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Resolve

Build on resolve, and not upon regret,
The structure of thy future. Do not grope

Among the shadows of old sin, but let
Thine own soul's light shine on the path of hope

And dissipate the darkness. Waste no tears

Upon the blotted record of lost years,
But turn the leaf, and smile, oh, smile, to see

The fair white pages that remain to thee.
—Selected.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

California Conference Current

The dates of the Visalia camp-meeting are September 29 to October 8.

A restaurant will be conducted on the Visalia camp ground, as well as a small food store.

Elder A. Brorsen went the first of the week to Visalia to look after the preparation of the camp ground.

The fall term of school opened Tuesday of this week at the Lodi Normal Academy with a good attendance.

The California Bible House has shipped a good stock of books, Bibles, tracts, and papers for use at the Visalia camp-meeting.

Elder and Mrs. Haskell and Brethren Beddoe and S. G. White spent Sabbath and Sunday at Lodi. An excellent season is reported.

A car load of tents and camp-meeting equipment was sent to Visalia the latter part of last week. Work will be begun on the ground this week.

Be sure to come to the Visalia camp-meeting, and receive the blessing which the Lord will have for you there. Remember the date, and begin now to plan.

Notice in another column the reduced rates given by the railroad companies to the Visalia camp-meeting provided there are more than fifty paying full fare in coming.

Rents on tents at the Visalia meeting will be the same as usual—12x17 tent, \$3.50; 10x12 tents, \$2.50; flies and bur-laps, 75 cents and 50 cents each respectively. Send orders to the conference office, or to Elder A. Brorsen, Visalia, Cal.

A letter just received from Elder F. C. Gilbert, our Jewish worker at Concord, Mass., contained the following: "You will be glad to know that by the time this letter reaches you, we shall have a press installed, and doubtless the type

secured, and we hope right soon to get things under way." This refers to their plans in the printing of the Jewish New Testament.

Claude Conard,
Sec. Cal. Conf.

Railroad Rates to Visalia Camp- Meeting

As previously announced, both the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe companies have placed the usual reduced rates for the round trip to the camp-meeting at Visalia to be held September 29 to October 8.

In buying ticket to this meeting, purchaser should ask agent for receipt for the fare paid in going; which receipt can be used as a certificate in buying ticket on the return, when signed by the secretary of the meeting at the camp ground.

If there are fifty or more attending this meeting and holding these certificates, tickets for the return fare can be purchased at one third the rate paid in going to meeting.

Tickets to Visalia on this plan can be purchased from September 19 to October 8, and on the return trip from September 29 to October 11. If through negligence on the part of the purchaser, receipt is not obtained at the time ticket is bought, no claims will later be allowed by the railroad companies.

Stopovers can be obtained on the going trip by asking for stopover tickets at the time of purchase; but no stopover can be secured on the return trip. These rates are good as far east as Reno, Nev.

Claude Conard,
Sec. Cal. Conf.

Religious Liberty

An Important Notice

We hope that every reader of the RECORDER will take notice of what follows in this item. In the *Signs of the Times* issue of October 4 will be found on pages eight and nine an article entitled "The World's Christian Citizenship Conference." This is a copy of a call from the National Reformers and federated churches for an international gathering, at which speeches will be made by the delegates from every nation regarding the establishment of Christian governments throughout the world. The establishment by law of Sunday-keeping in all these countries is to be made very prominent. Missionaries from foreign lands are to be present to take part in the program, and stand for a universal Sunday law in the lands where they are employed.

This world's conference, as will be seen, is to be held in Philadelphia November 16 to 20. It will be noticed that the time of this meeting is just prior to the opening of Congress, and is evidently designed to influence Congress regarding the subjects to be discussed and settled upon at this world's conference.

In view of the fact that the coming Congress is to decide whether California will have the Panama Exposition within its borders, and whether the conditions on which they receive it will be that California passes a Sunday law in the coming legislature so that the gates of the exposition may be closed on Sunday, this gathering at Philadelphia is one of the most important of the century.

