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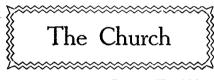
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#### Sketches of the Past - No. 106

About the year 1857, under the labors of G. W. Holt, a company of Sabbathkeepers was raised at Lovet's Grove, Ohio, Among these were the Brethren Mears, Brother Craw, and others. These, with Brother Dorcas, a German brother near Fremont, were very earnest for the spread of the truth, so they secured a tent, and with Brother Dorcas as tentmaster, and J. H. Waggoner, and M. E. Cornell from Michigan, a good advancement of the work was made. A strong company was raised up in Gilboa and vicinity.

In a former article I spoke of G. I. Butler's accepting the truth in the year 1857. He, with the few brethren then in Iowa, was anxious to see the truth established in that state. Brother and Sister White, seeing that that was a promising field, in need of outside help, secured means, mainly from other states,

for the purchase of their first tent. Laborers were supplied from Michigan and other parts until a constituency and laborers could be developed in Iowa. In speaking for such fields Brother White used to say (in no disparaging sense, however), "This field is the baby," meaning that the helpless growing cause in such states, like a little child, must be nourished and helped.

Iowa did not remain long in that weak condition, as the cause advanced there quite rapidly. They did not wish to rest their weight on other states, and soon added a second tent, manned by home laborers, and declared themselves "a self-sustaining field.'' In later years they have also contributed freely of their surplus conference funds, and otherwise, to help the work in other lands.

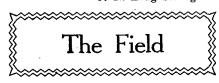
After settling in my home in Battle Creek in 1857, as a little daughter was added to the family, it became needful to hire a girl for the housework. We took in, as boarders, three of the young office hands, which met the expense of the hired help, and partly the expense of food. That winter of 1857-58 was a hard winter, not on the account of scarcity of provision, but because of the low price of the abundance of grains raised the summer previous, Wheat was only sixty-five cents a bushel, and oats thirty-five cents. It was hard to make sales, even at these prices.

As I recount what I received for my labors in Michigan for the whole six months of the winter of 1857-58, let it be borne in mind that our attention had not yet been called to the matter of "reform in diet." That light came in the view given to Sister White, in Otsego, Mich., June 6, 1863. For the whole winter of 1857-58 I received three tenpound cakes of maple sugar, ten bushels of wheat, five bushels of apples, five bushels of potatoes, one ham, one half of a small hog, one peck of beans, and four dollars in cash. This with the small profit on our boarders brought me through the winter in better condition than other of our ministers.

There was no complaining by our laborers concerning the situation. As we now look back we can see that we were brought into this "straight" that we might earnestly seek the Lord for light as to how the situation might be relieved. As yet there was no system established among us for the support of the ministry. It was the Lord's purpose that a system be entered upon for the sustaining of laborers in this growing cause. In the month of March, 1858, Sister White stated to her husband, "The Lord has shown me that, if you will call the ministers together, and have J. N. Andrews come down from Waukon, and hold a Bible class, you will find that in the Scriptures there is a complete plan for sustaining the work of the ministry." Some might ask, "Why did not the Lord show her at once what the plan was?'' My reply is, Because He wanted our people to search it out in the Word for themselves. The Lord stated the fact that there was "a complete system," and told where we could find it.

In the month of April of that year the Bible class was held in Battle Creek for two days, and at the end of it our brethren said, "The tithing system is just as binding as it ever was." They said, however, in first introducing it, "Let us call it systematic benevolence on the tithing principle." But when the Lord, in the next vision, spoke with favor of the move that was being made for sustaining the work, the word came, "Be faithful in the payment of your tithes." Our brethren, with rejoicing for a definite plan for sustaining the work, readily accepted the system, began to act upon it, and the cause very soon rose above its former embarrassment. The instruction that the Lord gave respecting the tithing system was, and is, that it is "a constant living test, and gives one to understand which lies the nearest his heart, the cause of God, or His selfish interests." The Lord, by the prophet Malachi, in speaking of these last days, has emphatically called the withholding of tithes "robbing God," and very strikingly intimates the bestowal of His abundant blessing on those who are faithful in "bringing all the tithes into His storehouse."

