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needed for schoolhouse, dormitory, cottages, and sanitarium. Besides the large trees suitable to saw up into building timber, there are many trees that can be worked into cord-wood or paper-pulp material, both of which command good prices, put onto the cars at Naples.

About noon we swung back toward the house and dinner, stopping on the hillside to fill our pockets with hickory-nuts and chestnuts; and then crossing the road, and clambering up a steep hillside to a flowing spring, we sat down to rest and discuss the water problem.

Here was a good spring only 700 yards from the house. From it a liberal supply of water could be taken to the school at a total cost, for pipe and reservoirs, of \$350 or thereabouts. Later on, when a greater supply is needed, it can be secured about a mile up the creek.

After dinner we made appointment to meet the students in the evening, and then with the teachers gathered around the big fireplace to discuss plans and ways and means.

Ownership and Control

In the course of our discussion, it was shown that the ownership of this school, like that of the Hillcrest and Madison schools, is vested in a board of trustees. To all intents and purposes, it is a gift forever to the work for which the institution is founded. The land, the buildings, the cattle and horses, and the farm tools and machinery, are the property of the Naples Agricultural and Normal School. There is no way provided by which any one connected with the enterprise can alienate the property from the work to which it has been devoted.

Formally stated, the purpose of the

enterprise is as follows: "The prime object of this enterprise is the conducting of a training school for Christian workers, in connection with a medical work, for the training of workers and the care of the sick."

The board of trustees are Mrs. J. E. Rumbaugh, Sydney Brownsberger, E. A. Sutherland, R. L. Williams, and Percy T. Magan.

The trustees chose a board of management as follows: Sydney Brownsberger, George M. Brown, A. W. Spaulding, W. W. Williams, P. T. Magan, Mrs. J. E. Rumbaugh, Mrs. S. Brownsberger, Mrs. A. W. Spaulding, Ida Owen, and N. E. Laursen.

Work and Plans

The farm work during the summer had been carried on by Brethren Brownsberger and Spaulding, with the help of two students. As a result, they had on hand several bushels of apples, a large supply of potatoes, some wheat, a good supply of sorghum molasses, enough corn to carry their stock through the winter, and hay to last through January.

The best prospect for the securing of money with which to buy necessaries for the home, seemed to be the cutting and marketing of the surplus wood on the hills; but necessary improvements called for a large part of the energies of all the workers for a time. The laundry building must be enlarged by an addition, with a chamber that would furnish bedrooms for four more boys. And the water plant must be completed as soon as possible.

Those who are acting as managers and teachers in this school enterprise had set for themselves the very difficult task of earning from the farm and the forest

The Field

On the Way — No. 6

Our Visit to the Naples School

Sunday, November 13, Elders George M. Brown, J. O. Corliss, and the writer spent a busy day at the Naples school farm. We had come out from Asheville the night before, and early in the morning we were out inspecting the place. We looked at the dairy, the work horses and mules, and a band of young stock. There is much pasturage on the place, and the raising of horses and cattle promises to be profitable.

After breakfast we tramped over the whole place,—first across the cultivated fields, where potatoes, wheat, oats, corn, and sorghum had been raised; then across the brook and up through the pasture-lands, to the hills, where the large pine, oak, chestnut, and sycamore trees are waiting for the ax, the log wagon, and the sawmill. Here there is timber to sell after reserving all that will be

that which would feed the students and support the teachers. In their effort to "cut the garment according to the cloth," they had set the wages of the teachers during the experimental stages of the work at five cents an hour. By working full time they would earn a trifle more than the cost of food, fuel, room, and laundry. For clothing, books, tithe, and incidentals, they must look to past or future earnings, or assistance from friends.

But why such a policy? Because the money thus far given to the school has not been given as an operating fund, but distinctly for the purpose of buying the place, and improving it, so that it can become a self-supporting enterprise. Conscientious to a fault, Professor Brownsberger, to whom has been entrusted the financial management of the school, is resolutely determined that what has been given for the creation of a working plant, shall not be consumed in its operation. Surely, this is a difficult task,—a task that promises neither ease nor comfort for those who undertake it.

The Madison Experience

For years, as I have watched the efforts of Brethren Sutherland and Magan and Sisters Druillard and De Graw along these lines at Madison, I have said: "It can not be done. To take a band of students who pay only about twenty-five per cent of your low tuition rates in money, and seventy-five per cent or more in labor; to give them a thorough training for service, and expect that their work and yours will earn a living from a Tennessee farm, is impossible, quite impossible, in spite of your fondest hopes and best endeavors. You must raise the price of tuition, and get more of your tuition in money, if you ever expect the school to pay its teachers enough to live on."

