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The Church

Just Do Your Best

Just do your best. It matters not how small,

How little heard of;
Just do your best—that's all.
Just do your best. God knows it all,
And in His great plan you count as one;
Just do your best until the work is done.

Just do your best. Though poor, despised, forsaken,
Let not your faith be shaken.
Just do your best; with God and one
The mightiest things are done.

Just do your best. Who cares if in
The wild, hot rush for wealth and place,
You don't excel?
Don't fret. Just do your best,
And do it well.

Just do your best. Reward will come
To those who stand the test;
God does not forget. Press on,
Nor doubt, nor fear. Just do your
best.

— Ernest Lloyd.

The Annual Offering for the Poor

I take this method of calling the attention of the ministers and elders of churches throughout the territory of the Pacific Union Conference to the fact that Sabbath, April 1, has been set apart by the General Conference as the day to take the annual collection, recommended by said body, for the poor. Much has been said, both in the Bible and the Testimonies, relative to our duty to the worthy poor whom we will always have with us. Faithfulness toward this class of God's saints has great promise of reward, while neglect has been characterized as a grievous offense in the sight of God.

A few statements from the Testimonies showing why the poor and needy are left in our midst, may help us in determining our duty toward them, and make us more liberal in our offering.

"I was shown that a most solemn duty rests upon the church to have an especial care for the destitute, widows, orphans, and invalids. . . . Widows and invalids are in the church to prove a blessing to the church. They are a part of the means which God has chosen to develop the true character of Christ's professed followers, and to call into exercise the precious traits of character manifested by our compassionate Redeemer."

"I saw that it is the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character. Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love, and disinterested benevolence. This is God's

test of our character. If we have the true religion of the Bible, we shall feel that a debt of love, kindness, and interest is due to Christ in behalf of His brethren; and we can do no less than to show our gratitude for His immeasurable love to us while we were sinners unworthy of His grace, by having a deep interest and unselfish love for those who are our brethren, and who are less fortunate than ourselves."

"Those who have pity for the unfortunate, the blind, the lame, the afflicted, the widows, the orphans, and the needy, Christ represents as commandment keepers, who shall have eternal life."

"Here [in the parable of the good Samaritan] the conditions of inheriting eternal life are plainly stated by our Saviour in the most simple manner. The man who was wounded and robbed, represents those who are subjects of our interest, sympathy, and charity. If we neglect the cases of the needy and the unfortunate that are brought under our notice, no matter who they may be, we have no assurance of eternal life; for we do not answer the claims that God has upon us. We are not compassionate and pitiful to humanity, because they may not be kith or kin to us. You have been found transgressors of the second great commandment, upon which the last six commandments depend. Whosoever offendeth in one point, is guilty of all. Those who do not open their hearts to the wants and sufferings of humanity, will not open their hearts to the claims of God as stated in the first four precepts of the Decalogue. Idols claim the heart and affections, and God is not honored and does not reign supreme."

"When the cases of all come in review

before God, the question, What did they profess? will not be asked, but, What have they done? Have they been doers of the Word? Have they lived for themselves, or have they been exercised in works of benevolence, in deeds of kindness and love, preferring others before themselves, and denying themselves that they might bless others? If the record shows that this has been their life, that their characters have been marked with tenderness, self-denial, and benevolence, they will receive the blessed assurance and benediction from Christ, 'Well done.' 'Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

This instruction makes our duty to the poor and needy very plain, and I trust there will be a cheerful and hearty response upon the part of all to this appeal for an offering to be used for such a worthy purpose.

It is not the plan to send this offering away to some institution, remote from the field where it is taken; but it is to be retained in the treasury of each union and local conference, and disbursed by the officers of said conferences. I trust that a sufficient amount will be received on the day set apart for this offering to care properly for the dependent brethren and sisters within our borders.

Geo. A. Irwin,

Pres. Pacific Union Conference.

The Field

On the Way — No. 7

Our School Problems in North Carolina

Leaving Naples early Monday morning, November 14, a ride of ninety-five miles east brought me to Hildebran, where the eldest of our North Carolina schools is located. Here I joined Elder Corliss, who had preceded me to Hildebran, and had spoken Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience in our commodious church.

The school at this place was established about fifteen years ago by Elder D. T. Shireman, who, with his wife, conducted it for several years as a mission school. As its growth demanded more teachers, the Southern Missionary Society took the

burden of its support for a time. About six years ago Prof. J. W. Beach and his family, of Minnesota, who were both teachers and farmers, took charge of the work.