J. N. Loughborough.



## Our Work and Opportunities in Western Canada

About seven years ago it was decided to separate British Columbia from the then North Pacific Conference, which conference has since been cut up into the three known as Western Washington, Western Oregon, and Southern Oregon. I was asked to go to Vancouver and assist in establishing tract society headquarters and open books for it and the new conference. Brother J. L. Wilson, who was then in charge, took me to the unfinished church, which together with the lot cost them about \$1,700, where our meetings were held and where money was raised to put in a small stock of tracts and trade books. A little room in the rear was fitted up as an office, and the work begun.

Last Friday, Brother H. G. Childs and I landed at the Vancouver wharf and were taken to the new office at 1708 Maple Street, which is located in the midst of a well-filled residence section, but which seven years ago was out in the woods. After a talk over the work with Sister Lofstad, the secretary, we went to the old location, which has since been sold. The city has made great strides in that direction also, and what was a quiet street is now close to a doubletracked car line. The \$17,500 which was received for the property has been wisely used in meeting the indebtedness of the school, and in putting up new churches, in the basement of one of which the tract society is located. This indicates the way the towns and country of the Canadian Northwest are filling up, and the increased responsibilities it places upon us to see that these people are given an opportunity to accept the third angel's message.

We left Vancouver in the evening, and at 2 A.M. the second morning arrived at Calgary, Alberta, a city of 46,000. About five we started out to the place where Brother Sample and I selected a lot for a branch office when I was there last March. Instead of finding a tract of land with a dozen or more houses, as Sun Alta Addition was when we purchased, I was astonished to find it almost filled - at least 100 having been built during the five months. Just across the alley from us they were excavating for a large store building. After knocking vigorously, as bookmen know how --- it was about 5:30 A.M.- Brother Sample came down the ladder and heartily welcomed us to the new Pacific Press Branch in Canada. It is enclosed and just plastered and a portion of the floor down. The upper story is being fitted for housekeeping, and Brother Sample's mother will join him as soon as the house is completed. Charley is with him now, and Mabelle will be soon.

Our auditing revealed the fact that the sales of books and tracts have increased the past eight months by almost \$4,000 over the same period of last year - the exact figures being \$4,272.93 last year, and \$8,270.07 this year. We met Elder C. A. Burman, the president, and Brother F. L. Hommel, the secretary, of the Alberta Conference, who reported good deliveries by their student canvassers, and the erection of a boys' dormitory on their school site near Lacombe. Last March when I was there the boys occupied the building which was later to be turned into a barn. They also told us that they had finally made arrangements for canvassing the capital of the province, Edmonton, through a local book store, and that successful work had been done there. This is the first time they have been permitted to do anything of the kind in that city.

At Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, we met Elders Shaw, president of the union conference, and A. C. Gilbert, president of the Saskatchewan mission field, and had a pleasant though brief talk with them about the progress of their work and plans for the winter.

It took our train from about four in the morning until eight at night to cross the province of Saskatchewan, which will give some idea of the vastness of these Canadian fields. The last half of the day we passed through what seemed unending fields of shocked wheat and strings of teams hauling wheat to the elevators. We counted as high as five steam thrashers in sight at one time, and for hours were not out of sight of one or more of these machines. Substantial towns are springing up all along the railroads, and a general air of prosperity is everywhere seen. Time and again we were led to exclaim, "O for more workers to supplement the efforts being made by the faithful ministers and canvassers already in the field!" Manitoba and Saskatchewan are especially in need of canvassers, for their membership is very small and their fields overwhelmingly large.

As on this and former trips I have seen train load after train load of people swarming into this country, peering out of the windows and anxiously looking over the prairies for homes, I have thought how opportune it is for us to tell them of the near coming of Him who said, "In My Father's house are many mansions: . . I go to prepare a place for you."

H. H. Hall. Nevada, Iowa, September 16.

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# Marianao, Cuba

Mrs. Dillon and I left the States August 1, 1910, in company with Brother H. C. Bond, who has come as a canvasser, to labor in the West Indian Union Conference. We are nicely located here in Marianao, Cuba, where we expect to remain for a few months with Elder E. W. Snyder, for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the language and the customs of the people. Later we hope to enter the eastern part of the island, which will be our permanent field of labor.