To this the answer has always been: "Many of the students gathered here could not attend if we raised tuitions and demanded more money. They are here in training for a life of economy, hard labor, and continual sacrifice. They begin the sacrifice by working their way through school, instead of working where they can get the best wages and have the most comforts. To make their work the greatest success, we must share with them the economy, the hardships, and the sacrifices."

And now they can say: "You thought we could not make operating expenses on the place. But we do; and when we show a substantial gain, then the allowance to teachers will be increased."

The teachers in the Madison school do not pretend they can live on the small salaries that they draw from the school. They say that the amount which they draw is all the school can afford to pay at present. What more they need must come from other sources than the school.

A Courageous Endeavor

The teachers in the Naples school are determined to undertake to do, on a smaller scale, the same line of work. They see a broad field in North Carolina. They see the need of an educational center for the training of workers; and in messages sent to our people regarding the work in this field they read the following stirring appeals:

"The Lord is grieved by the wo in the Southern field. Christ has wept at the sight of this wo. Angels have hushed the music of their harps as they have looked upon a people unable to help themselves."

"It would have been pleasing to God, if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, other such schools had been established in different parts of the Southern field. . . . Labor to encourage others to do a similar work. Then the light of truth will be carried in a simple and effective way, AND A GREAT WORK WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE MASTER IN A SHORT TIME."

In this work they need the sympathy and assistance of their brethren—

- a. To keep the school filled with students;
- b. To perfect their equipment for work;
- c. To enlarge their buildings;
- d. To lay the foundation for sanitarium work.

Let us encourage them to go forward.
W. C. White.

As Peter walked beside Jesus, he saw that John was following. A desire came over him to know *his* future, and he "saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou Me."—"Desire of Ages."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Two New Churches Organized

Last summer, following our camp-meeting, Elders McCord and St. John pitched a tent on the corner of Central Avenue and 27th Street, Los Angeles; and with the assistance of several Bible workers connected with our Bible Training School, and the one who was in charge of the tent, they conducted quite a successful effort. A number embraced the truth, and during the months that followed, with others who embraced the truth earlier in the season, were instructed more fully in the way of life; and Sabbath, February 25, Elder St. John and I effected the organization of a new church. Elder McCord was unable to be with us at the time, on account of illness.

We organized with fifty-eight members. A number of others are expecting to unite with them at an early date. A large number of these were the result of the summer's effort. Several were received by letter from other churches. All were well instructed in the points of the faith, and started out on their work as an organized church with very good prospects. We hope in the near future to see a church building erected in that part of the city.

This makes the eighth organized church in the city of Los Angeles. We are very glad to be able to report continued progress in the work here. While there is opportunity for much improvement, still the members are taking hold of the work very well. They are doing all they can to spread the knowledge of the truth to the people of this great and rapidly growing city. We are expecting to continue our efforts during the coming summer.

Sabbath and Sunday, March 4 and 5, I spent with the brethren and sisters at Escondido. The work in this part of the field is growing very satisfactorily indeed. Elder Rauleder has been located here for some time, and has been a help to the work. Quite a number of brethren and sisters have moved in from other parts, and for some time there has been a call for the organization of a German church. At this time we effected the organization, consisting of forty-four members. Sabbath was spent, both forenoon and evening, in instruction with reference to church organization and order.

Elder A. G. Christiansen was with me,

and Sabbath afternoon spoke to a number of our Scandinavian members, in the Danish language. Sunday morning was spent in organizing the church, and Sunday evening, after the election of the officers, Elder Christiansen spoke with much freedom on the subject of the Laodicean church. The Lord greatly blessed our labors at this place. We were very careful, as we believe we ought to be in every place, in instructing all in the fundamental principles of this message, that the standard henceforth may be lifted higher than it has been in the past.

We now have both an English and a German church in Escondido. Some years ago the brethren purchased a very good church building and two lots quite conveniently located in the town. These were paid for, and last year a church school building was erected on the adjoining lot. Last autumn it became necessary to enlarge this, on account of the increasing numbers in the church school. They now have an English and a German teacher, and are teaching all the grades, including the ninth. There are about seventy students enrolled, with an average attendance of about sixty-five. They have an excellent school, and are hoping to add another teacher next year, and teach the tenth grade. They have two good rooms in the church school building and one room in the church that can be used for school purposes.

