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The Church

God's Mysterious Way

(Continued)

The following morning others called with offerings and a kind word to cheer us. In the afternoon one of the ladies called again, and timidly asked me if I would accept from her a book entitled "The Seven Essentials of Life and Health." Thinking more to please her than expecting to read the book, I said I would.

This seemed to please her and raise her self-confidence enough to sit on a stool beside my cot and talk to me. She inquired if I ever gave any thought regarding the future welfare of my soul. I said that I did not, and the only thing I could think of then was the future welfare of my family. At this she gently laid her hand on my arm, and with a smile and expression on her kind face that I shall never forget, she said: "My dear sick brother, your worry is taking

you to the grave. Rest in peace; the Lord will provide."

A strange calm sensation flashed over me for a moment, bringing with it a momentary vision of my aged blind mother, in her far-away lonely cottage home, on her knees praying for us. After our visitor had gone, I felt ashamed for showing such weakness. I tried to forget the words that she had spoken, but I could not do so, neither could I forget the expression on her face.

That evening my wife saw that I was comfortably on my cot for the night as usual before going to meeting, then I was left alone. But I did not seem to be alone, for when I closed my eyes it seemed I could hear a soft, low voice saying over and over, "Rest in peace; the Lord will provide."

Then my thoughts drifted back to where we had come from in Arizona on this last part of our travels; how we had started on that long trip with hardly enough funds to last one week, which soon dwindled to nothing; how we expected from day to day that we would be compelled to give up on account of heat and hardships on the desert. But now it seemed to be pointed out to me where each obstacle had been overcome, and how we had been urged onward and provided for during all our trials. Then these words came to me again: "Rest in peace; the Lord will provide." They were ringing in my ears as I fell asleep, and during each wakeful moment they were recalled.

The next day an elder and one of the ladies called. The conversation bore mostly on our travels, until they were about to leave the camp, when the elder took hold of my hand, and said: "My

dear brother, one thing that is keeping you down is that you worry too much because your own condition keeps you from bettering the welfare of your family. You need peace of mind, which only the Lord can give you, and it is yours for the asking."

When I was alone again that evening, I lay on my cot thinking of the happenings of the last few days. How much brighter the faces of my wife and daughter looked! How much more buoyant their steps! And that same evening, while my wife was setting us a lunch, she hummed the tune of an old hymn of my boyhood Sunday-school days, which was more noticeable to me, for it had been very unusual for her to hum any tune of late.

These things brought a maze of pleasanter thoughts to my mind than had been there for many a day, and caused me to think that perhaps there had been a mistake in my life; maybe I should have been seeking the Lord all these years, instead of throwing myself into the caldron of selfish ambition, where in the end I had found nothing but despair and destruction of health.

I was awakened from a sound sleep sometime later by the voice of my wife speaking my name. Upon opening my eyes, I beheld her and our neighbor with his wife and eldest daughter standing near my cot. My wife bent over me, and said: "Dear husband, don't you know this is your birthday? We have brought a surprise for you." As she mentioned it, I remembered that I had been accustomed to having a birthday, and as this was the 24th of August, it certainly was the right day. But I could not imagine what the surprise could be. Be-

fore I could ask, she handed me a large tin cup, and said I should look inside of it, also stating it was a gift from the Lord; whereupon I found it to be about half filled with coins and paper money.

They then explained that the elder had taken our conversation of the day as a part of his sermon that evening, and this was the outcome of it from the congregation. I was so surprised and overcome that I could not speak a word, for I could not understand how these people, perfect strangers to us, could shower such blessings upon us; and I knew then that we must certainly be in the hands of the Lord.

Our friends, seeing the agitation of my wife and self, walked quietly away. We sat on the cot with arms around each other and tears streaming down our cheeks for some time before we could steady our voices enough to talk. When my speech again returned, I told her of the feelings I had that evening after she went to meeting, and how I had fought it out, and clearly saw the blessed truth before going to sleep.

With fresh tears of gladness in her eyes, she said that this night was what she had silently prayed for for years; but on account of my unbelief, had always been backward in mentioning it, for fear I would think she was chiding me.

It was a long while before we closed our eyes for the night, for we had so much to talk about,—of what my dear old mother would say when she heard the news; of the blessings to be derived from our new life, and of those already received. In looking back, there was no hardship that we regretted; for the Lord had repaid us already more than a thousandfold by the peacefulness of heart of the present, and the bright outlook for the future, and we both promised our dear Master and Protector to follow His guidance until we are called from our earthly toil.