We find it much cooler here than in

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Arizona, and this is said to be the warmest season of the year.

We have a few believers scattered in different parts of the island. Last week I had the privilege of visiting an American colony of Adventists at San Claudio. These dear ones are laboring hard to establish our work, and at present they have a school started where they teach both English and Cuban children. Last Sunday night I spoke to about forty Cubans through an interpreter in one of their native homes. They like to sing and attend Gospel meetings.

Cuba is a hard field on account of the extreme ignorance and superstition. Tobacco using, wine drinking, and all kinds of immorality seem to the Cuban of little consequence; but when the message of Rev. 14:6 to 10 enters their lives, we see that it does completely the work of cleansing.

We desire the prayers of our brethren in the home field, that we may be faithful and see some precious souls among the sheaves of God's eternal kingdom.

I. P. Dillon.

# August 30.

# CALIFORNIA

#### Tuolumne

During the month of August we held a series of meetings in this place. The presence and blessing of the Lord attended the meetings, although the work was not carried on without opposition. It was a pleasure to have with us the first evening Elder M. C. Israel, who offered the prayer which dedicated the new tent to the Lord's work. Angels of the Lord protected from "dangers seen and unseen," and gave us fruit for our efforts.

We are particularly glad to report the case of one young man, a Russian by birth, who saw the clear light of God's word as it was presented night after night, and who is now about to connect with the St. Helena Sanitarium, where he plans to enter the nurses' training class to become a missionary nurse.

Not a single collection was asked for during the entire series, and still the free-will offerings a little more than covered the expenses of the meetings.

We have scattered the printed page in this town so thoroughly that we feel all will be without excuse. Including the work done in Angels Camp early in the summer, the Lord has enabled us to place 47,046 pages of tracts and periodicals among the people, not counting books, Bibles, etc., which were sold. We are glad to be sowers of the seed, and to know that in the day of harvest some sheaves will be gathered in as a result.

The promise of Mark 16:18 has been literally fulfilled to us. Though forced to live amidst surroundings conducive to disease, and with sickness prevalent, the Lord protected from everything that would hinder our work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Leavett.

# California Conference Current

Brother E. S. Horsman, field canvassing director, spent Sabbath with the church at Sacramento.

Brother W. H. Covell, field director of periodical work, has sold his home at Mountain View, and is moving his family to Oakland.

Word just received from the Lodi Normal is to the effect that things are getting well under way. Some other pupils have entered, but a number are still out packing grapes.

Brother A. R. Hazelton and wife, of Sonoma, have moved to Oakland to take up active work in book lines in the bay cities. Brother Hazelton will also assist in the meetings at Berkeley.

Plaus are being laid to make Wednesday of this week educational day at the Visalia camp-meeting. Among those who will be present to participate in the exercises are Prof. I. C. Colcord and Miss Lotta Bell from Lodi.

A card written from Visalia on the first day of the camp-meeting, states that the prospects are fair for a good meeting, there being more in attendance at that time than were expected. A number have come by team. The camp-meeting will continue until Sunday, October 9th.

Dr. O. O. Osborne, manager of the Lodi Normal Academy, called at the office late last week when in the city making arrangements for the purchase of a baking oven for their school. The means for this and for the erection of a small laundry have been furnished by donation.

In a letter from Healdsburg, dated September 26, Brother and Sister Arthur Lashier write as follows: "The church school commenced this morning with an attendance of nearly thirty pupils. We are sure that the year will prove to be a profitable one, as all of the students seem to be determined to make this year a success."

A report from Brother Harry Parker, teaching the Red Bluff church school, states that their school is going nicely again. More are expecting to attend a little later. The house next to the church and schoolroom burned recently, and it was with difficulty that the church itself was saved. As a consequence, considerable repair work will have to be done at once.

A personal letter received recently from Brother L. Zecchetto, of Genoa, who has charge of the work in Italy, contains the following encouraging statements: '.'The work here is progressing. We are enjoying liberty in preaching the message that no other country has; and the people listen to it. I thank God to be able to have a part in the proclamation of this beautiful truth.''