The schoolhouse and cottages, with a small tract of farm land, were purchased at the very moderate price of about three thousand dollars, and other farm lands have been added till over five thousand dollars was invested in the enterprise; and Brother Beach, with the help of his wife and daughter, and occasional additional assistance, has carried on the farm and the school, with very little help from his brethren in the North, and with less encouragement from the North Carolina Conference than the work deserved.

The Hildebran school has been a great blessing, in its general influence upon the community in which it is located, and in the training and sending forth of students who are worthy and useful young men and women, laboring for the uplifting of their fellows, and some of whom are laborers in the cause of Christ.

Elder Shireman, after turning over the work at Hildebran to younger hands, established a small school in Toluca, and then settled on a rocky farm at Baker's Mountain, and gathered about him a family of eight or ten orphans.

At Hildebran we were met by a number of our North Carolina brethren. Among them were Professor Beach, Elder Shireman, and Brother H. M. Johnston, who is building up an old people's and health home at Baker's Mountain, five miles northwest of Hildebran; by Elder J. O. Johnston, who was for some time president of the conference, but who for the last seven years has been conducting an agricultural and mechanical school at Eufola, thirty-one miles east of Hildebran; and by several others connected with the work of the conference.

While at Naples, Elder G. M. Brown had told me that the conference laborers and school men in North Carolina were earnestly studying school problems, and would soon meet in council to adopt a definite policy for future work. Some of the questions to be considered were: What relation shall the conference laborers sustain toward the self-supporting mission schools established at Hildebran, Eufola, and Naples? Shall we establish a conference school in the central or eastern part of the State? How shall our school work be supported?

To Elder Brown I expressed the opinion that to establish and equip properly an intermediate conference school would cost fifteen thousand dollars or more. A small school in States where parents were well able to pay a large cash tuition, might operate successfully with less; but a good school, teaching ten grades, where half the students would need to earn half of their tuition, would require plenty of land and farm equipment, and commodious buildings for the school, the home, and the industries. And these would require a good sum of money.

Elder Brown said that other plans were also under consideration. One was the renting of the Hildebran plant. Another was for the conference to lend its aid to the schools now in existence at Hildebran, Eufola, and Naples, by giving them the watchcare and approval of the conference, and the hearty support of the laborers and laymen in the conference, and by encouraging and helping the young people throughout the conference to seek for an education at the school which is best prepared to meet the individual's needs.

Such a plan, if the brethren saw light in it, would save large additional expense, and would "strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die."

These matters we discussed briefly during our short visit at Hildebran, and before sundown Elder Corliss and I were on our way to Washington.

The Hildebran Council

Five days after our visit to Hildebran, the leading men in the conference met there for a three days' council. From a letter reporting the action of the council regarding school work, I copy the following:

"Whereas, The Spirit of prophecy has plainly stated that there should be many industrial schools established in the South by private individuals; and

"Whereas, We have reason to believe that the Lord will yet raise up others to do a similar work in many places; therefore,

"Resolved, That the conference foster and encourage such of these schools as will cooperate with the conference,

"1. By recommending that students attend that particular school which is best adapted to his or her needs.

"2. By assisting worthy young people to attend these schools by giving

needed help from the conference Educational Fund.

"Whereas, We have in our conference many young people whose parents are unable to provide for their education; and

"Whereas, The Testimonies advise that a fund be provided for this purpose; therefore,

"We Recommend, That such a fund be raised in our conference by soliciting donations, said fund to be known as the Educational Fund, and to be disbursed by the conference committee.

"Whereas, We have been instructed for many years that suitable families in the North should be encouraged to go to the South and take up self-supporting missionary work; and

"Whereas, There are many openings in our conference where such help is greatly needed; therefore,

"Resolved, That an experienced man be elected by the conference committee to be sent North to lay before the brethren the needs of this field and the instruction in the Testimonies as to how these needs can be supplied, and to invite suitable families to move South, assuring those who accept the invitation of a hearty coöperation of the North Carolina Conference; and further,

"Resolved, That we ask our brethren in official positions in the Northern conferences to kindly assist us in our endeavor to carry out this instruction from the Lord.

"It was voted to relieve the General Conference of the burden of helping this conference financially; and we asked them to use the \$750 a year which they have been sending us, for the work in the most needy mission fields.