The German brethren and sisters are erecting a church building on a lot that was donated by one of the German brethren. This is located about one half mile from the center of town. The Escondido Valley is a very beautiful place, and is rapidly filling up. We are very glad indeed to see the work so well established here. We hope soon to be able to dedicate the new church building.

In the adjoining valley of San Pasqual we have another church, with a good church school. The Lord is greatly blessing the work throughout our conference, and to Him be all the praise.

E. E. Andross.

News Items

Elders C. E. Ford and A. S. Booth are conducting a series of meetings in a centrally located hall in Pasadena, and have a growing interest.

Elder Leer, of the Central California Conference, has come down to conduct a series of meetings in the German language at Escondido, and we hope that a good work may be accomplished.

Brother Hills has been holding a series of meetings at a village near Orange, and reports a good interest. The heavy rains during the past week have greatly interfered with the attendance of the meetings, but we are hoping for settled weather soon.

Since our workers' institute in January, we have seen special evidences of the prospering hand of the Lord. Elder S. G. Huntington of Utah has recently joined our force of laborers. He and Elder St. John began a short series of meetings in Sawtelle Sunday evening, March 12.

Our institutions are prospering. We have never enjoyed so large a patronage in our sanitariums as we have had the last few months, and the net profit has been very encouraging. Our school work is also in a very encouraging condition, and all together we are very hopeful for the future.

Our finances during the first six months of the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending December 31, 1910, have shown a marked improvement over the same period of last year. The gain in the tithe during this time was about equal to the gain for the entire year ending June 30, 1910. The other funds have increased proportionately. The weekly offerings for missions amounted to about thirteen cents per member, instead of ten cents as recommended by the General Conference.

E. E. Andross.

Field Notes Pasadena

About three weeks ago Elders C. E. Ford and A. S. Booth began a series of evangelistic meetings in the business section of beautiful Pasadena. Notwithstanding the almost incessant stormy weather of the past two weeks, there has been a good attendance of the townspeople, and an encouraging and growing interest.

The Bible workers (Miss Ethel Keough and Miss Beulah Baker) are busily engaged in their house-to-house work among the interested. Our books, magazines,

and tracts are being placed in many Pasadena homes by these earnest workers and others who live there. Pasadena is having another opportunity to hear the great warning message. Let many prayers ascend to God on behalf of His servants who are witnessing for Him in this city of wealthy homes and churches. God is seeking for His people in Babylon, because He has "set His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people," and a "short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

Pasadena Treatment Rooms

Four years ago Brother J. F. Balzer and wife made a small beginning in opening an office and a few rooms in which could be placed a treatment table, a bath tub, and other absolutely necessary appliances. The increased patronage soon made it necessary to add larger and better facilities required in an institution using physiological methods of treatment. Brother and Sister Balzer have labored unceasingly to further the health work in Pasadena, and to build up a plant that would be a credit to our people. They are succeeding, and the Lord is blessing their earnest efforts. The treatment rooms are located on a fine avenue just at the edge of the business section, and very near the famous Maryland Hotel. Owing to the popularity of this little health institution, our friends have been compelled to add still more room and machinery to carry on the work. In the several dressing rooms, which, like the rest of the treating apartments, are beautifully finished in white enamel, there are neat little tract holders that quietly supply the patrons with our literature. Here is another channel through which our tracts and magazines are finding their way into the hands and homes of tourists and residents. The other day when I was delivering a five-dollar package of tracts to Brother Balzer, he told me of the silent and effective influence of the literature, and of the Scripture motto cards placed here and there on the walls. Some special experiences in connection with this work may appear in a future issue of the RECORDER. "We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work."—*Volume 7, page 62.* We have many such agencies as the one in Pasadena. Let us all aid them with our prayers, our support, and more personal advertising. Ernest Lloyd.

Temperance

The work of educating the people in the principles of healthful living is progressing most wholesomely. Openings for health lectures are coming faster than they can be filled. Sometimes I imagine I feel something like the Pied-Piper of Hamelin with the hundreds of boys and girls greeting me on the streets as I go from place to place. And as the piper is said to have entranced the children of that German village with his siren music, so may the Lord help me to win the hearts of these children to the truths of the message, and lead them on to the city of God. Yes, we are told that there shall be boys and girls playing in the streets of the city; I expect some of them to be of these boys and girls whom I am meeting in the schools of our California.

Just now I am touring San Bernardino County. To date I have been in the schools of seven of the ten towns of the county, reaching in all some 2000 pupils and teachers, besides many parents. The teachers at Rialto surely are doing some good work in the way of character building. I have been in several thousand schoolrooms during the past two years, and never before did I witness the beautiful spirit which pervaded the atmosphere of that seventh and eighth grade room. Would that you might have looked into the intelligent and noble faces of those children. So wonderfully was I impressed that I remained almost an entire afternoon studying the methods of that teacher.