Those who study carefully the prophecies can see that we are nearing the time when clouds of trouble will gather over our heads and bring the closing scenes of earth's history.

If any reader of this notice does not have the *Signs of the Times* at hand, he should secure it, and study well the article referred to. We have certainly come to the time that our faith has looked forward to for so many years, and now every loyal Seventh-day Adventist should plan to engage heartily in the work that is left for this people to do. Shall we arise and do it? J. O. Corliss.

Needs of the Religious Liberty Work

Already large amounts of money have been used in the present campaign along religious liberty lines. Nothing has yet been said to our brethren regarding the financial situation, although the needs in this direction are great. Onerous times are just before us when our means will be scattered to the wind.

In view of the fact that the effort to secure a Sunday law for California is now being transferred to the Congress of the United States, and so demanding a larger effort and a greater amount of funds, we believe we are justified in calling upon our brethren in California to take an active part in meeting the conditions with which we are confronted. There are those who can spare from their surplus funds anywhere from five to twenty-five dollars with which to meet the issue. If there are those who feel inclined to help us at this juncture, we shall be exceedingly glad to receive the funds at once.

We are well aware that many demands are made upon us at the present time, but this is one of the important measures that demands *immediate* effort. It can not wait as some other things might, for if left beyond a certain time, all the expense of the past has been lost. Now is the time for us to do that which seems the only legitimate thing to do, and that is, meet the conditions, even though the expense may seem to be large.

If there are those who would like to donate toward this fund, and who do not have the ready means, but have products such as English walnuts, good comb honey, olives, and olive oil, this office could dispose of a limited amount of these for the cash, if they were forwarded here. Any one having any of these things that they would like to donate, please correspond with the Pacific Religious Liberty Association, Mountain View, Cal.

Let us hear from all who are interested in this work as to what they will do, or how they can do it, and when.

J. O. Corliss,

Sec. Pacific Rel. Lib. Assn.

He that takes truth for his guide, and duty for his end, may safely trust to God's providence to lead him aright.—
Pascal.

Missionary Work

Book Work in the Pacific Union

Arizona

Totals for August: Two agents, 245 hours, 144 orders, \$531.50.

Utah

Totals for August: One agent, \$40.00.

California

Totals for August: Six agents, 1,165 hours, 781 orders, \$2,675.10.

Southern California

Totals for August: Four agents, 98 hours, 39 orders, \$1,103.00.

The following is quoted from a letter received from Brother W. O. James, our field agent in Arizona, and it is just another illustration of how God cares for His own:

"We arrived here Sunday evening. There were a great many men on the street, so I picked out one quite well dressed and approached him on the subject of a place to stay where I could get light housekeeping rooms, as my wife and boy are with me. He said, 'Perhaps we can arrange for you, as we have a double house, and another family expect to move in later.' I went down to see the rooms and found them to be just what we needed. Jerome is built on a steep mountain side, and the homes as a rule have no yards, but this place has a nice level yard. There are not more than a half dozen like it in town, and here my boy can play.

"Rooms are scarce here, but just think, the first man whom I met had a place for us. It so happened that he had taken a lay-off that day, or I should not have seen him. This proves that God is able to direct men for our good. Now we are praying for the same almighty hand to help us to plant some seed in that home, which is strictly Catholic."

"Prayer can do anything that God can do."
A. A. Cone.

The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows whither he is going.—
David Starr Jordan.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Field Missionary Report

The home tract and missionary work in Southern California is being pushed steadily forward by Brother Ernest Lloyd, missionary secretary. Many pleasant incidents accompanied our visits together to fourteen churches since the San Diego camp-meeting. In these meetings we worked to

1. Encourage all spiritually in love for the truth and interest in its proclamation;
2. Show that activity must be present if spirituality is kept;
3. Study with church lines of work in which all can engage in sending forth the message;
4. Organize so that missionary work may go forward successfully;
5. Supply the material.

The Lord has blessed these efforts, and many are re-consecrating themselves and taking hold anew in the time-tried work of giving out the truth in the tracts, papers, and through the mail with correspondence.

