}$	$egin{array}{c} 17 \\ 22 \end{array}$		$\begin{array}{c} 7.03 \\ 6.08 \end{array}$			$7.03 \\ 6.08$.031 .013
Fresno	187	124		83.65			83.65	.034
Galt	11	10	_	2.17	20		2.17	.015
Glennville	$rac{14}{23}$	$\frac{14}{24}$	1	$\begin{array}{c} 8.13 \\ 19.50 \end{array}$.50		$\begin{array}{c} 7.63 \\ 19.50 \end{array}$	$.041 \\ .065$
Greenfield (failed to report)	-0			10.00	,		13.30	.000
Guerneville	4	4		4,88			4.88	.093
Hanford	80 	$53 \\ 24$		$15.03 \\ 13.25$			$\begin{array}{c}15.03\\13.25\end{array}$	$.014 \\ .039$
Healdsburg	110	83	7	33.94			33.94	.023
Hughson	27	$\frac{18}{21}$		9.85			9.85	.028
Island District Kelseyville	$\frac{25}{23}$	$\frac{21}{21}$		$\begin{array}{c} 5.34\\ 15.33\end{array}$			$\begin{array}{c} 5.34 \\ 15.33 \end{array}$.016 .051
Laguna School District	33	26		13.63			13.63	.031
Laton	17	15_{-7}		7.15	4.95		2.20	.009
Le Grand	$\frac{10}{54}$	$\frac{7}{38}$		$9.20 \\ 13.29$			$9.20 \\ 13.29$.07 .018
Lindsay	9	7		4.95			4.95	.042
Lockwood	$\frac{13}{227}$	$\begin{array}{c} 13\\ 166 \end{array}$	•	5.56			5.56	.032
Lodi Lodi (German)	427 61	43		$\begin{array}{c} 55.21 \\ 16.73 \end{array}$			$\begin{array}{c} 55.21 \\ 16.73 \end{array}$.018 $.021$
Los Gatos	34	28		19.89			19.89	.045
Madera	$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 19 \end{array}$	9 16		5.30			5.30	.037
McKinleyville Melrose	85	65		$\begin{array}{r} 4.10\\ 29.19 \end{array}$			$\begin{array}{r} 4.10 \\ 29.19 \end{array}$.016 .026
Merced (failed to report)				6.50			6.50	
Miranda	9 50	9 45		5.55			$5.55 \\ 18.89$.047
Modesto Monterey	$56 \\ 15$	4511		$\begin{array}{r} 18.89 \\ 7.50 \end{array}$			7.50	.025 .033
Morgan Hill	31	25		18.10			18.10	.044
Mountain View	207	$154 \\ 13$		98.51			98.51	.036 .022
Mount Bullion Mount Eden	$\frac{13}{3}$	$\frac{13}{2}$		$4.00 \\ 3.15$			$4.00 \\ 3.15$.022 .08
Napa	39	29		16.18			16.18	.031
North San Juan	4	$\frac{4}{10}$		1.40			1.40	.026
Oak Oakdale	$\frac{11}{11}$	10		$\begin{array}{r} 12.50 \\ 7.94 \end{array}$			$12.50 \\ 7.94$.087 .055
Oakland	235	134		101.80			101.80	.033
Oakville	11	11		10.40			10.40	.072