The result of our following His steps is known to all His unselfish ministering angels in San Pasqual Valley, whom it is impossible to thank enough for what they have done for us; so all I can say further is, We "praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

I entreat you, brethren, to come to Christ and drink; drink freely of the water of salvation.—*Volume 9.*

The Field

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Our conference president is spending Sabbath and Sunday at Woodland and in that vicinity, investigating the opportunities for tent work there.

The conference reports a rapid increase in business day by day, as high as forty letters being received in one day this week. We have no reason to feel discouraged. May this good work continue to increase until all the territory represented by us shall hear the good news of the coming kingdom.

Elder T. H. Watson and Brother L. E. Leavett are starting a series of gospel meetings at Manteca. As but little work has been done in this section for some time, we look for large results from this series of meetings. The use of a desirable lot has been donated, and we can see the hand of the Lord preparing the way before them. Let us all pray for these brethren and their work. The use of two schoolhouses in outlying districts has also been offered these brethren to hold meetings in.

In the division of the California Conference assets March 1, the Northern California-Nevada Conference finds it was overlooked when it came to the division of canvassers. Up to this time we have not had a single canvasser in the field; but our field agent, Brother Warren Dayton, reports that Sister Martha C. Bordow commences work with "Patriarchs and Prophets" near Stockton the first of this week. We wish her success, and that the Lord may bless her richly in this work.

To all our brethren, sisters, and friends in the Northern California-Nevada Conference, and to all others interested, we extend a hearty welcome to attend our camp-meeting to be held at Stockton, June 1 to 11, at Oak Park. We have procured very desirable and shady grounds, with the many pleasant advantages at the Oak Park office. Grounds

will be lighted with electric lights, and we are looking forward to one of the most interesting and beneficial meetings ever held in this locality.

Verah MacPherson,
Secretary.

April 14.

CALIFORNIA

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Prof. C. C. Lewis exchanged pulpits with the chaplain Sabbath, April 15. Elder A. O. Tait spoke to the family of guests the evening of Sunday, the 16th, his subject being, "The Challenge of Prophecy." This discourse was the first of a series of Sunday night lectures on our special truths.

Elder W. A. Westworth, who recently returned from China, spoke to the sanitarium family Sabbath, April 8; and on the two evenings following he gave two stereopticon lectures concerning the work in that field. He also spoke twice at the college, the second talk being emphasized by a considerable number of curios of Chinese make. Both the sanitarium and college families greatly appreciate the visits of our workers from abroad.

Dr. H. W. Miller, who is also home on account of ill health, seems to be somewhat improved, though he still is a very sick man. As our people may know, he is afflicted with sprue, an Oriental intestinal trouble, and one which the medical world has never yet come to understand. Dr. Miller believes he has solved the problem of the cause of the disease, attributing it to the constant use of canned goods, upon which our American workers almost entirely subsist. We are praying that God will give our brother an early restoration to health.

The young people who will form the 1911-1914 nurses' training class are nearly all on the ground, and are beginning their work. Those now here are as follows: Sam Staley (president), Lucienne Balomey, Alfred Craig, Rosa Foster, Ina Webb, Nora Webb, Lorena Dahl, Mabel Black, Nellie Black, Julia Jacobsen, Johanne Jensen, Rose Sparks, and A. J. Wearer.

The management believes that the new class is one of the finest that has ever begun work on the hillside, and plans

to do all it can to make the stay of three years one of great profit to its members and to the institution.

A three years' course of training in the various lines that go to make up the nurses' course at the sanitarium affords unlimited opportunities for Christian development, for mental enlargement, for all-round improvement. The studies are of a most intensely practical nature, including almost everything that could in any wise contribute to one's knowledge regarding care for himself and for others.

It will be of real interest to our people to know that the experience of many years has demonstrated that while the work of the course is, in many instances, arduous and long continued, yet the workers of both sexes who conscientiously observe the laws of health, grow healthier and stronger as the days and weeks hurry by. Other things being equal, the work of the school is one that tends to health, strength, happiness, and holiness.

For the new class especially, and for all the classes generally, the sanitarium faculty invites the coöperation of parents and guardians, and of the brethren and sisters throughout the field. Questions regarding our plans, our methods, our principles, our conditions socially and spiritually, our services, in fact, our all, are earnestly solicited. It is intended that everything shall be as open as the sunlight, and as perfect before the Lord as He can use us to make it.

Trials meet the workers everywhere, but it is safe to say that few large families make a better record than that at the sanitarium. There is a general spirit of good cheer, devotion, faithfulness, and self-sacrifice. This is shown in many practical ways, one illustration being found in the fact that during the quarter ending March 31 there was paid into the treasury of the church \$4,225.29. Of this amount, \$1,978.81 was tithed.