"The council was characterized by the deep moving of the Spirit of God and by the harmony and enthusiasm that accompany the Holy Spirit's work.

"This action brings hearty coöperation and confidence in the relations between the brethren at Eufola, Hildebran, and Naples and the conference, and as a result the North Carolina Conference presents a solid front to the world. This is truly a wonderful change from the conditions that have existed for some time in the past.

"The Lord has permitted to be united here in the conference several men of experience and unquestioned ability, who see eye to eye, and they believe that the

time has come for a great forward movement in which the organized conference work and the self-supporting missionary work are to go hand in hand."

This action will no doubt bring strength and blessing to the North Carolina Conference, and I hope it may result in greatly encouraging the men who have been manfully struggling to sustain a good work in favorable places in a broad and needy field.

W. C. White.

CALIFORNIA

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

At the present time the number of guests is large, among them being found Congressman Julius Kahn. Mr. Kahn is a warm supporter of our religious liberty principles, and speaks highly of our work and workers at Washington, D. C.

Perhaps many of our brethren and sisters throughout the field may not be acquainted with the fact that one of the special features of our sanitarium work is caring for those who have not the means with which to pay for medical or surgical attention. It is true, however, that thousands of dollars each year are devoted to the good work of helping God's poor.

Undoubtedly some will be interested to read the following testimonies received from those whose bills have been canceled.

A lady in Oakland writes: "To say that I appreciate your extreme kindness would but mildly express it. I can not find words that would truly tell of my gratitude toward the good people of the St. Helena Sanitarium. I shall never forget them."

Another, in Mountain View, says: "Words can not express my gratitude to you on receiving the note you held against me, canceled. It has worried me so much because I haven't been able to pay it. I wish you to thank all concerned in doing me this great favor. I hope your institution will continue to prosper as in the last year, and for every blessing shared you will receive tenfold. Thanking you again for your kindness to me during my illness."

One of our ministers thus states his appreciation: "Words fail me to express my surprise and gratitude for the

kindness shown by your board in forgiving the account."

Here is an extract from one who has been connected with the sanitarium family of workers: "It is impossible to express in words my deep gratitude and appreciation to the sanitarium for the New Year's gift of a forgiven debt. But more than this and above all, my heart is full of praise to my heavenly Father, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts; for you may be interested to know that it came as almost a direct answer to a special prayer of ours offered during the week of prayer. Not that God would relieve me of the debt, but that He would especially bless me, and according to His will, give me renewed health and strength that I might be enabled to work harder to get it paid; and not only this, but that I might be able once again to take active part in the work. Trusting Him, I have let Him choose the way, and I believe that this is only one of the evidences of answered prayer."

Multiplied quotations might be given, but these are sufficient to show that the Lord has been blessing both the givers and the receivers. The sanitarium workers are making personal sacrifices to the end that this good work may be carried forward as God has ordained it should. They believe the truth that caring for the Lord's needy ones will result in true prosperity to the institution and to the workers connected with it.

California Conference Current

Brother G. A. Hamilton is now laboring in the Mission District in San Francisco.

A new series of meetings has been opened by Brethren Stevens and Fries and their helpers in San Francisco.

Our conference Sabbath-school secretary, Miss Rosamond D. Ginther, spent last Sabbath with the church at San Jose.

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell left the fore part of the month for Madison, Tennessee, where they expect to take a good rest before going on East.

A short time ago, Brother J. R. Patterson passed through Oakland in chan-

ging his field of labor from Humboldt County to Bakersfield, in the Central California Conference. He was accompanied by his family.

Elder J. H. Behrens, now president of the Central California Conference, with headquarters at Fresno, was a caller at the Oakland office last week. He reports everything starting well with their work in that new field.

In giving the lists of officers for the various conferences in the RECORDER of March 2, 1911, we failed to mention that the auditor of the Pacific Union Conference was chosen to act as auditor for each of the three conferences there named.

A recent visit to the new conference and missionary society office at Lodi shows that they are ready for business in that field. Brother Verah MacPherson, of Hughson, is in charge of the office at 332 E. Pine Street. Brother J. R. Ferren is assisting in opening up the missionary work.

Sabbath, April 1, is the date for the annual collection for the aged, orphans, and our needy poor. Our fund for this purpose has for months been overdrawn, and we are expecting a liberal donation, so that proper assistance can be given these unfortunate ones whom the Lord has allowed to remain among us that they may be a blessing.

