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The Church

Sketches of the Past—No. 119

Although steps had been taken to have in the ministry only those who were straight on the message, there had not as yet been established any regulation for the distribution of ministerial labor. Each one was left to decide his place of labor. The Lord permitted some things to happen to show us the necessity of order in that line. For instance, three ministers would go to a church to spend the Sabbath where they really did not need the help of one minister, and the people of themselves would suggest to the ministers that it might be better had some of them been where they could instruct those who knew not the truth. Through the Testimonies (which are "for the work of the ministry," Eph. 4:11, 12), about this time (1860), began to come instruction that the ministers and leading brethren "should assemble and counsel together regarding the field, places of labor of the ministers," etc.

Thus "planning their labor, they would save such confusion as had arisen."

In harmony with such instruction a "council of ministers and laymen" was held in Battle Creek, Michigan, Sabbath and first day, June 9, 10, 1860. This was an important step, which, in 1862 led to a conference organization in Michigan. At the time of the aforementioned council, Michigan had more ministers than any other of the States, and so was expected to furnish laborers for the more needy fields. One important topic considered in this gathering was the distribution of labor. Elder M. E. Cornell was assigned to Ohio for the summer, and I was to join Elder T. M. Steward with the Wisconsin tent.

Accordingly I went to Illinois June 14. After holding meetings at Round Grove, Crane's Grove, and Mackford, Wisconsin, Brother Steward and I joined our forces in a tent meeting at Marquette, Wisconsin, on the shores of a beautiful lake, having Brother Rufus Baker as tent master. This effort continued from June 29 to August 4. Our meetings were largely attended. Nearly a score accepted the truth, some of whom, in after-times, as the Hallecks, were earnest missionary workers. We had opposition discourses to meet, but from two ministers who had not attended our meetings. The review of their efforts only tended to settle many that we had the truth. On Sabbath, July 14, twelve took their stand with us to keep the Sabbath.

Just at that time an unfortunate era came to our cause in Wisconsin. There came to the place, from New England, a professed Seventh-day Adventist minister, with a wonderful burden on the subject

of sanctification. I did not fancy his theory, but my fellow laborer was anxious that the man, whose name was Welcome, should have liberty to speak. So on the evening after the Sabbath referred to above, he held forth in the tent. It seemed to me his thrusts against obedience to the law, when he professed to be a Sabbath-keeper, and his exaltation of sanctification, when "all our thoughts would be from the Lord," would lead to fanaticism.

Unfortunately, the new doctrine began then and there to take, and did indeed, in a few months after, as we shall see further on, lead to a state of things which is called in Testimonies, volume 1, page 312, "the most unreasonable, foolish, wild fanaticism that ever cursed Wisconsin." On page 322 of the same volume, it is plainly stated, "This strange fanaticism in Wisconsin grew out of the false theory of holiness, advocated by Brother K [K was the same professed Adventist minister before mentioned], a holiness not dependent upon the third angel's message, but outside of present truth."

From Marquette we took our tent to Lodi, Wisconsin, and held meetings there from August 7 to September 2. These meetings were well attended, and several accepted the truth. Among them was a boy, some ten years old, by the name of H. W. Reed, who, at the close of the meetings, told his mother he was "going to keep the Sabbath." She thought he could not do it. He said, "I can shut myself in my room and keep it." His perseverance led his mother also to obey. He is the same Reed who for many years has been preaching the third angel's message, and a younger brother of

his is now the editor of the *Signs of the Times Monthly*. From Lodi we took our tent to Cherry Grove, Illinois, where from September 7 to 17 we held forth. Then as cold fall rains were coming on, we packed away our tent at Brother Berry's, at Crane's Grove, and I returned to Battle Creek, Michigan.

There another council and general gathering of our people was held from September 28 to October 1. In that council it was arranged that I should return to the State of Wisconsin for a few weeks to follow up the work at Marquette and Lodi, and visit other companies in Illinois. It was also planned that Elder White go to the State of New York to attend a council at Kirkville, from October 12 to 14, and also hold meetings at Rochester and Olcott, New York, Gilboa, Ohio, and at Hillsdale, Michigan.

Accordingly each of us began to lay our plans for the expected trips, but on the evening of October 6, Brother White, in company with Elder Cornell, came to my house, and said, "I feel strangely in regard to our proposed trips. I do not feel free about going East. I do not know what it means." We all engaged in a season of prayer over the matter. As stated in Testimonies, volume 1, page 244, "Then the clouds parted, and the clear light shone. My husband [Elder White] felt that the Spirit of the Lord was directing him west, and Brother Loughborough east. After this they felt clear as to their duty, and moved accordingly."

We knew nothing as yet of the fanaticism that was developing in Wisconsin. How the Lord directed to check this fanaticism is thus expressed in Testimonies, volume 1, pages 228, 229: "In Wisconsin there was a wrong to be corrected. The work of Satan was taking effect, and would destroy souls if it was not rebuked. The Lord saw fit to choose one who had had experience with fanaticism in the past, and had witnessed the working of Satan's power."