Mountain View Gleanings

Mr. Charles A. Rhodes, who has been associated with the Pacific Press for a number of years, during which time he has served as linotype operator and stenographer, left last Friday for Missouri, on account of the ill health of his father.

An open meeting of the woman's circle was held at our church last Wednesday night. The chief feature at this service was an instructive stereopticon lecture given by Miss K. B. Hale. Her subject was "Schools and School Gardens." Some of the material benefits derived from this occasion will be mentioned soon.

The regular hour for church services Sabbath was very impressive. It took the form of a symposium, in which Elder M. C. Wilcox led. He spoke of present-day conditions, and pleaded with his hearers to enlist every power that they possessed in connection with this great three-fold message. Brother G. C. Hoskin followed with stirring remarks and a few extracts from *Volume 9*, setting before us some of the opportunities that we have now in circulating our literature. Then Brother H. H. Hall presented some intensely interesting experiences resulting from the continual dropping, dropping of our convicting periodicals. Eccl. 11:6 was his text. If we sow the seed God will water it. The several here and there evidences of the result of sowing our literature, related by Brother Hall, certainly show that it pays to scatter liberally. To close the meeting, subscriptions to the Message for To-day Series of the *Signs* weekly were taken.

We were agreeably surprised last Friday when it was learned that Dr. D. H. Kress, secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, would address us that evening. He spoke of the degenerating influences of the human race, backing his statements with many interesting statistics. For the basis of his remarks he read Matt. 5:13-16—"Ye are the salt of the earth." In part, he said: "Salt contains preservative qualities; and so to the church of Christ, God has committed properties which are designed to preserve the world. Never was there a time when there was a denser darkness on the earth than at the present. During the year 1907, there were in France 20,000 more deaths than births. A recent writer called attention to the fact that if the present decline continues, by the year 2020 there will be no children in the United States five years of age." Dr. Kress explained this by comparing human life with a tree. "A degenerate tree will bring forth degenerate fruit,

and ultimately no fruit. The only way to make the fruit good, is to make the tree good." Three diseases—heart failure, apoplexy, and Bright's disease—were specially mentioned. "The amount of money spent in the United States for alcohol, tea, and coffee, is equal to the amount of money in circulation in the United States, including gold and silver coin, paper, and national and State bank-notes." Lela Bullock.

April 17.

Missionary Work

Three Rows of Potatoes

Dear home workers, if you are undecided as to whether or not you will continue sending out the *Signs of the Times* during the next series, feeling perhaps that you can not afford it, please read the following letter that has just been received at the *Signs* office:

"Find enclosed \$5.25 for three subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times*. I and my little eight-year-old boy earned this money by planting three short rows of potatoes last summer. It seemed to me that I was doing so little to help carry the word of God, that I must do something more in such a good work. So I told little Solomon we would ask God to bless our potatoes, and plant them for Him. God did wonderfully bless them. They were the finest potatoes that were raised on our farm. We sold them a few days ago and got \$5.50. Those papers that I am sending are to names and addresses in a place where the truth has never been preached, and the *Signs* is such a good preacher that I think they will save some. There will be three preachers in that county for a year, and their board and clothes will not cost anything. If the people are prejudiced against the truth, they will have to fight alone. They can not drive the papers from their doors. My prayers will go with them that some souls may be saved. My heart is for the Southern fields, as that is my native home. May God bless the publishers of the *Signs*, is my prayer; and may others help to scatter the literature as the leaves of autumn.

Should not such evidences of God's reward of faithfulness in His service, inspire us to keep working to bring

others to the truth? There is a special opportunity just now to increase this kind of work with the Message for To-day Series of the *Signs*. Perhaps it is being taken up in your church. Take a hearty part in the work. The Lord is blessing it. J. R. F.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Guided

In a recent letter from Brother C. O. Blincoe, who is one of the strong members of our "Pocket League," he sends the following interesting and encouraging experience:

"After earnestly praying to the Lord, a short time ago, that He would guide me to some one who might be hungering for truth, I went to Fullerton. At a certain home an elderly lady came to the door, but she was not interested in what I had to offer. I then handed her one of our precious tracts, 'The Home of the Saved,' calling her attention to certain expressions, and she was immediately interested. She then spoke of having purchased a copy of the *Bible Training School* magazine. When I informed her that I was a Seventh-day Adventist, she seemed very pleased, and began to ask me questions about the Sabbath. She cordially invited me in, and I gave her a Bible reading. After the study, she said that she would obey the Lord and keep the Sabbath. She also told me of a wonderful book that she had, and said that while she was reading it *the presence of the Lord filled the room*. I asked what book it was, and she showed me that grand volume 'The Desire of Ages,' and remarked: 'I think the one that wrote that book must be well acquainted with the Lord.' She had read the *Signs of the Times* for six months, and also 'Heralds of the Morning.' So we can see how our books and papers are preparing the people for the truth. It gave me great pleasure to give this lady the leading points of our faith, which she readily accepted, and expressed her wish to join our ranks. Surely God is doing a quick work among the honest, truth-seeking souls."