Claude Conard.

Pacific Press Notes

A shipment of 500 pounds of Spanish books has just gone forward to F. G. Lane, Caracas, Venezuela, South America. This is the first shipment of Spanish literature into this republic. One after another the Latin republics are entered by our faithful canvassers.

Last Friday we made a shipment to Lima, Peru, South America, consisting of 1,000 Spanish books and 14,500 Spanish tracts. The same boat will take two large cases of books to Santiago, Chile. A week or so later a shipment for Buenos Aires, South America, consisting of about 1,500 pounds, will be forwarded.

Brother W. V. Sample reports that the street-car company has changed its line so as to go directly past the door of our depository. He also tells us that one contractor has forty houses to build in the addition to Calgary on which we are located. Three good stores have been recently completed, just across the alley from us. As we have a lot 40 x 90 connected with the office which we can place on the market, these items of information are especially welcome.

We are just closing a ton-and-a-half shipment for the New York Branch of the Review and Herald. Among the items included are 80,700 copies of standard tracts. This is one of the largest single tract orders we have had in months. While this was being packed, we received tract orders from the Southern Publishing Association, Kansas City, and Canadian offices, which, in the aggregate, make the largest shipments of tracts we have made in a dozen years. Another item in this New York shipment was 590 copies of our various school text-books.

A letter recently received from Brother C. E. Weaks, of India, relates the following experience:

"One of our canvassers, Brother Poley, had a very interesting experience the other day. He went into a town in a little independent native State, to deliver some books previously ordered. He was met at the station by a fine carriage belonging to the State, and driven to his customers in grand style. He had his footman, driver, and everything going to make up style in Oriental countries. Arrangements had also been made for his entertainment at State expense. How is that for a Seventh-day Adventist canvasser to be treated? Surely our canvassers ride upon the high places of the earth, and 'eat the riches of the Gentiles.'"

Brother Weaks is very anxious for at least four more canvassers. Any one who is interested in that field, and feels a burden to take up this line of work, should correspond with Elder N. Z. Town, of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Brother John L. Brown, formerly of Fernando, but for the last two and a half years canvassing in Mexico, writes

from Hermosillo, Sonora: "I am again in my country [notice his reference to 'my country,' although he has been there less than three years], and have begun work once more. How glad I am to get out on the firing line, where the bullets whiz past my ears! The Lord has greatly blessed me in the few hours I have worked. The first man I canvassed after returning was the bishop of the State of Sonora. He signed up for a full leather, \$10 [Mexican]. I then canvassed the curate and two influential priests. They signed when I handed them the pen. The governor of the State came next, and so on down, until now I have a fine list for a starter. I have worked eight hours, and have taken twenty-eight orders for the cloth binding 'Salud y Hogar,' and three for the full leather binding." Those who had the pleasure of listening to Brother Brown's experiences, related while here at the bookmen's convention, can the better appreciate the energy he is putting into his work. He and Brother J. A. P. Green have set their stakes to see that \$25,000 Mexican (\$12,500 gold) worth of our publications are sold in that republic during 1911.

H. H. Hall.

March 19.

EDUCATION

and Young People's Work

Conducted by C. C. Lewis

Educational Secretary Pacific Union Conference

Educational Resolutions — I

At the Fresno conference, Elder W. M. Healey remarked that we read in the Bible of the acts of the apostles; but it remained for Seventh-day Adventists to exemplify the resolutions of the saints. While we appreciate the implication that Seventh-day Adventists do not always carry out their resolutions, it is nevertheless true that resolutions are the forerunners of acts, and that intelligent acts are seldom performed without resolutions. It is my purpose in a series of articles to take up the educational resolutions passed at the California Conference, and give such explanations and comments as

may help to form these resolutions into acts. Let us consider first the thirty-fifth recommendation, which reads as follows:

Convention and Summer School

"35. *We Recommend*, That the Department of Education of the Pacific Union Conference be requested to hold a short union convention in Oakland the coming summer, and a longer summer school in Lodi, to both of which gatherings all teachers in the union conference are cordially invited."

The time for the convention and the summer school has not been fully settled. The National Educational Association meets in San Francisco about July 8, and will continue practically one week. Reduced rates to this association are granted by all railroads, and it seems desirable that our teachers avail themselves of these rates.