Brother W. S. Holbrook, under date of September 30, writes from Peters: "Our interest still holds good. Last night there were about fifty out, at least thirty-five of whom were Catholics. Some seem really interested, but we can not tell what the outcome will be. It is a hard audience to form any conclusion in reference to. We can only hope and pray that something, will be accomplished."

As a powerful testimony of the influence which the study of the life of Christ has ou the hearts of men and women comes this report from the clerk of one of the larger churches in the conference: "It does my heart good to see a spirit of brotherly love uniting the hearts of our members here. Many misunderstandings have been made clear many hard feelings melted down to a smooth brotherly union of love. \* The Sabbath-school lessons have more than

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fulfilled all expectation here to make peace. It is not necessary to go into details, but I can testify that they have had a powerful influence on the church as a whole."

October 2.

Claude Conard.

# Vallejo

On Sabbath, the 24th, I was privileged to visit the Chico and Red Bluff churches. On reaching Red Bluff I found that our church building had been somewhat damaged by fire. On Tuesday, the 20th, a residence adjoining the church, belonging to Brother Peterson, was completely destroyed. The church caught from the other building, and it was only by hard work that it was saved. Our people there are grateful that their house of wership is spared.

I am glad to announce that in a short time the new church home at Vallejo will be dedicated. Notice of the exact date will appear in the RECORDER later.

September 25. J. R. Patterson.

#### Foreign Missionary Work at Home

Since coming to San Francisco, I have been very much interested in the work among the foreign population of this great commercial center. We indeed have the privilege of working with almost every nationality from the four quarters of the globe, some of whom even have the advantage of being more or less acquainted with our language.

We find among the Chinese that a large percentage can speak English. Some of course only have a superficial knowledge of it, while others of the younger generation are well educated in English.

During our stay here the Lord has blessed our feeble efforts in distributing papers. And we are praying that He will by His Spirit impress upon hearts the truth contained in this little paper, the Chinese Signs, and that some will take their stand for Him. We have sold something like 1,000 of the Chinese Signs, and have 300 of the latest issue on hand,

I have thought that perhaps there might be brothers or sisters who feel a burden for the souls of these heathen in our midst, who want to do some of this work for the Chinese in their own town or locality. I will send these papers for what they cost me plus postage to all who wish them. They cost 3 cents each, and sell for 10 cents; thus giving a good profit to the agent, besides presenting the principles of the Gospel of Christ to a people in darkness and sin.

Space forbids my telling of the many interesting experiences we have had, all the results of which we leave with our loving Father. But would it not pay any of us our time and means to see over there in the kingdom some unassuming laundryman perhaps, who had called at our back door for the weekly wash, saved eternally, rejoicing with joy unspeakable, that we were the instrument in his salvation?

October 2. Clarence E. Moon.

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Paradise Valley Sanitarium

Dr. R. S. Cummings is now in Los Angeles, taking up further medical studies.

The new training class, consisting of eight members, will begin their studies next Sunday.

Miss Ruby Wright of Portland, Ore., and Miss Myrtle Phillips of Denver, Colo., have recently connected with our work here.

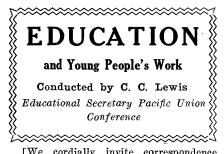
We are glad to welcome Dr. F. F. Abbott and family to Paradise Valley, also the Misses Hickock, and feel sure they will be an acquisition to our work here.

September 26. P. V. S.

# Lankershim

The writer with Brother Silas Davis has just completed a second series of meetings at Lankershim. It lasted two weeks, and resulted in three taking their stand for the truth, a father, mother, and son. There are some still undecided. These new ones intend to unite with the Burbank church, which is about five miles distant.

While we were looking for a new location for our tent, we held a few meetings with the Burbank company, and to our encouragement one who had halted for some time has now expressed herself as desirous of uniting with the church. The brethren all seemed to take new courage. If Providence so favors we will soon be in the midst of another meeting at Moneta. Pray for us that we may be true soul winners. Elbridge M. Adams.