Ernest Lloyd,
Miss. Sec. S. Cal.

CALIFORNIA

Missionary Visits

Last week Brother W. D. Fleming, who is beginning his work as missionary secretary of the California Conference,

and I, made a short trip up the Sonoma Valley. The first meeting was with the church at Sebastopol. An excellent audience was present, and listened with interest to the items of progress in the work. There is a church school of thirty-two pupils at Sebastopol, and these young people have been doing missionary work. They have handled several hundred magazines lately, and are just now beginning a campaign with the *Temperance Instructor*. The missionary spirit in the church is growing. Almost twice as many copies of the *Signs* will be taken during the coming six months as have been taken. One of the eight papers taken by one of the elders is placed each week in a neighbor's home. Recently when it was delivered, the neighbor remarked: "If I keep reading this paper, you may make an Adventist of me." The Lord will bless the efforts put forth by the members at Sebastopol, not only with our own nationality, but with the Japanese as well.

At Santa Rosa we found Sister Edith Oakes working as hard for her little church school as if it were much larger. Four of the children are in a family that has just accepted the truth, and the church school is one factor that is tying them very closely to our work. Some work is done along tract and periodical lines, and the leaders feel hopeful that much more can be done. Brother Fleming will meet with the church there on Sabbath, the 29th, for a missionary rally.

A very brief and unannounced visit at Healdsburg was enjoyed. Prayer-meeting was in session, and it was gratifying to see the good attendance. Four persons not of our faith, who are patients at Dr. Wheeler's sanitarium, were present, and joined with the others in the good testimony meeting. A few minutes were given to encouraging our people to continue their work with the *Signs*. This will be taken-up further, and order for a good club will be placed very soon. Surely there should be bright prospects for the work at Healdsburg.

At Petaluma Brother Fleming met the elder and librarian, and talked over the work with them. The company is small there, and the people just now are very busy with thousands of little chicks. There is a willingness, however, to help in every way possible in the work of giving the message. J. R. Ferren,

Miss. Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

EDUCATION

and Young People's Work

Conducted by C. C. Lewis
Educational Secretary Pacific Union
Conference

Industrial Training in Our Schools

(Continued)

All of our intermediate schools and later academies were organized upon an industrial basis, and our older and higher schools have been forced into at least an outward conformity to the growing sentiment. Some of our church schools have made a beginning, but nearly everything in this direction is still before them.

What are some of the hindrances to this heaven-born reform?

1. Long-accustomed running in the groove of popular methods. We have been long there. Educated and brought up in it, everything runs smoothly, and we do not care to get out.

2. Efforts at reform, and mistakes of judgment in trying to reform, have been unmercifully criticized. "So many doubtful questions have been introduced, so many councils held, that every difficulty might be discerned, that the reformers have been handicapped, and some have ceased to urge reforms. They seem unable to stem the current of doubt and criticism."

3. The indifference of parents, and the ignorance of teachers with regard to industrial instruction.

This last hindrance is the greatest, and connected with it is one of the most important lessons which I would draw from our past experience.

Most of the students who came to Booker T. Washington's school during its first years brought either verbal or written messages from their parents that they wanted their children taught books, but did not want them taught work. They seemed to have the idea of getting an education in order that they might find some method of living without manual labor. Human nature, of whatever color, is much the same. Students still go to school to fit themselves for some light, indoor work; and few of them are am-

litions to become farmers, or gardeners, or fruit growers for God.

In Mr. Washington's school all this spirit has been changed. It has been many years since parents have raised a single objection to the industrial work. In fact there is positive enthusiasm among parents and students over the industrial work. Every year they are compelled to refuse admission to hundreds who wish to prepare themselves to take up industrial pursuits. The main burden of letters from parents now is that their sons and daughters may be taught some industry or trade in connection with the academic branches.

The explanation of this change of sentiment is found in the fact that Mr. Washington and his assistants had been thoroughly educated in industrial matters at Hampton Institute, Virginia. And herein lies the secret of our failure in this respect as Seventh-day Adventist teachers. We have not been thus educated. As our schools have arisen, there have been plenty of candidates trained in ordinary scholastic studies, but few trained in the best methods of teaching the industries. And we have been content to have it so. Let our actions proclaim, if this be not the truth.