Oroville	16	12		\$13.82		\$13.82	\$066
Paradise	14	17		12.00		12.00	.065
Penn Grove (family)	5	5		1.00		1.00	.014
Pepperwood	15	11		7.21		7.21	.036
Petaluma	26	22	4	13.48	7.00	6.48	.019
Peters (family)	11	11	~	2.51		2.51	.017
Petrolia (failed to report)				2.01		2,01	.0
Placerville	15	13		7.24		7.24	.037
Point Sur (family)	4	4		2.20		2.20	.042
Red Bluff	28	28		13.02		13.02	.035
Redding	14	10		9.77		9.77	.053
Reno, Nev	49	36		25.75		25.75	.000.04
Richmond	34	21		8.60		8.60	.01
Rocklin	5	4		1.85		1.85	.028
Sacramento	42	18		16.49		16.49	.020
San Francisco	110	63		30.03		30.03	.021
Sanitarium	160	104		85.87		85.87	.041
San Jose	72	54		24.23		24.23	.025
San Luis Obispo	13	9	3	5.33		5.33	.025
Santa Cruz	52	40	0	22.61		22.61	.031
Santa Rosa	55	27		14.35		14.35	.02
Sebastopol	96	66		22.81	1.25	21.56	.017
Selma	44	34		16.40	1.20	16.40	.028
Sonoma	27	26		6.38		6.38	.018
Standish	13	10		6.85		6.85	.010
St. Helena	74	60		30.15		30.15	.031
Stockton	30	24		24.64		24.64	.063
Susanville	11	10		2.50		2.50	.005
Tracy	7	7		1.45		1.45	.017
Turlock	106	74		34.93		34.93	.015
Ukiah	33	28		13.28		13.28	.025
Vallejo	40	24		7.65		7.65	.03
Wallace District	9	8		4.65		4.65	.014
Watsonville	15	11		4.05 3.50		3.50	.017
Woodland	30	15		13.23	4.36	5.50 8.87	.022
Yerington, Nev.	11	10		15.25	4.50	0.07 5.50	.022
State Home Dept. (reported	1 r	1,0		0.00		5.50	.051
	98	98	160	51 <i>69</i>		51.69	.04
this quarter)	20	20	162	51.63		$51.63 \\ 289.46$.0±
Fruitvale Camp-meeting				289.46		289.40	
Total	3.804	2,932	195	\$1,972.58	\$38.30	\$1,935.87	\$.039
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The total membership of our Sabbath-schools is a little larger than this, but this does not include the membership of the schools which failed to report, nor the State Home Department members who did not report this quarter.

Mrs. Carrie R. King, Secretary.

live church-member. Everybody ought to plan to attend some one of them.

If similar meetings are desired for other centers of influence in the state, where entertainment can be provided, let correspondence be opened at once with the Religious Liberty office in Mountain View, Cal., that suitable dates may be arranged for the same.

> H. W. Cottrell, President. J. O. Corliss, Secretary.

A New German Youth's Paper

At the recent council of the General Conference Committee held at College View, Nebraska, it was voted to publish a monthly paper for the German-speaking youth. It has been decided to call this paper Der Jugendbote (Youth's Messenger), and its object will be to encourage a deeper missionary spirit in our German young men and women, and to acquaint them more fully with our educational institutions and the progress of Gospel work throughout the earth.

The Sabbath-school lessons which have been published in the *Arbeiter* will have a place in this paper. A reading course will be conducted, taking up first Elder J. N. Loughborough's book, "The Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists." The paper will contain timely and appropriate articles for the improvement and unifying of our German youth, with a view of awakening an active missionary spirit among them, thus preparing them to fill efficient places in the Lord's work. It will be an eight-page monthly, the first issue being mailed about the middle of December, and the subscription price will be 50 cents a year. Address, International Publishing Association, College View, Nebraska, or your tract society.

Important to Sabbath-Schools

On account of the increase of price on the raw materials which enter into the production of our publications, the publishers, upon the advice of the recent General Conference Council held in College View, Nebraska, have arranged for an advance on the *club* rates of the Youth's Instructor and the Sabbath School Worker after January 1, 1910. Previous to that time, however, new subscriptions may be given, old subscriptions may be extended, or renewals ordered, at the old rates, provided the orders are received by the publishers before January 1, 1910.

The new rate on the *Instructor* clubs of five or more copies to one address is 75 cents per copy for one year; 40 cents for six months; 20 cents for three months.

The new rate on the Sabbath School Worker in clubs of two or more copies to one address is 30 cents for full year. Only yearly subscriptions on the Worker are received.

Old prices on single subscriptions for each of these papers remain unchanged.

Let all Sabbath-schools take notice of these changes in the prices of these important periodicals, and if possible extend present subscriptions for the entire year of 1910.

Obituary

Hayes .-- Sister Martha Jane Hayes, at the age of seventy-seven years and 27 days, fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 25, 1909, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. J. Powell, near Morgan Hill, Cal. For over fifty years Sister Hayes was connected with the cause of the second advent message. She and her first husband accepted the truth under the labors of Elders D. T. and A. C. Bourdeau, in the state of Vermont. She loved the church and her work from the time she entered it at Bourdeauville, and labored to advance the cause of God. Her children and others of the church expect to see her in the first resurrection. Services were conducted by the undersigned.