At one place we met a family who had accepted the truth through the efforts of an Adventist friend, and the *Signs* six months, since our last visit there four months ago. They in turn took hold to help give the message to their relatives. We met one faithful sister who has neighbors on both sides of her who are reading our literature and waiting eagerly for the privilege of hearing an Adventist minister. This sister had no word of discouragement. She said, "I feel that all I can do is little, and I must keep giving out the truth, because so many here do not know anything about it."

One dear old lady who sells 250 copies of our message-filled magazines each month said, "O, I wish you could know of the precious experiences I have in this work."

One church located in the country and made up of persons busy on the farm, was taking eight copies of the *Signs* weekly. After the outline of work which can be done by missionary correspondence, this club was raised to fifty, and names have been sent to this society for this work.

The newly formed church at Orange began their work with fifty *Signs* weekly, some magazines, a good supply of tracts;

and the new members purchased "Testimonies" and "Early Writings."

At Santa Barbara, in addition to work with our literature, they are carrying on a Sunday evening study to which friends are invited. Some come in, and these cottage meetings are proving a real blessing.

In view of the Lord's ideal for His church—"every member a working member"—and of the promise that the message is to be proclaimed through the gospel literature, it was encouraging to see a real missionary revival and to place \$226.35 worth of literature in this brief effort. May the following appeal found in Volume 9, page 55, stimulate us to greater efforts:

"My brethren and sisters, do not plead for retrenchment in evangelical work. So long as there are souls to save, our interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating."

J. R. Ferren,

Mis. Sec. Pac. Union Conf.

CALIFORNIA

Since 1890

God has sent message after message to carry the truth to the cities. Of late these messages have been repeatedly proclaimed in no uncertain terms by the voice and pen of God's prophet.

Twenty years have passed, and at the present time we find ourselves half asleep, as the testimony below indicates. Even with those whom one could expect much of as active laborers, the excuse comes: "I have house and lands, I must needs be excused;" or, "I have a family who oppose me."

There are hundreds who might be able sentinels in these bay cities if they cared to risk all for souls that are soon to perish. I do not wish to make a special appeal for canvassers here any more than I do for other lines, for as the Master says, there should be companies of ministers, physicians, nurses, canvassers, Bible workers. So, brethren and sisters, let us come up with the Lord against the mighty.

This testimony was sent to ministers in June, 1908:

"In the indifference and boasting of men and women to-day, the words of the evil servant are being repeated, 'My Lord delayeth His coming.' In our

large cities every kind of wickedness imaginable is being revealed, and yet among the masses, yes, even among the scoffers, there are some who are listening for the trumpet to give the signal of alarm. *But they listen in vain.* The appropriate warnings have not been given. Is it not high time that the messengers should awake, and give the warning message that is to prepare the world for the judgments that are right upon us?"

"Let there be an awakening, and heartfelt confession of sin. Let there be a seeking after God. Let the shepherds throw off the lethargy that is upon them. Wake up, brethren, for Christ's sake wake up! Let earnest, organized efforts be made that light may go forth to those in darkness, who are eating and drinking with those who are befogged with skepticism."

"Our sinful condition of lukewarmness has been coming on for years. We are far behind in following the instructions given to enter the cities, and erect memorials for the cause of present truth. For many years the instruction has been repeated to us regarding the work to be done in the cities; yet there seems to be a deathlike slumber upon many ministers and people."

The letters of only two of our "Daniel and the Revelation" workers can be printed this week. Others may follow next week.

H. S. Carter:

"God is calling His people at this time to a long-delayed work. Decided efforts are to be made to enlighten those who have never yet been warned. *The work in the cities is now to be regarded as of special importance.* Let workers be carefully selected to labor two and two in the cities, in harmony with the counsel of experienced leaders, and under the direction and commission of Jesus Christ."

"This is the instruction that has come to us recently through the Spirit of prophecy. In harmony with this, a work has been started in the cities around San Francisco Bay, and the silent messengers are reaching many homes with the truth for this time. The writer is now working in one of the suburbs of Oakland, carrying the message to the homes of the people as found in that grand book, 'Daniel and the Revelation.' I feel to praise God for blessings received as I have made a beginning.