We have months and years for post-graduate work in mathematics, science, literature, language, and what not. We have hours for special work to perfect our knowledge of our favorite subject; but who has minutes to learn how to teach sewing, or cooking, or gardening? Who attends summer schools to learn how to give scientific instruction in the principles and practise of agriculture? And yet we are told that "study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, C, of the education given in our schools," and that this is the very first work that should be entered upon. How long, then, shall we be content to let this reproach rest upon us as teachers — that we are indifferent to that which God has declared to be of first importance? Shall we not rather rise to the demands of the hour? Shall not every Seventh-day Adventist teacher fit himself to teach with at least one industrial subject?

Colonel Parker once declared that "the future of manual training is to introduce hand work as the principal factor of the first four years' work, to be continued in the four years of the grammar grades, and correlated with all other subjects. In-

deed, the ideal is to introduce manual training into all courses of study, from the kindergarten to the university."

Let the similar ideal be the ideal of every Seventh-day Adventist teacher. Let the effort to make the Bible, nature, and industrial lessons the basis of all other studies, receive our hearty support. Let teachers, if necessary, go to secular schools and secular books to obtain a knowledge of industrial facts and principles; and let them come back to the special instruction the Lord has given us to learn how to adapt these facts and principles to the purposes of the third angel's message. And let not one of us rest until Christian industrial training is extended to the work of every grade from the church school to the training school.

C. C. L.

Eighth Grade Examinations

At the Fresno conference it was recommended that the union conference department of education, in cooperation with like departments of the State conferences, take the superintendence of the finishing examination of eighth grade pupils.

In harmony with this recommendation, examination questions have been submitted to the State superintendents for criticism. It was intended to have these questions printed in such quantities as to supply every student with a copy of the questions for each subject; but some schools are already calling for the questions, and say that they must have them immediately.

With its present facilities, the department is unable to meet this demand in any other way than by sending, to every school requesting it, one typewritten copy of each set of questions covering the subjects of the eighth grade. Unless the teacher has the means of multiplying copies, it will be necessary for him to write the questions for each subject on the blackboard, and have the students take the examination at the same time.

It was also intended to issue these questions to the schools through the local conference superintendents; but the shortness of time compels us to change this plan, and issue them direct to the schools. Teachers desiring the examination questions should, therefore, write at once to C. C. Lewis, Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA An Industrial Home School

Recently while near Holtville, Imperial Valley, it was my privilege to visit the industrial school conducted by Brother and Sister Striplin, on their ranch near the above-mentioned place. It is seldom that one sees such well-behaved children, gathered from so many different homes, as I found here. With the exception of one from a Catholic family, the children are all orphans.

The school is conducted in a tent. Oil boxes on legs answer for desks; and boxes, for backless seats. Five different grades are represented by the nine children. Application for admission of four more has been made. If assistance could be rendered by some of our Missionary Volunteer societies in furnishing new or second-hand books or clothing, this might be accomplished. The local Missionary Volunteer Society has contributed several dollars toward the care of these children. They range in age from four to eighteen.

Sister Striplin is especially desirous of obtaining copies of Sister McKibbin's Bible Lessons. Any one wishing to assist in this enterprise may address the writer for further information.

D. D. Fitch

Brawley, Cal.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodi Normal Academy Notes

The literary society presented a Carleton program on its regular evening. The "First Settler's Story," "The New Organ," and "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse" were among the selections rendered.

Professor Howell gave a talk in chapel Friday morning on the value of being ready and willing to do personal work. Illustrations of foreign missionaries who were prompted by two words, "Please God," were cited as examples worthy of imitation.

The enrolment in the Foreign Mission Band still increases. The program for last time was both interesting and unique. One feature was the reading of mottoes and sentiments from foreign missionaries. These had been collected by the leader, neatly copied on slips of

paper, and passed to the different band members. Stories of how and under what circumstances some of these quotations had been uttered, enhanced the interest of the little exercise.