Furthermore, since this is the highest educational association in the United States, it affords many of our teachers the opportunity of a lifetime to see and hear some of the educators whose works they may have studied and used as textbooks. There is much to be learned at these meetings. A few years ago the General Conference educational convention was held at Cleveland in order that the delegates might first attend the meeting of the National Educational Association which was also held in that city.

If we can secure reduced railroad rates in time to hold our own convention before that of the National Educational Association, I should be glad to do so; for then the summer school at Lodi can follow immediately after the National Educational Association. It may be necessary to place our convention after the National Educational Association. It will be observed that the convention is to be held in Oakland. If it precedes or follows the National Educational Association, our teachers can attend the convention without changing their rooming places. It is hoped that all Seventh-day Adventist teachers in the Pacific Union Conference will so far as possible attend the National Educational Association and our own convention.

The two conventions will cover about two weeks. The summer school at Lodi, following immediately afterwards, and lasting four weeks, is designed more particularly for younger teachers or for those who are planning to teach for the

first time. It will assume somewhat the nature of a school for a review of the church school subjects and the study of church school methods. There will also be opportunity for making up regular work of academic grade. The convention will consist of papers, addresses, and discussions of the general features and needs of our educational work, and will be designed to unify our work and inspire our teachers to pursue it more vigorously and intelligently.

As soon as arrangements can be made, an announcement will be issued setting forth the details of the plan. These announcements will be distributed to the teachers through the local conference superintendents, and may also be obtained by addressing the union conference educational secretary, Prof. C. C. Lewis, St. Helena, California.

An Important Resolution

The following extracts are from a letter sent out to our schools by Prof. H. R. Salisbury, secretary of the Educational Department of the General Conference. Its publication is to impress upon the managers the importance of adopting and carrying out the recommendation of the General Conference Educational Convention to require two hours of work per day of all home students. We trust the students will be greatly benefited by this plan, and the schools will be aided to escape from financial embarrassment.

"You will soon be getting out your calendar for the coming year for your school, and I wish to call your attention to Resolution 24, in the report of the Berrien Springs convention:

"*We Recommend*, That all our schools require the home students, in addition to industrial class work, to work not less than two hours per day, or twelve hours per week, as a part of their education and regular school expenses."

"This was one of the most important resolutions passed at the convention, where advancement and unity were sought by the makers of these resolutions. Already word has come to me from several schools that the plan has been adopted by their boards. And as far as I could ascertain, the principals present at Berrien Springs were unanimous in their desire to introduce the two-hour plan into the schools which they

represented. If all adopt it, then it will be accepted without complaint by the students; but if some schools should not adopt it, it might in some instances work hardships to those schools that are anxious to bring in this reform.

"Most of our schools have all they can do to keep from running behind financially, and some are still operating each year at a loss. The addition of these extra hours will be of considerable advantage financially, and do much in helping to bring the balance on the right side.

"In regard to the amount of time recommended for the students to put in, it may be interesting to note these words, found on page 190 of 'Special Testimonies on Education':

"Some hours each day should be devoted to useful education in lines of work that will help the student in learning the duties of practical life, which are essential for all our youth. But this has been dropped out, and amusements introduced, which simply give exercise, without being any special blessing in doing good and righteous actions, which is the education and training essential."

"I hope you are planning to make this change, and that it will be announced in your new catalogue."

C. C. L.

Lodi Normal Academy Notes

A students' social hour was planned during the little vacation time allotted to the students. A short program was rendered.

Our new conference president, Elder C. L. Taggart, occupied the pulpit on a recent Sabbath, speaking upon the experiences of the children of Israel.

The students' music recitals grow more interesting. Marked improvement is manifested on the part of the performers. The attention in the audience grows more intense.

The Tract Society office for this new conference division has been located at 332 Pine Street, Lodi, Cal., near the business portion of town. It was opened on the 12th inst.

The parents' meeting found the following a very lively topic for discussion:

"The Father's Example in the Home." The music furnished by Mrs. Alsberge was appreciated.

Greatly appreciated was the talk given by Mrs. Mina A. Mann at teachers' conference upon "the value of teachers' magazines, and how to use them to the best advantage."

Elder G. F. Haffner, the superintendent of the German work in the United States, visited Lodi in the interests of his work this week. He spoke to the students at chapel on Monday morning.

The students graduating from the normal course had the privilege of visiting with their director the Emerson school one forenoon of this week. A report of their observations will be given at teachers' conference.