Providentially I had about 50 copies of the *Temperance Instructor* with me, and these were given to the children. And they enjoyed them, too. I became acquainted with several of the boys. Is there not some one who would count it a pleasure to make a cash donation of a few dollars to provide for stationery, stamps, and literature so that I may carry on personal correspondence with these boys, and send them suitable literature? It is the personal touch that counts in winning boys. Not great controlling forces without, but the lodgment of some vital truth within, is the means of building better boyhood. One brief sentence lodged in the heart of Martin Luther made him the great Reformer. Even so may it be with one of these boys. Opportunity is written all over their faces.

Let us try to save them for God's kingdom.

At Colton I held a meeting in the Methodist Episcopal Church last Tuesday, and over one hundred young people were in attendance. Many said this was one of the best attended temperance meetings for young people ever held in the city. An endeavor was made to help them see the importance of having a life-career motive, and of seeking the Lord. The Redlands young people of the W. C. T. U. are now planning a big union temperance mass-meeting on the 16th, and have asked me to be ready to give the same address again.

To-day's mail brings an invitation from the superintendent of the San Bernardino schools to give a lecture before the student body of the high school there; also a request for an address on next Sunday afternoon to young men on the subject of purity.

Of all of our smaller cities in California, none are more cursed with drink and the snare of the harlot than San Bernardino. The mud of sin is deep, but God knows how to help us wade through. We want His help and your prayers while we work this city.

Edmund C. Jaeger.

March 3.

CALIFORNIA

Report of the Church School Department

[Given at Fresno Conference.]

"I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49:25.

Is it encouraging that thirty of the churches of this conference are now providing church school privileges for the children of their respective congregations? Is it encouraging that forty-five consecrated, earnest, self-sacrificing teachers are this year employed by these churches in carrying forward the church school work of this conference? Is it encouraging that there are now 447 boys and 457 girls, or a total enrolment of 904 pupils, who are this year under the instruction provided in these schools? Is it encouraging also to know that of this number fully sixty pupils are in attendance whose parents are not members of our church, and that in one school of eighteen pupils ten children are from such source?

Is it a matter of encouragement that the boys and girls in these schools enter heartily into working for missions, saving their earnings and donating freely to any and every object presented by their teachers? One school reports having raised \$22 for the work in the South; another, \$9 for work in the South; another, \$17.50 for work in the same field. The primary room of one school has contributed \$5.65 for the work among the Eskimo Indians; while the grammar grades of the same school collected \$4.10 for the work in South Africa, and sent \$1.30 to the school equipment fund. All together the children have contributed nearly ten dollars to a general equipment fund, besides working for local equipment funds, and for funds for school libraries.

One school used \$10 of their earnings toward the purchasing of a large school bell. The children of still other schools contributed from their vacation earnings toward schoolroom furnishings; and as a result, they are now enjoying neat, new desks, painted floors, papered walls, good maps, etc. It is certainly a matter of encouragement that in several of our church schools, church-members, children, and teachers have worked and sacrificed to provide new and better facilities for the carrying forward of the school work.

The Lord is certainly blessing every effort put forth in behalf of this work; but do you think that enough is being done? Are there not ninety churches in this conference? We have but thirty school centers! And what per cent of our children does the present church school enrolment represent?

Our enrolment this year shows an increase of 150 pupils over that of last year. Our increase in number of schools is but one! Why is this? Is it as it should be? How are the smaller churches to be encouraged to provide for the children of their own company instead of moving to the larger centers?

Our largest church school enrolment at any one place is found at Lodi, where the children of the grades furnish excellent opportunity for the practise teaching of the normal students, and where the work is closely supervised by capable and conscientious critic teachers. It is a source of great encouragement to know that such earnest efforts are put forth by those connected with this training school

to build up a work that will be as it were a basis of supply for the church school cause in this conference. May every encouragement possible be given to the proper training of teachers for the sacred duties of the church school cause.

We take pleasure also in reporting the beginning of the normal work in Pacific Union College; and although the church school department at the college is small, we truly thought, as we visited the primary room, "The work here has a happy beginning."

The Armona school has this year an enrolment of 106, in its primary room thirty-four children, in the intermediate room thirty-two, and in the advanced room forty. Of this number thirty are in grades above the grammar department.

The third largest school in this conference is located at Sanitarium, California. Here a third room has been provided there being an enrolment of eighty-three pupils in this school.