Before the opening hour had arrived for the teachers' music recital, the normal chapel was well filled. The program was as follows:

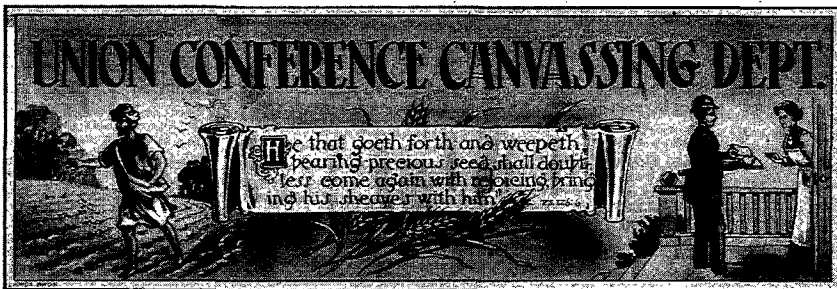
1. Sonata, No. 7 *Haydn*
Mrs. Taylor, Professor Wallace
2. Nocturne, Op. 37, No. 2, *Chopin*
Mrs. Taylor
3. Ballade, Op. 61, No. 1. *Mozkouski*
Professor Wallace
4. (a) Waldesgespräch,
Op. 39, No. 3, *Schumann*
(b) Good Morning *Grieg*
(c) Cradle Song
Mrs. Taylor
5. Hungarian Melodies, Op. 22, *Ernst*
Professor Wallace
6. Heaven Hath Shed a Tear *Rücker*
Mrs. Taylor, Miss Maycock,
Professor Wallace

The lesson in teachers' conference was conducted by Mrs. I. C. Colcord, being given in the form of a chalk talk. The lesson plan was to correlate drawing with geography and language.

Clearly we received a glimpse of the possibilities that are in the grasp of the one who can demonstrate with the hand while he dictates with the voice. The sample geography lesson was taken from Eccl. 1:7. After this came a second demonstration of the correlation of grammar and drawing. The sentences for analysis were chosen from an ordinary lesson in Bell's Grammar. "Chalk talks must be created in a moment; for they are to last but a moment, and to be erased the next moment." We are grateful that our teachers are at the present time enjoying some practical lessons in black-board sketching in the drawing room, under the direction of the regular art teacher, Miss Nellie Buchanan.

Lotta E. Bell.

Jesus bids him [Peter], "Follow Me." Do not run ahead of Me. Then you will not have the hosts of Satan to meet alone. Let Me go before you, and you will not be overcome by the enemy. —"Desire of Ages."



Report of Book Sales in Southern California

For Week Ending April 7, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Great Controversy"			
S. McJannet ¹ ¶	51	18	\$42.00
"Practical Guide"			
J. G. Smith and C. N. Young* ¶	84	21	81.00
"Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Daniel and the Revelation"			
Walter Harper	22		72.00
Miscellaneous			12.00
			\$207.00

¹Helps, \$8.45; *delivery, \$171.00.

¶ The "mark" reached again. Who will be the next?

Report of Book Sales in California Conference

For Week Ending April 7, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Daniel and the Revelation"			
H. S. Carter ^{*1}	62½	37	\$75.00
"Bible Readings"			
J. B. Goffar	5	4	14.00
H. E. Manning	25	5	10.00
"Heralds of the Morning"			
W. D. Fleming ²	19	1	3.50
"Practical Guide"			
Jennie Lukens	17	3	10.50
Mrs. E. D. Mills	16	2	8.00
D. M. Lawrence & wife [*]	75	27	100.00
			\$221.00

^{*}Three weeks' work; ¹helps, \$5.50; ²helps, \$6.55.

Men Wanted

Gentlemen, the crying need of the hour is manhood; not legislation, not organization, not agitation, but men, men who can stand in the presence of Christ and truthfully say, "The place

that I, occupy does not need reforming." Men who are ready and willing to begin the reformation of the world in their own hearts. Men who can say to the struggling brother, "Follow me."

I would like to write over the door of every workshop and business house in the land, "Men wanted." I would place on the wall of every schoolroom, college, court of justice, and legislative hall, "Men wanted." I would wreath it in ivy and gold over every fireplace, altar, and pulpit in the land, "Men wanted." I would engrave it on the mountainside, have it reflected on every shimmering wave, and waft it on the breezes of heaven, "Men wanted." I would teach the merry brooklets to sing it, the lakes to chant it. I would seize the finger of lightning, and write it in letters of fire across our darkened sky, "Men wanted." I would gather the thunder's roll, the cataract's roar, and the cannon's boom, and echo from ocean to ocean, "Men wanted." I would unite all the voices of men and the pleadings of women with the forces of nature to send one sublime appeal to heaven, "Great and infinite God, at the dawn of the twentieth century, give us men, clean men, pure men, courageous men, men who dare to do right because it is right." — "The New Man," by Newton N. Riddell.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Field Notes

"When a firm, decisive spirit is recognized, it is curious to see how the space clears around a man and leaves him room and freedom."

When we look at the time records in this report, we must conclude that some one has been manifesting a "firm, decisive spirit" to get out of the old rut that many of our canvassers have apparently been in for some time. These time

reports show that some one has been doing good, faithful work.