[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.]

# CALIFORNIA

# Lodi Normal Academy

Several students from the outside are taking music under our musical director, Mrs. W. B. Taylor.

Clyde Baldwin made a call at the normal, visiting students' worship Friday evening, and chapel again Monday.

Our carpenter is drawing up the plan for the new laundry  $18 \times 32$ . The work will be accomplished through student labor.

Mrs. Easler, from Sacramento, has been spending several days at the ladies' dormitory with her sister, Miss Mildred Whittier.

The advanced physiology class are studying the body as God's holy temple, and already physical sins are being corrected by members. We have seventeen enrolled here.

Our business manager went to San Francisco this week to purchase apparatus for a bakery. We plan to bake more than the home supply. We want our neighbors to know that we can make good bread.

The twenty-five members of the Old and New Testament Bible classes are doing good work and manifesting an interest in reading those two good reference books ''Patriarchs and Prophets'' and ''Desire of Ages.''

The general history class starts out with a membership of twelve and promise of more members next week. They have been interested in tracing the peopling of the earth, and have prepared a fine wall map for class study.

A new departure in our program has pleased our students very much, and is giving satisfactory results to teachers. A twenty minute drill period has been introduced into the program, which time will be devoted to spelling, slips of tongue and pen, etc.

A large room on the second floor has been set apart for our commercial department. Our carpenter, W. B. Taylor, with the help of the young men, will equip this room with the necessary offices, making it possible to do more thorough and more practical work in this line.

The students in twelfth grade professional reviews are realizing that drills are very essential in the•fundamentals when it takes them an hour to do eight examples in addition. But they are taking hold with a will and recalling lessons learned in the long ago when they were doing grade work.

The opening of the second week found all the A. M. classes through the institution in good running order and settled for business. This week we have turned our attention to the organization of the P. M. classes which come in the industrial department. These all promise to be both full and interesting.

The review class in eleventh grade are just completing their skeleton charts, and are now wrestling with the names of the bones. The classes have started in on heavy work early, and in one week have advanced further than we generally do in two weeks' work. Last week as Miss Frances Fry was presenting a Bible lesson to the little beginners' class and teaching the memory verse, 'O praise the Lord, for He is good,'' it was followed by the little song, 'God is love.'' Quick went up a childish hand saying at the same time, ''Miss Fry, let me say the verse in another way,'' and we have the following: ''O praise the Lord, for He is love.''

Miss Katherine B. Hale made two flying trips through Lodi — first on her visit to Sacramento on school business; second trip to Lodi was to hunt a teacher. Mrs. Hodges, who came to us with her daughter for Bible work and methods in teaching, went with Miss Hale to look after the school work in the Sacramento church. While we are sorry to part with Mrs. Hodges so soon, we are happy to know this school will receive so valuable a helper.

Mr. W. C. Baldwin contributes a note on the farm work of which he has charge:

"We would be last to censure Diocletian for abdicating the throne, preferring guardianship over younger heads (of cabbage). Our gardens are beautiful, and are a source of pleasant recreation to us, as well as considerable revenue to the farm. We are planning for a model farm this year, and under God's blessing expect to have it. Think of it! Our strawberries still bearing; string beans, salsify, etc., in abundance, and a great luxury in this section, the casaba, is just now ripening. I picked one this evening that I am confident weighed fifteen pounds."

The German church have decided that, instead of a separate school for their children, they will turn them over to the direction of the normal where they may enjoy the privileges offered by experienced teachers and specialists in music, art, etc., instead of leaving the work to be conducted by a single individual. L. E. Westermeyer from College View, Neb., who has been with us as a student in the past, will have charge of this work. Our plan is to make this the nucleus of a strong German department. Work this year, however, will be principally confined to nine grades. The children will assemble in the German

room each morning where the exercises will be conducted in their own mother tongue. Bible work, reading classes, spelling, penmanship, etc., will also be conducted in German, while art, mathematics, etc., will rest with English teachers for the present. Several English students have expressed their desire to join this department.

Lotta E. Bell, Normal Director.