Fresno is our next largest school, having a total enrolment of seventy-one, all but one of whom are in the regular church school grades. The churches of Mountain View, Turlock, Sebastopol, Healdsburg, and San Jose are all carrying church schools of two departments each, all being important church school centers.

The Kaweah church school at Exeter is a new school center, the school opening this fall for the first time, with an enrolment of thirty. Brother and Sister Boehm are the teachers in this school. They write that the residents of their community are amazed at the expense which the brethren have undergone to provide for the carrying forward of this school.

Our brethren at Chico have cause to be congratulated upon the neat school building that they have provided for the church school at that place.

Excellent work is carried forward in many of our smaller schools, and we are glad to say that through the excellence of the work done the attention of some—a few, if not "many"—is called to the work of the last message.

The churches of St. Helena, Eureka, Bakersfield, Bishop, Laguna, Sacramento, Los Gatos, Red Bluff, Santa Rosa, Melrose, Reno, Sonoma, Paradise, Vallejo, Arroyo Grande, and Miranda all now have church school privileges. We have also a church school at Acacia Grove, near

Lodi; and one has just recently been re-opened at Hanford.

In some of these schools the work is strongly supported; but why is it that the burden of financial support in so many cases rests so heavily upon a very few? In some schools the burden is carried by but one or two! This is not true of the most prosperous schools, as you would naturally expect. Where all help bear the burden of financial support, the success of the school is dear to the heart of every member, and the Lord adds His blessing, and crowns the work with success.

The large centers are not always free from financial difficulty. *Why is this?* Why is it so much more difficult to finance this work that lies "nearest to the church" than it is other lines of conference work? We give systematically to other lines of conference work, do we not? Can we not hope for better things in the church school work of this conference when we shall have given more study to the question of their systematic and uniform support?

One of our churches is paying a salary of \$55 to the principal of its school. Other churches are paying \$35, \$40, and \$45 a month for the services of their teachers. Our teachers are not in this work for a large wage; but the truth of the matter is that there is, in almost every case, something of difficulty and embarrassment over the manner in which the salary is collected, and over the delay there is in the matter.

I will not burden you with details; but it is a fact that some of our teachers teach on and on for two and three months before receiving all of a single month's salary—sometimes without explanation, sometimes with; and so do you wonder that upon inquiry, "Do you expect to be available for teaching next year?" not a few reply, "Upon certain conditions"!

I know that there are two sides to the difficulty. I know of a church in this conference that a few years ago sent for a teacher, promising \$65 a month—were able to pay that sum, too; but the work carried forward brought such discouragement to the patrons that they all but lost heart.

There is a great "battle on" over this work. The school work is a regular issue in the great controversy. Why

should *not* the enemy throw every possible hindrance in the way of its success? Why should he *not* in every way possible work for its discouragement? Why should he *not* try to discourage those who have talent to teach, from entering the work that is languishing and much delayed? Why should he not try to discourage those who desire to see their children "gathered in" and educated for the finishing of the work? *Why not?*

Indeed there is every reason why we may look for the dragon to make war with the work of educational reform. Are not the "church schools ordained by God" to prepare the children to finish the work of the third angel? And it is worth while to persevere in this warfare! The Lord has promised that when something is done "to prepare the way" for this work, it will be possible to carry it forward in so successful a manner that many will recognize the "excellence" of the work, and through educational reform have their attention called to the truth for this time.

The world is calling for "educational reform," and it is our duty to *theorize* no longer about the matter, but to plan and practise definitely such a reform that the work may quickly be finished.

Katherine B. Hale,
Ed. Sec. Cal. Conference.

Obituary

[Read by Elder C. L. Taylor at the funeral service of Dr. Maria L. Edwards, March 2, 1911, and sent to the RECORDER by request.]

MARIA HALLINGSWORTH STEWART was born in Burr Oak, Iowa, July 16, 1865. Her parents, Randall and Sarah Stewart, were members of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, and in the faith and customs of that people she was reared. The sincerity and humility surrounding her early childhood days made a deep impression upon her mind, and so largely shaped her character that, as she herself told the speaker, she could not remember a time in her life when she did not long in her heart to be and to do that which was right.

Very early in life she gave her life to God, a fact concerning which in later days she was always grateful.

When Maria was but a child four or five years of age, her mother was called to Battle Creek, Michigan, and while there learned of the value of health

principles to both moral and physical life. Her knowledge of vegetarianism and hydrotherapy was carried home by her, adopted by the family, and became in later years a stepping-stone to the acceptance of the entire Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Ten years after this Battle Creek visit, Elder T. M. Steward brought to the family the truths of the third angel's message; and with her parents and others, Maria found joy and peace in the new-found hope of a soon-coming Saviour, and began the observance of the Sabbath of the Lord.

