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

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## The Church

### Sketches of the Past — No. 88

Elder Cornell and I had the names of the persons in Wisconsin who were keeping the Sabbath and reading the *Review*, and it was our purpose to call upon them all. Passing on from Beloit, we called a day or so in a place until the next Sabbath, when we came to Madison. There we stopped over the Sabbath and first day with a Brother Turner, and held meetings in his home. One or two came in from Sun Prairie, and with the few in the city we had an audience of about half a score. Though the number was small, we had an interesting time, and it was a source of strength to them to have instruction on the truth. About all the reading matter we had for our people at that time was the eight-page *Review* once in two weeks, about the same sized *Youth's Instructor* once a month, one thirty-two paged tract on the three angels' messages and the two-horned beast, and of Sister White's work simply the pamphlet "Experience and Views."

After visits to other isolated believers, about the middle of the next week we came to Koshkonong, near Ft. Atkinson, where there was a company of about twenty, the largest number in any one place in the state. We had the name of the most prominent one among them, and as we neared the settlement we inquired for him. Finally we saw a man in a cornfield near the road.

Brother Cornell said, "I am going to ask that man the question that it says

in the Apocrypha of the Old Testament shall be asked of the people." First he inquired for the home of Milton Southwick.

The man said, "He lives in the second house from here."

Brother Cornell then said, "Has righteousness that maketh a man righteous been through this land?"

"Yes!" said the man; "there are a few of us here who are trying to keep all the commandments of God. Are you not the brethren from the East of whom we read in the *Review* who were coming to visit Wisconsin?"

Behold, he was Brother Phelps, and in fact the leader of their company, who preached to them. Here we tarried several days, speaking to them and the very few of their neighbors who ventured in. On learning that we should come back that way on our trip to Illinois, they decided that when we should return they would seat a nice grove for a meeting.

We were specially desirous to meet J. H. Waggoner, a man who had been editor and publisher of a country paper, and who had embraced the message and begun to preach. He had been an active worker among the Baptists. We found that his place of residence was Packwaukee, a day's journey further north. When we came to his place, we found that he was a day's journey west from Packwaukee, holding a series of meetings in a new place. We decided to go and find him. Brother T. M. Steward, of Packwaukee, who had begun the observance of the Sabbath, decided to go with his horse and carriage and pilot us to the place of Brother Waggoner's labors.

When we arrived we found Brother Waggoner suffering with granulated

eyelids. We filled his appointments for him, and then we all went on still further north to Metomen, Wis. There J. M. Stevenson and D. P. Hall, two very active first-day Adventist ministers, had just taken their stand to keep the Sabbath. We held meetings there for a week in order that these men might be more fully instructed in the truth. There some of their relatives came in to hear, several of whom accepted the truth.

From this point we were to start on our return journey south. It was decided that Brethren Waggoner, Stevenson, and Hall should accompany us on our trip to Illinois as far as Koshkonong. Brother Walker, father-in-law of Brother Stevenson, furnished a horse and carriage for them, so we returned holding meetings again with our people.

About half way back there lived a devoted brother and his wife. He was anxious that the people of the town should have a chance to hear. We notified him when we should be there. He secured the use of the village schoolhouse, and announced a discourse on "The United States in Prophecy."

Our company had no faith that we would find any congregation. None of them wanted to fill the appointment, so they voted that I should speak. What was our surprise, on driving up to the schoolhouse, to find it packed with people. And, indeed, they looked like a people who had gathered from curiosity rather than interest. The Lord gave me great liberty in speaking. We could only have the one meeting, as we had appointments ahead. It is doubtful if we should have had another hearing had we stopped. Their curiosity had been met, and the lone brother residing there had the satis-

faction that his townsmen had opportunity to hear some of the reasons of our faith.

What was my surprise, as we went on our journey the next day, to find these brethren complaining because I took the time the night before, and did not give them the chance to speak. I replied: "You did not expect any congregation, and so voted the task onto me. I supposed of course that you expected me to fill the time, as you had voted, and not to be frightened out because there was not a large audience."