The time reported by Brethren Smith and Young includes that spent in delivering \$171.00 worth of books. Their delivery was a very successful one, they taking several extra orders, thus making a 100 per cent delivery. They report continued success in their work, although the territory where they are laboring was worked with the same book less than two years ago. This proves the statement so many times made, that canvassing territory for a good book will not wear it out, but rather water it for more good books.

Some may wonder how Brother McJannet could get in so much time in five days. According to his statement, he worked more than five days. He says: "I worked last Sunday out on the Indian reservation. A person can work with them all right on Sunday without interfering with their religion, because the priest goes out there occasionally when he feels like it, and tells them they are all right, and they hardly know what they believe." Surely we should have a burden for these ignorant souls.

We are very glad to have a report from Brother Harper, and to know that he is back on the firing line again after a much needed rest. He did not report the time put in; but from what we know of Brother Harper's work in the past, we are sure that he did not come far short of the "mark."

May the Lord continue to send forth into His vineyard laborers that will be willing to follow the examples that are set forth by these time reports, is our prayer.

C. C. Morlan,

Field Agent S. Cal. Conf.

CALIFORNIA

Canvassing Work in the California Conference

It sometimes seems remarkable how God points out the principal dangers that will delay the rapid progress of the work.

That picture where Christ is seen guiding the ship of His followers through the rough and stormy straits, with the ragged rocks of doubt and infidelity hardly discernible above furious lashing elements, well portrays the condition that we face to-day. If for any reason we leave that ship for one of our own, how soon will we be dashed to pieces on some rock unseen by us!

How many young men and women in our ranks would shudder if they could see the sin of neglecting to enter this work now! Listen! "The Lord calls upon those connected with our sanitariums, publishing houses, and schools, to teach the youth to do evangelistic work."—"Testimonies for the Church," volume 8, page 229. "The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists; to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth." "The highways [cities] and byways are yet unworked." "Time is short."

What is there to offer the young men and women who are waiting—waiting, perhaps, until it is forever too late, to enlist under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel? In volume 7, pages 110, 111, we read: "There is a work in California that has been strangely neglected. Let this work be delayed no longer. . . . San Francisco is a large and important portion of the Lord's vineyard."

There are a very few of the faithful class of workers called canvassers in these cities; but "where are the workers?" We cry for earnest, devoted, whole-souled canvassers to help warn these cities, as well as the byways. Will you be one to help?

Our band of canvassers in the bay cities meet every Sunday at three o'clock P.M. for study of the precious books, and ask the Lord to bless as we go forth.

Listen to what Brother H. S. Carter, one of our faithful workers, says: "More and more am I impressed that what is done in the way of warning these cities must be done quickly. How many we meet from day to day who appear to have no regard for God's word! But the faithful worker is encouraged to find here and there honest souls that are waiting for the last message. In looking over past records, I find that I have been enabled to place over 200 copies of 'Daniel and the Revelation' in the homes of the people in the past six months. There are still other orders to be delivered. To God we give all the praise for all that has been done. No financial inducements should attract men to the cities, but the love for perishing souls should bring many more workers. We plead, 'Come over and help us.'"

E. S. Horsman,

Cal. Conf. State Agent.

For Sale

Our home in Mountain View, Cal. Cottage of four rooms, bathroom, pantry, screened porch. Good cellar 22 x 22. City water and sewer connections. Two lots 100 x 150 feet; fenced. Water piped to garden; six outside hydrants. Chicken yard 30 x 100 feet, and barn for 50 fowls. Variety of 32 choice two-year-old fruit trees. Blackberries, raspberries, logan berries, strawberries, and grapes in bearing to supply family. Also garden. Three blocks from Seventh-day Adventist church and church school. The property is good. The price is right. Called to another field, reason for selling. Address J. H. Behrens, Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

Word from Africa

Many of the California friends will be pleased to hear from Brother and Sister Delmer Baker, who are taking active part in the work in British East Africa. Brother Baker left this State about eight years ago, first going to England, where Sister Baker (then known as Miss Anna Owens) joined him about two years later. After spending some time in this field as medical missionaries, they bravely answered a call to the dark continent of Africa, where they have been faithfully laboring ever since. From a personal letter to a friend, written January 4, 1911, we take the following extract:

"We are looking forward to great blessings this coming year, and hope at the close it may show that a large number of these people have taken their stand for the right. Our greatest desire is to see these people turn from their old ways. We expect to have a number baptized later on. Some are ready now, but we are waiting for those at Gendia. We are also expecting Brother Conradi out later, and we all thought it would be well for him to baptize those who are ready. We have some fine boys—as good as you can find anywhere, I am sure. We do not think of them as being 'niggers,' as some call them, but as clean Christian boys. There are often many things to make us feel downhearted; but when we see the change wrought in our boys, and their simple childlike faith, it does make us feel happy. If you could hear them talk and pray, you would wonder at the power of God. It is wonderful how it can change the heart."