# NEVADA Reno

The Reno school has started with perhaps few in numbers, but God is blessing the work.

The first day we had a little social talk on the goodness of God and how He had protected and blessed us during the vacation. Some had been allowed the privilege of attending the camp-meetings and had received great blessing thereat. Others had been at home all summer, yet could see the hand of God in their lives. We then asked God to take care of us and guide us for another year's work.

As we had all the books on hand, we were able to launch immediately upon the sea of knowledge.

Elizabeth Gregory.

September 22.

## The Evils of a Public School Education (Continued)

Modern Israel is like ancient Israel. I read that "wherever in Israel God's plan of education was carried into effect, its results testified of its Author. But in very many households the training appointed by Heaven, and the characters thus developed, were alike rare. God's plan was but partially and imperfectly fulfilled. By unbelief and by disregard of the Lord's directions, the Israelites surrounded themselves with temptations that few had power to resist."

This is just as true to day as it was then. I have heard of churches in this conference who have started church schools and sent in an application for a teacher, with the request that one besent who had been trained in the public schools and had taught in them, as it was considered such were better fitted for the work.

"Our ideas of education take too low and too narrow a range."-"" Education," page 45.

What was the result when Israel "became indifferent to their obligation to God, indifferent to their obligation to their children?"' I will tell you, as given to us through the pen of inspiration:

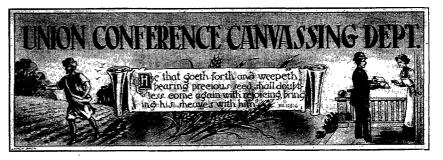
"Through unfaithfulness in the home, and idolatrous influences without, many of the Hebrew youth received an education differing widely from that which God had planned for them. They learned the ways of the heathen." Do you think the result will be any different when modern Israel fails to live up to the light God has given?

In speaking of the schools of the prophets, God says: "These schools were intended to serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption. to provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth, and to promote the prosperity of the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counselors." So God has established schools to-day where His plan of education is carried out, and which are "to serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption'' of the world to-day.

In speaking of the gift of Christ to save man, we have these words: "God's greatest gift was bestowed to meet man's greatest need. The Light appeared when the world's darkness was deepest. Through false teaching, the minds of men had long been turned away from God. In the prevailing system of education, human philosophy had taken the place of divine revelation. Instead of the Heaven-given standard of truth, men had accepted a standard of their own devising. From the Light of life they had turned aside to walk in the sparks of the fire which they had kindled." This is the whole tendency of worldly The "minds of men are education. turned away from God," and they are turned to human standards, human ideals.

# Mrs. Mina Mann. (To be continued)

It is better to prefer honorable defeat to a mean victory, to lowering the level of our aim that we may more certainly enjoy the complacency of success .----John Ruskin.



#### Report of Bock Work in Arizona Conference for Three Weeks Ending September 23, 1910

"Home and Health"					
	Hrs.	Ords.	Value		
W. O. James	71	95	\$302,25		
Mrs. B. W. Findlay	89	30	180.90		
Total	160	125	\$483.15		
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## Report of Book Work in California Conference for Week Ending September 30, 1910

"Practical O	duide	,,		
	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	
F. De Witt Gauterau	19	18	\$70.00	
W. B. Findley	<b>24</b>	11	<b>46.50</b>	
"Patriarchs and Prophets"				
Walter Harper*			500.00	
"Daniel and the Revelation"				
Jas. E. Boehne	40	29	45.50	
H. F. Carter	21	18	21.25	
"Heralds of the Morning"				
C. B. Wells		1 .	2.00	
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Total		- ;	\$685.25	
*For three months, ending September 30,				

#### City Missionary Work

Since our last report we have had an addition to our evangelistic canvassing corps - Brother Roy Hazelton and wife from Sonoma. These dear workers had many and trying experiences during the years 1906 and 1907 in San Francisco with "Heralds of the Morning," and we are thankful to have workers back with us who have borne the test.

Brother Fleming and wife, well known as Liberty workers, have decided to cast their lot with our faithful city company. Brother Fleming will work with the "Daniel and the Revelation" company done in the cities; yet there seems to be

and Sister Fleming will continue with papers.