J. N. Loughborough.

## The Field

### CALIFORNIA

#### California Conference

The coming meeting of the California Conference to be held at Lodi, beginning February 1, will be one of the most important conferences that has ever been held in California. There are several very important questions to be considered at the time. The conference school question is a matter of no small importance.

We were disappointed in not obtaining the Buena Vista property for our school, but in the providence of God a far better property has been secured, and the school started. Improvements have been made, and others are in prospect. Our brethren will want to learn of all these particulars. Then there is the relation of the Lodi school to the conference school, which will also be considered at this time.

What shall be done in our large cities to meet the testimonies of the Spirit of God as is mentioned in Volume 9? This will also be an item to come before our brethren at the conference.

It is evident that we are in the closing scenes of this world's history; intensity is taking hold of the powers of darkness as never before. God also has large blessings for His followers. As a people we should be aroused to return to our native simplicity and early zeal to prepare for the kingdom of God. Our young people should at the present time have their attention turned to fitting themselves to have a part in the closing of the work. Let the zeal and earnestness that characterized our people in the early

days of the message, now take hold upon all our people.

We hope all our churches will send their full quota of delegates to the conference to act upon these important issues that are before us. Let there be one grand rally to prepare for the kingdom. Come, praying that this will be not only the largest but the best conference that California has ever held. Shall we not expect an outpouring of the Spirit of God as came upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost? Such a time will come; and can we not expect that now is the time when we shall see the outpouring of God's Spirit as never before?

Let those who attend, come prepared to take care of themselves as far as is consistent. Our brethren and sisters at Lodi can provide shelter, but will have to have the cooperation of the delegates and others who attend in bringing their own bedding as far as is consistent. The managers of the Lodi Normal Institute are preparing to provide dinners for the delegates at the nominal price of twenty cents per meal.

Above everything else, come praying that our week's meeting may mark a new era in the California Conference.

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

### Central California

The Central California Intermediate School closed its third month December 24, 1909. The attendance, interest, and work thus far have been most satisfactory. Our improvements by way of added rooms and equipments enable us to do the work with greater despatch and thoroughness.

We are very fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Hudson. She has a wide experience in teaching, and also in sanitarium work as a nurse and physician.

Early in the school year, a request came from several patrons for a parents' meeting. One was called and well attended. The union of interest and purpose exceeded anything I have ever seen in a like assembly. Among other subjects discussed was that of night parties by our young people. It was the consensus of opinion that these are not good.

Before the close of the meeting it was proposed to call another meeting of a similar character.

We were favored with a visit from Brother W. C. White. He gave the pupils an interesting talk on the Chinese mission. He spent Sabbath with the Armona church.

Brother B. E. Baldwin spent several days with us. He met with the pupils several times.

Elder Haskell's institute was a season of refreshing to the churches in this vicinity. All were impressed with the importance of finishing the work in this generation.

Sister Haskell spent one hour each day at the school. The pupils took a deep interest in the lessons she gave.

In answer to a written petition signed by all the pupils, Elder Loughborough remained after the institute and gave us some lessons on the rise and progress of the message. This story, told in a simple way, was of intense interest even to the youngest. We believe a knowledge of these early experiences is of much value to our children, and will tend to bind them to the truth and to God's people.

The institute was followed by the week of prayer. This also was a season of refreshing. The meetings were well attended, and a goodly offering was taken for mission work. The readings were given each day in the school. We had some interesting experiences.

All that had gone before seemed only to prepare the people for the religious liberty institute which followed the week of prayer. Elders Cottrell, Corliss, and Healey spent the most of a week with us. The interest was good, and some of the meetings raised the enthusiasm to a high pitch. All the literature that had been provided for this institute was purchased by the people. One pupil is spending his entire vacation putting the tracts in the hands of the people and soliciting signers to the petition. Elder Healey spoke twice to the pupils, Elder Corliss once, and Elder Cottrell gave us a stirring lesson on organization. Besides the benefit we received from the lessons these brethren gave, we were much encouraged by the words of appreciation they expressed relative to our school and the work that we are doing.