Thus far, in twenty-eight hours' work I have received seventeen orders, valued at \$38.00.

"There are many hungry souls to-day waiting in these wicked cities for the message of salvation that God has entrusted to us. But with the thousands yet to warn, the laborers indeed are few.

"Come over and help us."

Jas. E. Boehne:

"In the brief time that I have been engaged in giving the printed warning to some of the people of these bay cities, I have been brought to realize as *never before* how that 'darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.'

"As we go from door to door we find so many, many hearts that are completely hardened and sealed shut to the gentle Spirit of Christ by 'a way that seemeth right unto a man'—self-righteousness, Christian (?) Science, Spiritualism, or some other Spiritism or 'form of godliness'—but we know 'the end thereof are the ways of death.' And just in proportion to this great darkness on the part of the many so we find one, two, or more, to whom God leads us, who are deeply hungering and thirsting for light—the truth. Truly, as the testimonies have told us, 'Daniel and the Revelation' and similar literature does supply this lack, and God is favoring us greatly by giving us many orders."

We think the reports encouraging, as there was no preparation whatever. They came to the city and began to work.

Our first city workers' meeting last Sunday at 5 P.M. at the California Bible House proved their necessity. All were strengthened by Sister Haskell's talk, and the testimony and experience given by each. Then the hour for study and canvass drill of the book which we are pushing proved its importance.

Remember that every Sunday at 4 P.M. we have our book and canvass drill. Then at 5 P.M. all workers, those for both books and papers, are invited to attend with words of praise and prayer for the city work. Let all pray for workers.

E. S. Horsman,
Field Missionary Secretary.

September 16.

Home Missionary Endeavor

The readers of the RECORDER will without doubt be interested to get a brief report of my experience since the Sacramento camp-meeting. I started out with 250 packages of religious liberty leaflets. Sixty-four were added by the Sacramento church, and afterward 550 more by the friends at the Napa camp-meeting, making 864 packages in all. Besides these I took a supply of *Signs, Watchman, and Life and Health*, and 100 Thanksgiving *Reviews*. I went to Oroville where Brethren Brink and Hutchinson had been holding a tent meeting, but found them both sick with malaria, so we concluded to take the tent down and store it. They went to their homes, and I remained a few days.

Oroville is the county seat of Butte County, with a population of 4,500. After supplying the county and city officers, lawyers, and others, about one hundred in all, giving each a package of the leaflets, and, as often as was feasible, calling their attention to the work of the National Reform Bureau in the state, and giving out the *Reviews*, went to Brother H. B. Landis's Sanitarium in Chico, sick. By his thorough system of treatment, in ten days was on my feet again. I then visited Red Bluff, Redding, Corning, Orland, Chico, Paradise, Yuba City, Marysville, Sonora, and Angels, and did the same religious liberty work that was done in Oroville; visited nearly all the resident Sabbath-keepers, and held Bible studies with the churches on the Spirit of prophecy as manifested in the Scriptures, and which will continue to be manifested till those who are waiting for the coming of the Lord are prepared for translation. Eph. 4:8, 11-13; 1 Cor. 1:6-8.

Beside the places named, the county seats of Glenn and Colusa were supplied by mail, making nine county seat towns and four others that have been sown with the leaflets. The Religious Liberty Number of the RECORDER has also been sent where there are brethren to distribute them. The churches at Chico and Red Bluff raised means to pay for the printing, postage, and freight on the reading-matter sent out.

Last Wednesday I visited Sonora, the county seat of Tuolumne County, to follow up the work with the anti-Sunday-law petitions. Every officer at the court-

house signed it. A leading physician said, "I read every one of those leaflets, and fully believe what they teach." A druggist said, "Has it come to this in California—that we have to petition the legislature not to pass religious laws? I would like to sign your petition a thousand times." In about three days I got 280 names, largely as the result of the leading citizens' having read up on the subject. Many opportunities were presented of bringing out the principles of civil and religious liberty, and to call attention to the work of the National Reform Bureau in the state. The one who gets the signatures should be well supplied with RECORDERS and leaflets. There is a large field to be followed up in this way that will take perseverance and hard work. Including Oakdale, I have 350 names on my petition.