Brother W. A. S. Beals expects to join us Sunday, October 9, and Brother W. D. Adams will be with us soon, if the Lord wills. Others are hastening to consider the needs of the wicked cities of San Francisco and Oakland. Will you "come over and help us''?

The following is one of the most striking testimonies on the subject of city work:

# An Appeal to Ministers 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 confessions 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

a deathlike slumber upon many ministers and people. There are a few who have been doing all in their power, but the burden of this work has not been borne upon the hearts of our people; they are not urged to cooperate, and to set in order the things that remain that are ready to die.

"O that our brethren would awake to the situation! Every presentation possible may be made to them, but unless the plowshare of truth shall plow up the fallow ground of the heart, there will be • no thorough work done.

"A WORD TO THE WAVERING.— Of those who are constantly working to undermine faith in the message God is sending to His people, I am instructed to say: Come out from among them, and be ye separate. Come into the light, brethren, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Those who in faith accept the leadings of the Spirit of God will see where their dangers lie, and will make decided moves in the right direction.

"There are some who have not accepted the messages God has sent, and these have sown the seeds of unbelief until tares have sprung up and multiplied. Those who themselves have a tottering faith are constantly working to weaken the faith of those who come within the reach of their influence. Those who have stood directly in the way of the work of God for the past fifteen years are not to be sustained or given influence.

"Now, brethren and sisters, is your time to obtain an experience that will be invaluable to you in the future. But there can be no compromise. Those who desire to be accepted as workers in the future of this cause must advance step by step heavenward. 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.'"

Following are two letters received from workers in the field:

Jas. E. Boehne: "Surely our Father above is ready to pour out a blessing upon us if we strive to work in harmony with Him, depending upon His Spirit for strength and guidance.

"Sunday, while meeting an appointment at a Catholic home, I could scarcely get away at dark after hours of earnest study with the four grown persons of the home. They were deeply attentive, and all seemed convicted of the truth and ordered two 'Daniel and the Revelation.' "After an agreeable parting, I crossed the street to a Swedish home to keep my promise, although it was dark. The lady freely pardoned me for being late, as she had just returned home only a few minutes earlier herself. After attentively listening to my brief canvass, took both a Swedish and an English copy — a good beginning for Sunday, I think.

"At intervals through the week the Lord led me quite definitely to different homes where surely it seemed as if God is intending to snatch brands from the burning — specially from the fire of Spiritualism. But the most immediate results appeared from one brother who came into our little Melrose Sabbath meeting on Fifty-second Avenue, giving his earnest testimony as to his renewing his stand for the truth after years of lack of heed. He with his wife seem overjoyed now, especially through reading 'Early Writings,' which I took them.

"Others after our earnest talks gladly promised to attend our church in Melrose, also at 916 Laguna St., in San Francisco, for learning further of this great light which now seemed to them so very plain; and too they received the books with a gladness that told me they had been hungering for truth, and would undoubtedly give these books careful study."

J. V. Pierson (Nevada): "On Monday morning I went by stage to Willow Point, at the head of Paradise Valley, arriving there about noon. The houses to begin with were from two to three miles apart. I secured two orders that afternoon. During my work the next day the ranches were so far apart, that I only reached about four of them.

"It was about half past five in the evening when I called at the last one, where I found a man working in the yard. I stepped up, showed him my book, and gave him a hasty canvass; and he, reaching out and taking my prospectus, remarked that it was a fine book. He said, 'We will go out to the shop where four or five men are working.'

"Upon arriving at the shop he said, to the men, 'This agent has one of the best books that I ever saw. I am going to take one. You men can do as you like about it, but if you take one you will be getting the greatest bargain you ever got for \$3.00.'

"One of the men told him to put his name down for one, so that made two orders. The bell soon rang for supper, when the men stopped their work. I stepped up to a man who proved to be the boss of the ranch, and told him my business. He replied, 'Supper is ready now. You come in and get your supper, and as we have lots of room here, you can stay all night. Then to-morrow morning I will look at your book.'