The German department of Lodi Normal Academy gave a program in the German church on Sunday evening. Credit is due the faithful efforts of their instructor, L. E. Westermeyer, in teaching them to preserve their mother tongue.

Elders C. L. Taggart and W. S. Holbrook have spent some time in Lodi visiting the various church-members relative to the plan adopted at the conference in Fresno for the liquidating of the school indebtedness. We are told the plan has met with favor.

Happy were the students when on last Wednesday morning a two days' vacation was announced to be given them, beginning the following morning. All returned on the following Monday with renewed vigor and energy to enter upon the last term's duties.

Miss Katherine B. Hale, on her last visit to Lodi, talked to the students in teachers' conference upon the importance of nature study in the grades, and gave a few most helpful hints upon the use of the nature books, prior to the study of the same in methods class by the student teachers.

The recital given by the musical directors was well attended. Though appointed at the early hour of 5:00 P.M., the normal chapel was crowded. Professor Wallace, after playing several dif-

ficult selections upon the violin, gave one solo upon the G string alone. Mrs. Taylor's selections both piano and vocal gave the students a high ideal as a goal toward which they might strive.

The Volunteer Society has completed the series of missionary lessons upon the Neglected Continent. The programs for the ensuing three months will show a decided change in subject-matter and presentation. At their last election the following officers were installed for another term:

Leader,

Lotta E. Bell

Assistant Leaders,

L. O. Pattison

Mrs. L. O. Pattison

Mr. L. E. Westermeyer

Miss Addie DeVoe

Secretary and Treasurer,

Miss Iva Ackley

Chorister,

Prescott Pierce

Lotta E. Bell.

Temperance "Instructor" Campaign

The Temperance special has arrived, and what a fine number! Our Washington friends certainly did well in producing such a splendid periodical. How well are we going to do in aiding its circulation? I am not alone in thinking this issue superior to any previous one, and we are confident that its influence will make for righteousness. This is the sort of temperance literature we are glad to place in the hands of the youth, believing it will help give the upward lift to overcome the downward pull.

So far as we know there is nothing in the field of temperance literature so competent to work for the advancement of individual purity and the betterment of social conditions. I think it was Roosevelt who said, "He who helps a boy become a strong and good man, makes a contribution of the first class to the welfare of the nation." We can all assist in making such magnificent contributions. The wide circulation of our wholesome and effective literature in connection with more earnest personal effort will greatly assist in molding malleable youth into the higher type of manhood for the nation and for God.

We hope that all our workers, leaders, and teachers will realize the importance

of these yearly temperance campaigns and the opportunities they afford us for getting our temperance literature before the people. Temperance workers everywhere look with favor upon our Temperance *Instructor*, and many acknowledge it to be the best thing published on the subject. In this manner we are securing their confidence, and preparing them to receive more favorably our religious publications.

But this is not the only incentive to engage in this noble work. "The warfare against intemperance is in itself a cause which ought to enlist our most earnest efforts, and bring into activity our best energies." So we are urging our comrades to plan immediately for a vigorous campaign with the Temperance *Instructor* in every community. It will be another opportunity for us to demonstrate that Seventh-day Adventists are leaders in true temperance reform. God calls upon us to mold public sentiment in regard to these things. We can not afford to disappoint Him. And the needs of the people cry to us. Let us individually awake to the opportunity.

Last year, in Southern California, about 5,225 copies of the Temperance *Instructor* were circulated. The orders for the 1911 edition already total around 14,000, and more coming. We expect to use four or five times the 1910 output. If each church throughout the country will just double the number it used last year, we can assure the Washington brethren that the "500,000 copies" will be needed.

Since the Missionary Volunteer convention at Loma Linda, the students there have planned to visit every home in their valley with the Temperance *Instructor*. They have ordered 5,000 copies for this noble endeavor. The Fernando student body will do a similar work in their section of the field. About 2,000 copies of the *Instructor* have been sent to them. The spirit of readiness to attempt larger things for the Master is apparent in many places, and we are greatly encouraged by the outlook. The schools and many of the churches have already planned for field days when all can enter their respective districts in hearty fellowship, thus giving unity and inspiration to the movement. Pray that these little armies of the Lord may have the success that such an effort deserves.

The article entitled "A Temperance

Rally in Every Church," in the *Review* under date of February 23, contains a suggestive program which, if properly handled, will prove very interesting and instructive. Let us endeavor to hold the rallies where we can get in touch with the public as much as possible, and make a good display of the literature.