M. C. Israel.

September 14.

Report of Book Work in Arizona Conference for Eight Weeks Ending August 18, 1910

"Home and Health"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
W. O. James	150	167	\$555.50
For Ten Weeks Ending Sept. 3, 1910			
"Practical Guide"			
Mrs. W. B. Findlay	269	269	486.30
Total	419	436	\$1,041.80

Book Report of California Conference for Week Ending September 16, 1910

"Practical Guide to Health"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
F. D. Gauterau		29	\$100.00
W. B. Findley	35	18	64.20
C. A. Alsbury			47.00
J. W. Rich*	15	6	23.00
Clare Hodges**	12	4	16.00
"Daniel and the Revelation"			
H. S. Carter	22	12	26.75
Jas. E. Boehne	39	15	27.50
"Coming King"			
Miriam Clark***	18	27	47.00
J. H. Boehm****			250.00
"Heralds of the Morning"			
A. H. Bolomey	10	10	20.00
Total			\$621.45

* Deliveries, \$24.00.

** Deliveries, \$33.50.

*** Deliveries, \$96.00.

**** Four weeks' work.

EDUCATION

and Young People's Work

Conducted by C. C. Lewis

*Educational Secretary Pacific Union
Conference*

[We cordially invite correspondence from teachers and young people's workers throughout the Pacific Union Conference. Short, pithy paragraphs from experience, and interesting items from the reading of those who are working for our children and young people, are desired, to make this department a source of inspiration and real help to our readers. Matter should generally be sent to the Educational Secretary, St. Helena, Cal., care of College; but reports and notices for quick publication may be addressed to the RECORDER at Mountain View, Cal., as in the past.]

Secretary's Day-by-Day Report of the California-Nevada Teachers' Institute

The first regular meeting of the institute was held at eight o'clock Tuesday morning. Miss Katherine B. Hale gave a few minutes' talk in regard to plans for our work, materials required, etc. Mrs. Alma E. McKibbin then took up the work of "Why We Teach Bible History in Grades Four to Six." Where can anything be found that will so interest the children as Bible stories? We must know the principles of the law to perfect our character. Jesus came to this world that we might see the principles of the law of God exemplified. Every Bible character exemplifies some principle of this law.

In teaching these stories we should be careful that they are not taught simply as fascinating, beautiful stories. Not merely the facts in the lives of these characters should be studied, but how their lives reveal the law of God. Each lesson as presented by the teacher must be a fresh truth to that teacher; therefore the preparation of each lesson requires much meditation and prayer that the pupils may be constantly drinking from a living stream.

In "Education," page 146, we find there is nothing greater in the formation

of character than these biographies. They also form the foundation of all history. In teaching Bible history we must keep ever before the mind the plan of salvation and principles of God's law.

Miss Frances A. Fry then took up the number work, taking as the basis of her work two distinct methods — formal work and application — and gave some devices in this work.

Mrs. Mina Mann then followed with methods in the grammar grades, emphasizing the necessity of much drill in the four fundamental principles.

The last hour was occupied by Miss Hale on primary methods.

Each day's work should be a complete whole, each subject related to every other subject. First we teach the child of God's love and the two ways in which it is manifest in creation and in revelation. The God who made the flowers is the same God who wrote to us the letter (Bible).

The evening session was spent in the discussion of "How to Help Timid and Backward Pupils." [This paper is presented in another column.—EDITOR.]

The Second Day

The first period was occupied by Mrs. McKibbin in a continuation of Bible methods in the fourth grade. In this lesson she emphasized especially these three points: We should be very careful not to use the expression "I think the Bible means so and so," but rather "The Bible teaches" or "What does the Bible teach?"