Our pupils have enjoyed the opportunities that have come to us in our school work this year. We are glad to come in touch with our ministering brethren. We

believe this is as it should be. A most excellent spirit prevails throughout the school; and our work is a real pleasure.

B. L. Howe.

**Annual Meeting of the California Conference S. D. A.**

The thirty-ninth annual session of the California Conference will convene at Lodi, Cal., Feb. 1, 1910, and will continue until February 6. The first meeting of the session will be held at 9:00 A.M., February 1.

Each church in the conference 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.*

**California Conference Association S. D. A.**

**Notice of Annual Meeting**

The fourteenth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the thirty-ninth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Lodi, Cal., Feb. 1 to 6, 1910, for the purpose of electing a Board of seven directors and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

The first meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., February 2.

H. W. Cottrell, *President.*  
Claude G. Conard, *Secretary.*

**ARIZONA**

After our last conference, we went back to Verda Valley and commenced meetings in the lower schoolhouse; and it was surprising to see how the people came out. Owing to a snow-storm, we closed these meetings; but probably a good work can be done there next summer.

From Verda Valley we went to Kingman to visit those who had accepted the truth at that place. One was found rejoicing in the truth, while the other one was somewhat discouraged.

We then went to Flagstaff, and held several meetings with that company, spending part of the week of prayer with them. The Lord surely came very near to us, and I believe some victories were gained at that time. While there, we

received a letter from Elder H. G. Thurston requesting us to visit the Prescott company, then go to Yuma to work during the winter. We are now in Yuma, nicely settled in a tent. Being unable to find a place to hold public services in town, we commenced cottage meetings, and are having some very interesting times.

We hope to begin meetings in the country schoolhouses in the near future. We believe the Lord has many who will rejoice with us in this truth. Pray earnestly for the work here.

B. F. Swan,  
Lillie A. Sims,  
Geo. G. Sims.

January 6.

**Book Work**

**Four Weeks Ending Dec. 31, 1909**  
"Home and Health"

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
W. O. James	45	45	\$144.60

**Douglas (Ariz.) and Rodeo (N. Mex.)**

The work along the line of New Mexico and Arizona is onward. Sabbath, January 1, 1910, three adults went down with their Lord into the watery grave, and united with the Douglas church. Two others expect to be baptized at the next opportunity.

We are in the middle of an effort at Rodeo, New Mexico, with a very good interest. The most testing truths of the message are yet to be given. However two or three have already commenced to observe the Sabbath. We hope to see some substantial souls embrace the message here in the very near future.

We solicit the prayers of our brethren for our work here. I. P. Dillon.

**OBITUARY**

McCLURE.—Many hearts will be made sad to read of the death of our beloved sister, Frances L. McClure. Not only in this immediate conference, but in far distant lands there are those in whom fond memories will be awakened at the mention of her name in this connection. She died at her home in St. Helena on the morning of December 28, 1909, at the age of sixty-six years lacking thirteen days. She was born in Missouri, January 10 of that memorable year 1844.

For more than twenty years Sister McClure was associated with her husband

in labor in the gospel field, in public meetings, visiting, and doing general Bible missionary work. They together conducted the first Bible training mission on the Pacific Coast, and in this time she was mother to more than two hundred young people, many of whom continue to this day in the Lord's work in different parts of the world. Thus we may see clearly how the works of her life follow her as she now rests from her labor.

Although a great sufferer for a long time, she bore her affliction with Christian patience and fortitude, resigned to the Lord's will. She fell asleep in death without a struggle, and in high hope of a glorious resurrection in the sweet and near by and by.

Of her immediate relatives, she leaves, to mourn their loss, a loving husband, an aged mother whose years number nearly eighty-eight, and six sisters. They mourn, but not without bright hope of meeting her again when Jesus comes to call His own.

In the funeral services held at the house, words of hope, comfort, and admonition were spoken by the writer to many friends present, the remarks being based upon some half dozen Scripture texts of the deceased sister's own selection. Our dear sister was laid to rest in the St. Helena cemetery.