It will be seen, therefore, that the entire family interest lay along lines which were so closely followed by our sister during her latest years.

For about seven years following the removal of the family to Battle Creek, Michigan, Maria divided her time between attendance upon the college and engaging in work at the Review and Herald office. In the latter institution she was long remembered for her sterling fidelity and faithfulness to principle.

At the age of twenty-one—Dec. 9, 1886—she was united in marriage in Battle Creek to Brother Delmar N. Loughborough, son of Elder J. N. Loughborough, and immediately came to the Pacific Coast, where for about a year she and her husband labored in the Pacific Press, afterward assuming the duties of bookkeeper at the Rural Health Retreat, now known as the St. Helena Sanitarium.

Later, we find her again in the East, where she was engaged in Bible work in Chicago, and also acting as secretary and treasurer of the Illinois Adventist Conference.

Oct. 8, 1894, the heavy hand of bereavement was laid upon her; that day she became a widow.

Those who knew her best will bear testimony to the fact that she never allowed herself to mourn unnecessarily over losses, however great. Though bereft of the husband upon whom she had so heavily leaned, she brushed away the tears and boldly began life anew. She resolved to give her life and strength to the dissemination of the health truths which had been brought to her so forcibly during her more tender years, and so only a year after began her medical training in the American Medical Missionary College at Battle Creek.

Her standing in the college was so high in every respect that she was chosen by the college authorities to remain connected with their work as a teacher. With another member of her medical class and one also chosen to act as an instructor—Dr. Sanford P. S. Edwards—she now joined her life interests. They were united in marriage Sept. 16, 1899.

Several years of teaching, lecturing, and traveling finally brought them to the particular care of the Tri-City Sanitarium at Moline, Illinois. Here Dr. Maria found a large field for the helping influence which always emanated from her life; and not only were her efforts; combined with those of her husband, blessed to the strengthening and enlarging of the sanitarium work, but she was much blessed in accomplishing a great work for the truth through her direct, personal endeavors for the leading workers of the W. C. T. U., of which she was an active member. She was acquainted with many W. C. T. U. ladies of national repute, to all of whom she was fully known as a Seventh-day Adventist temperance worker.

In May, 1907, Dr. Sanford Edwards lost his health, and being obliged to surrender his position, he was brought in January, 1908, by his good wife, to the St. Helena Sanitarium, where, with the exception of a few months, they have since resided.

At the sanitarium, Dr. Maria was known as an indefatigable laborer. Always willing to shoulder any burden, no matter how menial it might be; always at her post of duty, both early and late; always adapting herself with cheerful spirit to the circumstances surrounding her; always helpful and always kind; always anxious to lend a helping hand to the many young people engaged with her in the work; always approachable and sociable; always at the place of prayer when possible; always thinking and planning for larger and better things for the institution and for the people in the field,—she endeared herself to everybody, and as a result it may be that we oft-times leaned too heavily upon her, and overtaxed her strength. If so, let us to-day pray that God will forgive.

As a teacher, she was a master at the art. Her students will forever remember her as one who could resolve the most technical medical questions into most charming Christian truths, leading them

through most difficult fields of investigation without tedium or weariness. We shall long miss this wonderful gift.

Though having many personal trials, of most peculiar sort, she was never known to murmur. Perhaps it had been better for all had she sometimes allowed friends to share with her the burdens that lay so heavily. But, suffice it to say, she felt that her burden-blessings had been given her of God, and thus she would ask Him alone to help her bear them.

She was often cautioned regarding overdoing, but she went fearlessly ahead until last June, when she suffered her first attack of hemorrhage of the brain. From this illness she only partially recovered, even though, as we all know, she was soon found at her work again. Her last public effort in the California Conference was at the Visalia camp-meeting held August last.

She and Dr. Sanford spent a few months in Southern California, expecting to go to the East to engage once more in General Conference work. Failing health hindered the plan, however, and eventually she was obliged to return to the sanitarium at St. Helena, where she arrived the evening of January 31.

Only once during the time since the return from the South, did she show any marked improvement; that was after prayer offered in her behalf at the Fresno conference. For a short time she then seemed really better. But again the retrograde movement set in, and the morning of Monday, February 27, witnessed the final break—another hemorrhage of the brain. She soon sank into coma, and quietly passed away at 7:45 o'clock Tuesday evening, February 28.