We should make constant application of the principles learned to the life of the child; therefore the teacher's life should be in harmony with these principles. We owe allegiance to God, not only through a sense of love, but justice as well. God is our Creator; therefore we belong to Him, and should obey Him.

Miss Fry demonstrated the first steps in teaching fractions, also the grouping of numbers.

During the period assigned to Mrs. Mann she brought out many spiritual truths that may be taught in our arithmetic work in the grammar grades.

Elder Howe occupied the fourth period, using as the basis of his work the first eight chapters of the book of Daniel. We should teach our children that the book of Daniel is just as much the teaching of Christ as are the Gospels. This

book is a special message for this time. We as teachers may get much encouragement from its teaching. We should not be discouraged although we are utterly unable to finish our work and must leave it to some one else; for Gabriel, an angel of God, was in a like position, and had to surrender his work to Michael.

Miss Hale gave some instruction in Bible and nature for the second week's work in the grades one, two, and three.

The teachers thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon session by becoming little children again. In every direction one might look they could be seen making cardboard houses, sewing the little models, or with paint brush in hand preparing for the instruction to be given by Miss Buchanan.

The evening exercise was a parents' meeting, conducted by Elder Howe, in which were discussed the very important questions of recreation on the school ground, and the proper relation of boys and girls while at school. Many very interesting points were brought out and various experiences related.

Third Day

Elder Haskell occupied the early morning hour in which he brought out these thoughts:

The Bible is the voice of God.

Christ is the infallible connection between God and man.

The Word is the treasure house of heaven.

If we sustain the right relation to the Word we have victory all the time.

Everything comes to us by revelation from God.

Every thought of God contains life.

The second period of the day was given to Sister Haskell. She emphasized the thought that the whole Jewish economy was a compacted prophecy of the gospel.

Mrs. McKibbin then followed with the study of Bible history — the journey from Egypt to Canaan and chronology.

Elder Howe continued the Bible study on the book of Revelation.

The afternoon was spent in manual training and drawing.

In the evening Professor Lewis gave the history of the church school work from its beginning.

Fourth Day

Elder Haskell occupied the early morning hour in calling our attention to a few of the many truths of the Bible that

are especially encouraging to the church school teacher. The word of God is the only unfailing guide. Christ is the only revelation of that word. He has all power. Christ is ours. We are His. Hence we have available all power in heaven and earth. We have in the Bible the key to the power of the universe. Every word of God contains life. These early morning studies, conducted by Elder Haskell, were very much appreciated.

In Sister Haskell's study of the sanctuary question this morning, she emphasized the fact that as a fortification against error we should be careful to teach the children the position Christ took on entering the heavenly sanctuary, that they may become thoroughly established in these important truths.

Mrs. McKibbin continued the Bible study on the principles of God's dealing with Israel as brought out in "Bible Lessons," Book Two, studying them in the following order:

1. Apostasy and how God deals with it.
2. Faithfulness in the midst of apostasy.
3. Failure of theocracy versus failure of Israel.
4. Monarchy of Israel not to be like other monarchies.
5. Reason for the division of Israel.
6. Captivity of Israel; of Judah.
7. Restoration of Judah.

A few minutes were also spent in studying the plan of "Bible Lessons," Book Three.

How well the teachers enjoyed the work in manual training and art was apparent in the afternoon when they failed to hear the closing bell, some even remaining after they had been informed that the time was passed.

The evening was spent in a consecration meeting, led by Elder G. A. Irwin, where over fifty students and teachers bore testimony to the loving care and tender mercy of our heavenly Father.

Lida Ackley.

(Concluded next week)

"Every day is a commencement day.
Every hour is an examination hour."

"One test of intellectual power is sticking to a thing until you have mastered it."

How to Help Backward and Timid Pupils

In order to be successful in any part of her school work, a teacher must be sympathetic. Especially is this true in being able to help the timid or backward pupil. "Except ye become as little children" are words of our Saviour, which certainly apply to the teacher. If we would be a help to the child, we must become a child. We could never rescue a drowning person by staying on the land.