H. A. St. John.

**Rates to the California Conference at Lodi**

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Southern Pacific Company's letter may be of interest to some:

"It is further understood that delegates to the convention may, if they desire, secure stopover privileges on going trip, provided they ask agent at initial point for such ticket and pay our regularly published stopover fare, taking receipt-certificate for same as in the case of purchase of a limited ticket. On the return trip no stopovers will be allowed."

If through any fault of the purchaser a receipt is not obtained for the fare paid in going to the meeting, return ticket can not be secured at the reduced rate, and no claims for refund will be allowed by the railway company.

Claude Conard,  
*Sec. Cal. Conf.*

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1910

Among some of the recent callers at the RECORDER office were Mrs. S. N. Haskell, of Oakland, and Brother L. M. Bowen, of Sanitarium.

Elder H. W. Cottrell attended a board meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association at Sanitarium, Cal., last Monday evening.

The Pacific Press Publishing Association have made a small addition to their main building in which they are installing a photo-engraving plant, which will be under the management of Brother F. H. Gage.

Dr. M. L. Edwards, secretary of the medical department of the Pacific Union Conference, began a medical missionary institute at Sacramento Friday, January 7. Instead of this meeting being called for the benefit of the medical profession, it was called for the purpose of giving instruction to our brethren concerning the important principles that underlie our medical work.

The eighth religious liberty institute of the series that is being conducted by the Pacific Religious Liberty Association was opened in Mountain View Monday evening, January 10. All of these meetings have been a great blessing to our people as they have gathered together from day to day to study the important principles underlying the subject of religious liberty. We look for the same results to follow this meeting as have followed those meetings which have already been held. Elders Cottrell, Corliss, and Healey are the instructors.

Any one wishing to purchase a home in Mountain View, right handy to the church, school, and Pacific Press, will find a bargain by writing to F. J. Brainerd, Mountain View, Cal., Box 293.

## Nurses Wanted

The St. Helena Sanitarium can furnish employment for several nurses of both sexes. Apply at once.

L. M. Bowen, Sanitarium, Cal.

## Glendale Sanitarium Training School

There is an opportunity for two young ladies to enter the training class at the Glendale Sanitarium about January 15. Those interested will please correspond with the undersigned. The Glendale Sanitarium offers a complete theoretical and practical course.

J. E. Colloran, M. D.,  
Glendale, Cal.

## 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 church-members.

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*.

## Entertainment at Lodi for Delegates to California Conference

As announced elsewhere in this paper, the next session of the California Conference will be held at Lodi, Cal., Feb. 1 to 6, 1910.

The brethren at Lodi state that they can care in their homes for the delegates, but can not be sure of providing for others who may attend, unless some as-

sistance is given in the way of bedding, etc. Hence it has been thought best to make the following announcement:

All delegates will be lodged free by members of the Lodi church. Those stopping with our brethren in the country will receive their breakfasts, but will have to provide for their own dinners either at the Western Normal Institute dining hall or at the restaurant. Those rooming with our brethren in town will be expected to provide for all their own meals. Board can be secured at the Western Normal at about twenty cents a meal.

Those who are not delegates, and possibly some who are, may have to provide for themselves in the matter of both board and lodging, unless they desire to bring bedding with them, in which case our brethren may be able to assist them to a place to sleep. Further announcement may be made next week.

We trust that as many of our people as possible will plan to attend this meeting.

Claude Conard, *Secretary*.

## Rates to the California Conference at Lodi

The usual reduced rate of one and one third fare for the round trip will be granted by the railroads to those attending the coming conference session at Lodi, Feb. 1 to 6, 1910.

Tickets at these rates in going to Lodi may be purchased from January 21 to the close of the meeting, and the certificates are valid for the return trip from February 1 to 12. These privileges obtain on all lines of the Santa Fe, Northwestern Pacific, and Southern Pacific railways in California, including Reno, Nevada.

At the time the ticket to the meeting is purchased, the one securing the same should ask the agent for a receipt for the fare paid, stating that he is going to Lodi to attend the annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Full fare will be paid going; but the receipt which the agent gives, when signed by the secretary of the meeting at Lodi, will entitle the holder to purchase return ticket at one third the rate paid in going, provided there are fifty or more in attendance holding such certificates.

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