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expect to have some glad surprises in the final results.

In a business office. In one of our experience meetings a brother related a little incident showing how men of affairs are thinking. The brother had occasion to call upon a Baptist real estate man. In the conversation that followed business, our brother spoke of certain world events, and alluded to the light thrown upon these things by the Scriptures. The Baptist mentioned the fact that he had been receiving copies of a certain weekly that discussed world problems in that way, and that he had been impressed by certain articles. He offered one to our brother, who was very agreeably surprised when the gentleman opened his desk and brought out a copy of the *Signs of the Times*. I wonder who sends the *Signs* to that gentleman. Are you sending out these silent heralds to the waiting people throughout the land? Your tract society office or your minister can supply you with the names of interested people to whom you can send the literature. Coöperation produces remarkable results. Try it.

Cafeteria influence. Our cafeterias are effective channels through which considerable literature reaches the people, thus giving many hundreds an opportunity to know the message, who, perhaps, would have no other way of hearing it. One of our Volunteers recently called at a clothing store to make a purchase, and, with the customary readiness of a true Adventist, he tactfully spoke of Christ's soon coming as the solution of the great world problems. The clerk, a boarder at one of our cafeterias, reached under a counter and brought out several tracts which he had previously taken from one of the little holders in the cafeteria. He remarked that he was "studying these things," and was willing to share the good literature with customers. Think of it! And so hundreds of tracts and papers are taken each month from the cafeteria racks, and these find their way into the stores, offices, and homes of our cities, carrying the warning witness in a silent and effective manner. Pray that the Spirit of God may use these pages to win souls for the kingdom.

The preacher's great joy is to bring a soul to Christ. By selling or giving

good books and tracts and papers to any one, we use the talents of the godly writers to win that soul and mold it for eternity. We thus bring the author and reader together, as the minister brings the sinner and his Saviour together by preaching the truth. The Holy Spirit works out the results in the heart in both cases. "He that goeth forth *and weepeth*, bearing precious seed, shall *doubtless* come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Thank God, there is no doubt about it.

March 8. Ernest Lloyd.

Missionary Work

* SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Items of Experience

"Sowing precious seed." At a recent missionary meeting in the Garden Grove church one of our sisters told of her experience in overcoming her natural timidity and the inclination to hold back from going among her neighbors with the message. But one day she ventured forth, and succeeded in dropping a tract into a certain front yard. The little messenger was picked up and read. It was a silent and effective witness to the truth, and an honest heart was waiting for its message. Within a short time the lady who was influenced by the tract was walking in the light. Her remark to the timid but willing sister who dropped the tract over the fence is a sermon in itself: "It was good of you to do it, but *why did you not leave the tract before?*" Why? O that we might have the *sin of hesitation* smitten from our lives!

Scattering "as we go." Some time ago a lady came to consult one of our ministers relative to joining the church. It was learned that one of our brethren, engaged in selling vegetables, had long been in the habit of carrying our papers and tracts with him as he went among the homes with his greens. In this way the inquiring lady had been supplied with our literature, and led into the light. Her sister and sister's daughter also signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. We can form no better habit than that of distributing this message-filled literature as we mingle with the people. "*Redeeming the time!*" We may not be able to do many things that we see others do to the glory of God; yet if we will be led of Him, and do what our hands find to do, with our might, we may confidently

Report of Book Sales in Arizona Conference

For Week Ending March 10, 1911
"Home and Health"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
W. O. James *	24	22	\$68.00
* Helps, \$4.60.			

Report of Book Sales in Southern California

For Week Ending March 3, 1911
"Practical Guide"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
C. N. Young	8	4	\$15.00
J. G. Smith	8	1	3.50
"His Glorious Appearing"			
C. W. Pennock	2		5.25
Miscellaneous	30	10	40.50
Total	48	15	\$64.25

Obituary

PALMER.—Sister Addie B. Palmer was born in Jacksonville, Florida, and died in Bowles, California, Feb. 3, 1911; age 42 years. She has been a Christian since a little girl. We do not often meet those who have greater faith and trust in God than she had. She fell asleep in the hope that she would soon rise to meet her Lord in the skies. Just before her decease she called her six small children and her faithful companion to her bedside, bade them good-by with a smile, and calmly went to rest. How much she was loved was evidenced by the profusion of flowers that covered the casket, and the many friends that followed her to her last resting-place. Every Christian that knew her expects to meet her in the sweet by and by, when the Life-giver claims His own.