Perehance it is the first day of school; and as we greet the throag of happy children, we see among them some with bright little faces and eyes wide with apprehension, who, although they have been so eager for this great event, the first day at school, are now filled with fear, yes, even dread of the new surroundings, and above all, the new teacher.

Just now, dear teacher, is the all-important moment in that child's school life. In the next few minutes you make or mar, to a certain extent, his school career. The impression you now make will be a lasting one. Nothing at this time will so help us to know how to welcome those little timid ones as to become a child again in fancy. Take one brief glance backward to the day when you as a little tot started hand in hand with an older brother or sister to greet the new teacher. How well you remember every detail, even the dress she wore, and the smile and cheerful words with which she made you her loyal subject. This is the first step in our help for the timid pupil.

Again we may find among our number those who possess naturally a timid disposition; but these are not always the most backward in their grade. Often they have the best lessons, but are too timid to recite well or to take any part in the recitation. We may sometimes assist the pupil to gain confidence in his own ability by having the class recite in concert a few sentences or by having a written recitation and exchanging papers, to be read aloud by the pupils. They will seldom hesitate to read the production of some other pupil. Quite often a timid pupil will do well if allowed to write the lesson on the board. When this is done we may ask him to read certain portions of the written lesson, and thus step by step we may be

able to help him overcome his timidity.

But this is not the only problem in dealing with the timid pupil, nor by any means the greatest one. They are so often ignored or slighted by the other pupils, and as a consequence do not get the proper amount of exercise and fresh air, making them unhappy and listless. An unhappy child can never do good work, neither can one who does not have plenty of good, pure oxygen. Here the teacher may be a great help by well directed efforts in drawing the timid pupil into the games, by appealing to his judgment in cases where he will appear to advantage before the other pupils, or by asking his assistance in some of her work.

Then we have, too, the really backward pupil, the one who is always behind in his lessons, who never seems to comprehend what is in the lesson. In this case we must first try to find the cause. It may be lack of interest, improper grading, inherited aversion to certain studies, or a desponding disposition. In either case we should never allow the child to feel that we think he is dull, but help him to look on the bright side. If a child has inherited a love for intoxicants, we would not give him up as hopeless; neither should we do so with one who inherits mental disorder, but should redouble our efforts in his behalf.

I once heard a girl make this remark on seeing her monthly standings: "Yes, just as I expected—failed in spelling. I never will be a good speller. Mama can't spell well, and papa can scarcely spell cat. Brother always gets poor markings. I do hope baby sister will save the family name." If we as teachers can instil into the child a desire to "save the family name," we have gained one good point.

Never allow a child to become discouraged. If the lesson seems too difficult for him to understand, leave it for a time, and get him interested in something else.

We all remember the old adage, "A laugh is as good as medicine." This is true in mental sickness as well. Establish a comradeship between yourself and the dull pupil. To do this you may find it necessary to walk with him a few blocks as he goes home some evening, but be sure to leave those difficult lessons under lock and key in the schoolroom. Talk of something animating; get him thoroughly

interested; then bid him good night, leaving wonderful things to be accomplished in the schoolroom next day. It may be a surprise to both teacher and pupil to hear the good recitation he is able to give. Do not fail to let him know how pleased you are over his success. Praise seldom harms a dull pupil, especially if bestowed through the medium of his eyes. Watch for the sparkle of his eyes; if you can obtain that you are on sure advantage ground.

It is sometimes wise to tell your dull pupils (but never the smart ones) of some of your own troubles while in school, that they may feel that they are not alone in the struggle. A very earnest Christian once said that the record of the mistakes and failures of ancient worthies was his greatest source of encouragement. If they, after all their mistakes, could make success of the Christian life, he felt with God's help he might be able to do so.

Another step in our help for the backward pupil is to arouse an interest in the lesson during the recitation period through the medium of some of the brighter pupils. When the dull pupil has become interested, dismiss the class or at least the topic under consideration, that the unfinished subject may be a stimulus for research and study. Even a dull pupil will sometimes put forth an extra effort to prove a point held by a particular friend. If this plan fails, we must try to find out what is of interest to the pupil, and use this as a means to assist the child to understand and take an interest in the lesson, either by comparison or illustration.