Thus another worker has passed away, and it would seem that our greatest thought this afternoon should be that God will mercifully raise up others to fill the broken ranks, and quickly complete His great earth work.

Dr. Maria died with the brightest of bright hopes. During the last few days her mind rested almost constantly on the Scriptures, and she had formed the determination to commit large portions of them to memory. Well were it for us all could we even now find it in our hearts as never before to cherish the Word of God.

Her loved ones find great comfort in the blessed hope, and believe that in a

little while they will surely see her again. She leaves behind her husband, Dr. S. P. S. Edwards, and four sisters — Mrs. Eulyssa Merrill, Dr. Anna Flatt, Mrs. E. N. Holser, and Mrs. Effie Field.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Whereas, Death has taken from our midst our beloved friend and fellow worker, Dr. Maria L. Edwards; therefore,

Resolved by the faculty of the Pacific Union College —

1. That we believe, in the death of Dr. Edwards, medical science has lost a skilful practitioner, hygienic and sanitary reform an able advocate, education a wise teacher, humanity a sympathetic helper, and the cause of God a devoted worker.

2. That we bow in submission to the will of God in permitting this affliction, knowing that "our times are in His hand," and believing that He "doeth all things well."

3. That we express our sympathy with our sister institution, the St. Helena Sanitarium, with the friends and relatives of the deceased, and especially with her companion, and pray that the grace of the Lord may sustain them in their sorrow.

Adopted March 2, 1911, by the faculty of the Pacific Union College, and directed that copies be sent to the relatives, the sanitarium, and the press.

C. W. Irwin, *President.*
H. A. Washburn, *Secretary.*

How a Minister Used His Spare Time

Just the other day I walked out three miles from Lawrence, Kansas, to see a young man who was thinking of canvassing. I had known him on the coast, where he successfully sold "Heralds of the Morning" and "Daniel and the Revelation" for two seasons, and left a good "streak," as we bookmen say, behind him. We had a pleasant visit, and he told me of his intention to attend the institute soon to be held in Topeka. His brother, who had had some experience in the book work, promised to consider re-entering it just as soon as home affairs permitted. A sister is taking the nurse's course in the Nashville Sanitarium; while the father and mother are good, staunch Seventh-day Adventists, doing all they

can in a financial way for the cause they love.

Two days later I took dinner with Elder Ogden, president of North Missouri Conference, and as I knew he was acquainted in Kansas, asked if he knew this family. In answer he told me this story:

Eight years ago he was holding meetings in the country a few miles from Salina, Kansas. While going into town one day, and having a little spare time, he solicited subscriptions for the *Signs* along the way. Among those who subscribed for three months was the mother of the young man I had interviewed two days before. When that three months' subscription expired she renewed for a year; and before the expiration of that second subscription, the whole family had accepted the message it bore. My chance visit with the young man, and my chance inquiry of Brother Ogden, disclosed these facts. How many such instances showing the effect of the constant falling of the truth-filled pages of the *Signs of the Times* will the Judgment show?

"He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

H. H. Hall.

The Message for To-Day

This is the name given to the new special six-month series of our good old pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times* weekly. The series commences with the issue of May 9, and the first number is to be a splendid memorial number of the tercentenary of the authorized version of the Bible — an important number indeed.

Special charts and advertising matter are now being sent out by the tract society office, and you will no doubt be glad to look the circulars and charts over, and see the grand, good things to be given in this excellent series.

It would be a splendid idea for you to commence at once to plan on sending some of these truth-filled pages, in fact the whole series, to some of your relatives, friends, or neighbors in whom you feel interested. This will be a good way in which you can present to them the great threefold message, containing, as this series does, the studies on chapters twelve to twenty-two of the book of Revelation. Be sure and look the chart

over and see the contents as outlined, and then you can also count on much more being added.

The terms of subscription are certainly reasonable, and should appeal to all of our people.

Single subscriptions, the 25 numbers 90 cents
5 or more subscriptions to one name and address, each 62½ cents
5 or more subscriptions mailed direct to separate names and addresses by the publishers, each 65 cents

You should order right away from the tract society office, as the first issues will soon go on the press. Quite a number were disappointed last year in not being able to secure the entire series when the orders were sent in late, even though an extra large edition was printed. Let us all remember and order early.

Central California Conference Notice

The literature depository for this newly formed conference is now prepared to handle all orders coming from within its territory. We have in stock a full line of denominational books, pamphlets, and tracts, and are so situated that we can pass on all periodical subscriptions. Prompt attention will be given to all orders. It is the expressed wish of all connected with the literature department of this work that all orders be sent through the depository in whose conference you are situated.