C. L. Taggart.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1911

At the time we are going to press, Elder E. W. Farnsworth is expected to arrive in his new field of labor—California Conference—Wednesday, March 22.

Have you placed your order for the Temperance Number of the *Youth's Instructor*? As soon as you read it, you will want to help others to have the same opportunity.

Brother A. A. Cone called at the office Sunday after several days' visit in Southern California, where he has been holding meetings with Brother C. C. Morlan in the interest of the book work. Brother Cone seemed much encouraged over the outlook for the canvassing work in this conference, stating that a most excellent class of students of both Fernando Academy and Loma Linda College were planning to follow this line of work during the summer vacation.

The following is an extract from a letter recently received from the president of the Utah Conference, Elder D. A. Parsons: "The whole field is taking a new interest in the work of soul winning, and our workers are reporting growing interests in all parts of the field. Several have taken their stand for the message since I came." Let us remember at the throne of grace Elder Parsons and his co-laborers, who are giving their time and energies to the work in this difficult Mormon section.

The Southern California Tract Society is publishing a series of eight

post-cards. Samples of several have been received. Each one is attractively neat. The cards are made of firm brown paper, with helpful and appropriate messages, around which are tasty borders. We would suggest that you who do so much correspondence by the use of post-cards, favor the Southern California office by using some of their productions. You will not be disappointed in them. The poem entitled "Just Do Your Best," printed in this issue, is a sample of the good things found on the postals. They are especially apt for Missionary Volunteers and King's Messengers. These cards sell at the rate of 3 for 5 cents, or 100 for \$1.00. Try them. Address Southern California Tract Society, 1018 Broadway Central Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

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 cover page of the April *Signs of the Times Monthly* is beautiful. The angel talking to the women at the empty tomb, after the resurrection of the Lord, is the scene presented. A crown of thorns lying on the side of the tomb suggests something through which our Saviour passed for us. The color work is such that a mere glance is enough to create a desire to study the picture. But this is not all there is to the April *Signs Monthly*. The articles contained therein are most interesting. A few of these are "The Advancing Apostasy," "The Decay of Protestantism," "Easter and the Resurrection," "The French Reformation," "The Infinitude of Space," "Transmission of Disease Through Milk." Some of the illustrations are as follows: "In the Redwoods of California," a beautiful one-page

cut; "Ruins of Ancient Tyre;" "Corinthian Tomb, Ruins of Petra;" "Luther's Ninety-five Propositions;" "He Is Not Here, He Is Risen;" "Hagar and Ishmael;" "North American Nebula;" "Ready for the Dead—Plague in China." Of course, you want a copy of this magazine. Supply as many relatives, friends, and neighbors as it is possible with this one of the most interesting of the *Signs* magazines. If you can purchase only one copy, read it thoroughly in your home, then pass it on to some one else.

Cook Wanted

The North Yakima Sanitarium wishes to secure a good cook to begin April 1. We want a person who can prepare "home cooking" in good shape for a family of from fifteen to thirty. Cook must be single and under middle age. Woman preferred, but a young man will be considered. Wages will be a matter of correspondence. In writing, state age, experience, and wages expected. Address North Yakima Sanitarium, North Yakima, Wash.

Summer Flowering Bulbs

Last year the Oakwood Manual Training School raised some fine summer flowering bulbs, and now offer the following for sale:

Excelsior Double Pearl Tuberose bulbs, 5 cents each; 50 cents per dozen; \$2.00 per hundred,—not prepaid.

Gladioli, mixed colors, very choice, 3 cents each; 25 cents per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred,—not prepaid.

Dahlias, fine double mixed, white, red, pink, and mixed colors, 10 cents each; 50 cents per dozen,—not prepaid.

Cannas, a choice bedding plant, mostly red, 10 cents each; 75 cents per dozen,—not prepaid.

Caladiums (Elephant's Ear), a fine foliage plant for the lawn, 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen,—not prepaid.

Orders for one half dozen will be filled at the dozen rate; fifty at the hundred rate.

All the above bulbs are flowering size, and should be planted in the spring. Your order will be a benefit to the school.

We have published a descriptive price list of these flowers, which we shall be glad to send to any upon request.

Address all orders and inquiries to Oakwood School, Huntsville, Ala., Box 414.