Above all, we must learn the child and become thoroughly interested in *him* before we can hope to create an interest in school work.

Lida Ackley.

The Evils of a Public School Education

(Continued)

I will give a summary of an address by President Eliot, of Harvard, in his own words, delivered at an annual meeting of the Connecticut State Teachers' Association in New Haven, Oct. 17, 1902:

1. Drunkenness.—“For more than two generations we have been struggling with the barbarous vice of drunkenness, but

have not yet discovered a successful method of dealing with it. The legislation of the states has been variable and in moral significance uncertain. In some of the states of the Union we have been depending on prohibitory legislation, but the intelligence of the people has been insufficient either to enforce such legislation or to substitute better.”

2. Gambling.—“The persistence of gambling in the United States is another disappointing thing to the advocates of popular education, for gambling is an extraordinarily unintelligent form of pleasurable excitement. It is a prevalent vice among all savage people, but one which a moderate cultivation of the intelligence, a very little foresight, and the least sense of responsibility should be sufficient to eradicate.”

3. Bad Government.—“It must be confessed that the results of universal suffrage are not in all respects what we should have expected from a people supposed to be prepared at school for an intelligent exercise of suffrage. We have discovered from actual observation that universal suffrage often produces bad government, especially in large cities.”

4. Crime, Mob, and Riot.—“It is a reproach to popular education that the gravest crimes of violence are committed in great number all over the United States, in the older states as well as the new ones, by individuals and by mobs, and with a large measure of impunity. The population produces a considerable number of burglars, robbers, rioters, lynchers, and murderers, and is not intelligent enough either to suppress or to exterminate these criminals.”

5. Bad Reading.—“The nature of the daily reading supplied to the American public affords much ground for discouragement.” “Since one invaluable result of education is a taste for good reading, the purchase by the people of thousands of tons of ephemeral reading-matter, which is not good in either form or substance, shows that one great end of popular education has not been attained.”

6. The Popular Theater.—“The popular taste is for trivial spectacles, burlesque, vulgar vaudeville, extravaganza, and melodrama, and the stage often presents to unmoved audiences scenes and situations of an unwholesome sort.”

7. Medical Delusions. — “Americans . . . are the greatest consumers of

patent medicines in the known world, and the most credulous patrons of all sorts of ‘medicine men’ and women, and of novel healing arts.”

8. Labor Strikes.—“That labor strikes should occur more and more frequently, and be more and more wide-spread, has been another serious disappointment in regard to the outcome of popular education. As we have all seen lately, the strike is often resorted to for reasons not made public, or, at least, not made public until after the strike has taken place.”

It seems to me, when we are educating our children in the public schools we are drinking at cisterns—broken cisterns—when we might quench our thirst at living fountains.

Contrast earthly citizenship as an aim with this (“Education,” page 18): “Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God’s ideal for His children. Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached. Before the student there is opened a path of continual progress. He has an object to achieve, a standard to attain, that includes everything good, and pure, and noble. He will advance as fast and as far as possible in every branch of true knowledge. But his efforts will be directed to objects as much higher than mere selfish and temporal interests as the heavens are higher than the earth.”

Mrs. Mina Mann.

(To be continued)

A Demand for Teachers

Twenty-five churches in the California-Nevada Conference have now definitely arranged to carry forward church schools for the children within their borders, and forty teachers are now located in these churches for the new school year; but there are at least four more churches definitely desirous of securing teachers. Are there not those in this conference with ability to teach to whom the Lord may be calling just now to enter this line of work? We are told that through the excellence of the work done in these primary schools the attention of many will be called to the message of the third angel. Any one interested in this work please correspond with the undersigned.

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zona Conference of Seventh-day Advent-
ists will be held in the Seventh-day Ad-
ventist Church in Phoenix, Arizona, No-
vember 8 to 14.

The first meeting of the conference will
convene at 10 A.M., November 8, 1910.

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for the election of officers, and for the
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may properly come before the meeting.

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