Remember our name and address are
Central California Bible House,
Box 1304,
Fresno, California.

Report of Canvassing Work in Arizona Conference

For Week Ending Feb. 24, 1911

"Home and Health"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Mrs. B. Waterman-Findlay ¹	29	4	\$16.00
W. O. James	7	9	27.00
Total	36	13	\$43.00
¹ Helps, \$5.25.			

The thing for us to do is our duty, And not worry about whether anybody sees us or not.—*Mark Twain.*

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The Pacific Union canvassing agent, Brother A. A. Cone, has been spending a few days at Fernando Academy in the interest of the book work.

Elder G. A. Irwin addressed the Sanitarium church last Sabbath in behalf of the \$300,000 fund, and almost the entire allotment for this church was raised at that time.

Brother J. R. Ferren, union conference missionary secretary, left the first of last week for Lodi, to assist in getting the new tract society office of the Northern California-Nevada Conference on a working basis.

A card recently received from Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell states that their address is to be Madison, Tennessee, care of the school farm. We congratulate the Southern field in securing so able and experienced helpers.

The friends of Mrs. H. H. Hall will be happy to know that she is steadily improving from her recent illness. We feel thankful that the Lord heard prayers in her behalf, and saw fit to spare the life of another of His faithful ones.

The morning hour for church services at Mountain View was occupied by Elder W. C. White, who spoke quite in detail relative to the growth and progress made in the Southern States, especially in the line of educational and health institutions.

The annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Bencvolent Association was held Wednesday, March 8, according to announcement, and proved a very interesting occasion. The treasurer's report showed that the most prosperous year of the institution was enjoyed during 1910. Elder H. W. Cottrell was re-elected president; L. M. Bowen, manager and treasurer; E. F. Stow, assistant manager and treasurer; J. B. Giddings, secretary. The proceedings of this meeting will be published soon.

The new Temperance *Youth's Instructor* has been received at the office. It is indeed a most interesting entertainer. From cover to cover it is full of startling facts regarding the awful evils of intemperance. We trust this issue may be scattered freely throughout our union conference. This is a work in which even the children can effectively engage. The paper is aptly illustrated, the articles are from foremost temperance advocates, and in every way the issue deserves the largest circulation possible. Let each one ask, What can I do to arouse an interest in this line, and place a Temperance *Instructor* in each of my neighbors' homes?

Night Letter

Lodi, Cal., March 12, 1911.

H. H. Hall, Mountain View, Cal.
Missionary rally church yesterday. Text, 332 Pine St. [location of Northern California-Nevada Missionary Society], Luke ten two. In response invitation, over one hundred visited office to-day; registered and showed deep interest in work. Sales between thirty and forty dollars. Plan for opening, great success, and will stimulate missionary spirit throughout the conference. Watch.

(Signed) MacPherson and Ferren.

Offering for the Poor

From the *Review and Herald* of March 9, 1911, we quote two paragraphs of an article written by Elder W. T. Knox, treasurer of the General Conference, relative to the April 1 donation for the poor:

"Sabbath, April 1, is the time of the denomination's next general offering. The object of this donation is to assist the poor among us, and especially the orphans and aged, an object that will appeal to all.

"The donations called for on April 1 are designed for the relief of the needy in the conferences where the donations are made, and are planned to relieve those cases that can not well be attended to otherwise. The funds will therefore be distributed, in harmony with the general plan of the denomination, by the officers of the local and union conferences where they are raised. A liberal offering should be made, in order that the conferences may be able properly to meet their responsibilities in this particular."

For Sale

Eggs for hatching. Fine S. C. White Leghorns. Large as Rocks. Fed for fertility. Shipping price, \$1.00 for 13; \$6.00 a hundred. Mrs. C. A. Sanford, Mountain View, California.

Help Wanted

The Pasadena treatment rooms offer a place to a young woman who wishes to work as a bath room attendant. Excellent opportunity for advancement. For further information and particulars kindly address J. F. Balzer, 15 S. Euclid Avenue, Pasadena, California.

Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The eighth annual session of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Phoenix, Arizona, in the Seventh-day Adventist church, April 4, 1911 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The first meeting will be held at 10 A.M., April 4, 1911.

H. G. Thurston, *President*.
M. T. Poston, *Secretary*.

The Magazine with The Message

This seems to be the new slogan for the *Signs of the Times Monthly*, and it is certainly an appropriate one. The February and March numbers were both unusually good, but the April number passes them all. We know you will be interested in it. You should hand them to your acquaintances.