J. H. Behrens.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1909

Elder H. W. Cottrell and wife spent last Sabbath at the Pacific College.

No providence preventing, Sister E. G. White will meet with the Mountain View church Sabbath, December 11, the first day of the week of prayer.

Brother Claude Conard, secretary and treasurer of the California Conference, has been called home on account of the severe illness of his father. He left for Loon Lake, Washington, the evening of December 3.

Elder J. O. Corliss returned Monday of this week from Southern California, where he has been conducting the religious liberty institutes held in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Loma Linda. He expects to remain in Mountain View about one week before going to Fresno, where the next institute is to be held.

Tuesday, December 7, Elder J. N. Anderson, of the China mission, sailed from San Francisco to return to his field of labor. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fisher, of Southern California.

The San Jose church was favored by a talk from Elder Anderson in the forenoon Sabbath, December 4, while the Mountain View church had the privilege of listening to him in the afternoon of the same day. In Mountain View he spoke particularly concerning the necessary qualifications which should be possessed by one who is intending to take up missionary work in a foreign field, especially China.

Young man, or young woman, what are your ambitions? Do you feel hanging upon your very soul a duty to prepare yourself for service among the millions that know not God, or Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent? If you do, please do not smother it, but embrace every opportunity to fit yourself for service so you may be able to carry out that ambition, for it is worthy.

This task may require many years of careful training at college, but do not let this discourage you. Our Saviour, the great Teacher, when calling His disciples gave them a special course of training covering three and one-half years before He felt they were fully prepared to carry His important work. It may take a longer time with you, but let that not hinder you in the least.

Your aim is to prepare for service, and nothing must be permitted to deter you in it. Put your hand to the educational plow and move forward, and you will have no cause to look back with regrets when the field has been thoroughly cultivated.

It is the educated worker that is needed here and needed there to go forth and help plant the seeds of truth for the heavenly garner. Those who are still in darkness, but longing for more light, are calling for him, and he is being sought for by God's servants that he may be sent forth to answer these calls. Will you answer the call to-day by beginning the work of preparation?

Books Wanted

Elder A. O. Tait, St. Helena, Cal., desires copies of "Empires of the Bible" and "Empires of Prophecy." Any one having copies for sale will kindly write Brother Tait at the above address, quoting price.

Wanted

If any of our readers have on hand small lots of first-class dried peaches, apricots, pears, or apples which they wish to sell, the St. Helena Home Fruit Co., Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal., would be glad to hear from you. They are furnishing dried fruits to our people and workers both in this country and in foreign fields, and have calls for more fruit than they dried. Give quantity on hand and price, and if convenient send sample. Perhaps you know of neighbors who have some.

Chinese "Signs of the Times"

Aside from the regular issues of the Chinese Signs of the Times which are sent out month by month, we are planning a big surprise for our friends in the New Year's number, which will bear the date of February, 1910. The coming Chinese New Year begins February 10. Our New Year's Special will be ready for circulation by January 1, 1910.

As special features of this number, we would announce the following: The Chinese flag in three colors will be used to decorate the cover. There will be a large number of illustrations, including a photograph of the Emperor of China and other photographs of prominent viceroys and leading statesmen of China. Every effort will be made to give the third angel's message in its clearness, and there will appear well-written articles upon the Sabbath, the second coming of Christ and the evidences which show His coming to be near at hand, etc. One new departure which will make the paper most desirable and salable is the insertion of the calendar for the coming year, with both Chinese and foreign reckoning, the seventh day of each week being clearly designated.

Our New Year's Special will be enlarged to thirty-two pages, and the prices will be:

5 to 25 copies, 4 cents a copy.

25 copies and over, 3 cents a copy.

1,000 copies or over to one address, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents a copy.

There are large numbers of the Chinese in the United States, and if proper efforts were put forth, 100,000 copies of this paper could be circulated. Our facilities are meager, our press being only provided with hand power, nevertheless we will assure you that your orders will receive prompt attention. Kindly order at once, that we may know how to plan.

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