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1911

Elder W. A. Westworth, who has recently arrived in California from China, brings word that thirty-two companies of Sabbath-keepers have been raised up in that heathen country simply through the reading of our literature. They have never had the opportunity of hearing or seeing a native or foreign Seventh-day Adventist.

Prof. M. E. Cady, of College Place, Washington, arrived in California last week, and was at Mountain View from Friday till Sunday. About two months ago, on account of his health, he felt it necessary to drop the heavy responsibilities so long borne as president of Walla Walla College, and take a very much needed rest. Professor Cady will remain in the State about one month, and plans to spend the most of this time at Pacific Union College, where he and Miss Katherine B. Hale will work on manuscript for "Nature Series, Book III." This book is the last of the series in preparation under this subject for the church school grades. The Pacific Press are anxious to have this series, as well as Mrs. McKibbin's Bible Series, and the True Education Reader Series, ready for use before the opening of another school year.

Wanted

Three young men to learn steam laundry business. Exceptional opportunities. Address,

L. M. Bowen, Manager,
Sanitarium, Cal.

Thanks

We wish to thank the friends who so kindly responded to the request for literature, made in a recent issue of the RECORDER. Many pounds of good matter were sent to us, and faithfully distributed among the homes of Los Angeles. Another lot of papers and magazines came in today. These will be placed within a week.

Eager hands are waiting for our message-filled papers, and they do not linger long in the office. This sort of stock is turned rapidly. An hour ago I met a good brother who told me that he was visiting a hundred homes a month—systematically—with our literature. The brother has several interested people on his list.

Nearly twenty are giving some of their time each Sabbath to this house-to-house work. They need ammunition. We must supply it. So we are again calling for those surplus papers "on the shelf behind the door." All that you can not use of *Review, Signs, Watchman, Life and Health*, and any other denominational papers, magazines, and tracts, will be gratefully received.

When you send material to Brother E. C. Jaeger, of Riverside, for his school work, please send ONLY the *Instructors* and *Little Friends*. All others may be sent as requested, to the Southern California Tract Society, 1018 Broadway Central Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ernest Lloyd,
Miss. Sec. S. Cal. Conf.

Central California Conference Camp-Meeting Notice

The first general camp-meeting of the newly formed Central California Conference will be held at Tulare May 18 to 28. Many matters of importance and interest will be up for consideration, and we trust that all who can possibly attend will make the effort and be there.

The Lord is richly blessing in the work, and we feel that the plans for advancing the truth here should be understood by all. Every department of the work will receive careful attention and study.

The place secured for this meeting is all that could be desired, being a park with beautiful shade-trees, water conveniently piped to all parts, and a large pavilion for the meetings.

The help of our leading brethren on the coast is expected. Railroad rates on the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads have been secured.

Begin now to plan to attend this meeting, and pray for God's rich blessing and protecting and guiding providence to be upon all His people.

J. H. Behrens, *President*.
S. G. White, *Secretary*.

"King's Business" Post-Cards

Correspondence is a great factor in the world's work. It may be made a mighty factor in missionary endeavor. Very likely we are not making the most of this important channel of influence. Next to a personal conversation, perhaps no other avenue offers such splendid opportunities for Christian service as that of correspondence. The statement is at least applicable to young people.

But so many youth to-day are making the worst possible use of the art by scattering cheap, sentimental post-cards that are actually lowering moral tone.

We all know this. What we want is something better—some good substitute that is worth while. So we have started a series of post-cards known as "The King's Business Series," carrying messages of hope, courage, and cheer. These are already meeting with considerable favor.

Six different cards have been issued thus far. We are now planning to use some of the "gem" paragraphs in "Education" and "Desire of Ages" on these cards.

Why not turn our most ordinary correspondence into some account—for the Master's sake? Perhaps you are doing this. Encourage others to do so. Send ten cents for samples of these attractively printed cards—one cent each.

Southern California Tract Society, 1018 Broadway Central Building, Los Angeles, California. E. L.

Unbelief is seldom overcome by controversy. It is rather put upon self-defense, and finds new support and excuse. But let Jesus, in His love and mercy, be revealed as the crucified Saviour, and from many once unwilling lips will be heard the acknowledgment of Thomas, "My Lord and my God." —"Desire of Ages."