"I accepted the invitation, and the next morning I secured the name of the boss and two others, which made five orders altogether at that one ranch; so I went away feeling very happy."

The Lord comes very near the dear workers as they meet for prayer and counsel at the California Bible House every Sunday.

The meeting Sunday, October 2, was especially good.

We studied very carefully the plan mapped out in some special testimonies for city workers, which we are sorry not to be able to put in the RECORDER for lack of space.

May our great Counselor lead in every forward step, is our earnest prayer; for the testimony says, "As we begin active work for the multitudes in the cities, the enemy will work *mightily* to bring in confusion, hoping thus to break up the working forces."— Special Testimony, August 8.

Remember the meeting for canvassers, Sunday, October 16, at the California Bible House, at 4 P.M. and 5 P. M.

E. S. Horsman.

#### Don't Trouble

There's a saying old and rusty, But as good as any new; 'Tis ''Never trouble trouble Till trouble troubles you.''

Don't you borrow sorrow; You'll surely have your share; He who dreams of sorrow Will find that sorrow's there.

If care you've got to carry, Wait till 'tis at the door; For he who runs to meet it Takes up the load before.

If minding will not mend it, Then better not to mind; The best thing is to end it; Just leave it all behind.

Then don't you trouble trouble Till trouble troubles you.

You'll only double trouble And trouble others, too.

- Selected.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1910

Elder G. A. Irwin and Mr. J. J. Ireland left the evening of the first inst. to attend the Utah Conference to be held in Salt Lake City, October 4 to 9.

Mr. H. G. Childs, secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, who with Mr. H. H. Hall, has been visiting the branches of the Pacific Press for the purpose of auditing their accounts, returned home Wednesday of last week. Mr. Hall will not return for a few weeks yet.

In looking over our publications we have discovered a number of those excellent little pamphlets entitled "Sunday Hearings." These are the arguments pro and con on the Sunday bills up before the last legislature. They have been retailing at ten cents a piece. But in order to close these out quickly we will send them post-paid to any address as follows: Ten copies for fifty cents, or twenty-five copies for one dollar. Send in at once if you want them; for they will not last long at these prices, which are below cost of production.

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#### Arizona Annual Conference

The ninth annual session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Phœnix, Arizona, November 8 to 14.

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

The purpose of calling this meeting is for the election of officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

All who attend, can secure special rates to Phœnix and return, on account of the Territorial Fair.

> H. G. Thurston, President. Mrs. M. T. Poston, Secretary,

# Key-Notes from Letters with the Right Ring

"This home missionary work gives the sort of training I need. I must break away from myself." (Exactly.)

"Many are hungry for something, and we have the 'something' which they need. Surely we are self-centered and hard-hearted if we do not carry the bread of truth to them."

"Yes, you are right; this work of distributing God-given literature must be done as we go — all through the week."

"I am going to keep on scattering the printed pages of truth whether I see results or not."

"I am determined to give more time to the King's business." (No better resolution. His business must have first place in our lives. Then we shall see greater things accomplished.)

"We are getting a better grip on things." (Good. Hold on, brother.)

"I just long to do something for my Master. I have been praying for a long time that God would show me what I could do for Him. The way is opening." (This sister is now following up interested people by correspondence.)

" "If there is anything more that I can do let me know and I will gladly help."

> Ernest Lloyd, Miss, Sec. So. Cal. Conf.

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We are pleased to announce that beginning Nov. 1, 1910, another special series of the Signs of the Times weekly, consisting of twenty-five numbers, is to be issued. It will be called the Present Truth Series, and, as its title indicates, all the main features of present truth will be presented, about the way they are given in a series of tent meetings. The articles will be illustrated, and supplemented with Bible readings, and this series will no doubt be one of the strongest, most interesting and attractive of any ever published.

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#### Who Will Help?

The teacher asked: "Who can tell me the rest of the verse beginning, 'Many are called"?", and a bright little girl piped, "I know it,—'Many are called, but few get up.""

A famous preacher in our city once said from the pulpit: "Many are called, but few are choice." The little girl's solution was, however, less invidious, and more replete with truth, for what can not be done if we would but "get up," when called by the divine spark within.