J. N. Loughborough.

It had been difficult even for the angels to grasp the mystery of redemption,—to comprehend that the Commander of heaven, the Son of God, must die for guilty man. When the command was given to Abraham to offer up his son,

the interest of all heavenly beings was enlisted. With intense earnestness they watched each step in the fulfilment of this command. When to Isaac's question, "Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham made answer, "God will provide Himself a lamb;" and when the father's hand was stayed as he was about to slay his son, and the ram which God had provided was offered in the place of Isaac,—then light was shed upon the mystery of redemption, and even the angels understood more clearly the wonderful provision that God had made for man's salvation.—"*Patriarchs and Prophets.*"

The Field

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Young People's Convention at San Diego

The first in a series of conventions for the Missionary Volunteers in Southern California was held in San Diego Sabbath and Sunday, January 6 and 7. The leaders in the San Diego and Paradise Valley societies had taken hold heartily to prepare for this convention, and every meeting was carried through with a spirit of enthusiasm and harmony.

Sabbath afternoon the Paradise Valley society furnished the program. Brother B. E. Tefft presented a paper on the organization and work of the young people. The key-note was service. He dwelt upon the needs in the different fields, and emphasized the fact that the object for which our young people are organized is to help fill up the ranks and close the message. Sister Henson read a paper on "Reporting," a stirring appeal to the members to be faithful in recording their work, not only for the inspiration of others, but that it may serve to stimulate the individual to do a larger work. The relation of the church to the young people's department was spoken to by Sister F. W. Paap, secretary of the Missionary Volunteers in this conference. It was heartily agreed, in the discussion, that the Volunteers, in their organization, are a branch of the church, to work with the church, under its protection and counsel. The standard of attainment was discussed in this afternoon service.

The morning hours on Sunday were given to the work of our young people. "How can I as a member help to make my society a success?" was answered by Miss Esther Swanson. She showed that upon each individual, however small his influence may be, depends the success of the work. It was an excellent paper. Dr. Tindall gave a stirring talk on the social side of the young people's work, emphasizing the thought that true sociability depends upon our association with the Master. "Let us be sociable with the Master, and our influence will have an uplift in it."

Brother J. R. Ferren conducted a most profitable study on missionary correspondence, illustrating with experiences the fact that "carefully planned letters are increasing the results of our efforts to reach others with the truth *through the mails.*" (Testimonies, volume 9, page 123.) Brother Ferren has recently prepared a very helpful tract on the subject, and every church missionary society should have a supply for its members. Copies will be gladly furnished free by the tract societies.

A good supply of Missionary Volunteer literature was purchased by the young people attending the convention, and about fifty dollars' worth of books and pamphlets, including a number of "The Acts of the Apostles."

After the last session, Sister Paap met with the leaders of the Volunteer work in San Diego, and arranged for more advanced steps in connection with the hospital and the jail, on the boats, and in the distribution of our literature. The hearty way in which the leaders have taken hold is most encouraging. We believe our Volunteers are moving forward, and indications point to a year of greater service for the Master.

Ernest Lloyd.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Central California Conference to Be Held at Hanford February 1 to 5

An invitation is extended to all the members of our conference to attend this very important session, as matters of great interest will come up for consideration. It may not be amiss to mention a few:

- (1) The forming of a legal association to hold the church and other properties of the conference.
- (2) Arrangements will also be made

for the future of the Armona Academy and its work.

(3) At what time of the year shall we hold our conference? Shall it be in connection with our camp-meeting, or separate from this gathering?

(4) Steps should be taken for disposing of our obligation assumed at the time of the Fresno conference.

(5) The several departments of the conference will each present recommendations for the guidance and furtherance of the Lord's work in our field. It is therefore important that we have as large a delegation as is possible, in order that we may plan the work of the Lord for the coming year understandingly together.

We are pleased to say that the Hanford and Armona churches have promised to provide accommodation for all delegates. But all who are thinking to attend, unless they are delegates, should send their names to Brother Fred Brown, 215 Porter Street, Hanford, California. The delegates' list will be sent from our office to the committee on location at Hanford. Those coming to the church direct should go to the corner of Ninth and Harris streets. Inquire at the station for some one to direct you. And above all things, pray that the Lord shall be glorified in all that is done at this our first session of the conference.

J. H. Behrens.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Chico Missionary, Sabbath-School, and Young People's Convention

The two days' convention held at Chico Sabbath and Sunday, the 13th and 14th, was a success. This was particularly evidenced by the testimonies given in a praise service at the conclusion of the Sabbath afternoon session. Quite a unique program was rendered. The different papers on Sabbath-school work were written from the standpoint of its relation to the church, etc.; the young people's dwelt upon the word "influence;" and the missionary upon "results."

These meetings were well attended, there being a number from Paradise, some from Corning, Willows, Princeton, and others from rural districts. While there were two long sessions each day and one at night, yet the large church building was well filled at every gathering.

Besides our secretaries, Prof. I. C. Coleord and Mrs. Mina Mann rendered valuable assistance. The fathers and mothers were pleased to meet these instructors of their children; and the instructors were glad to be able to report to these parents the good work being done by the youths in the Lodi Normal.

After the reading of a paper, "The Relation of the Sabbath-School to Foreign Missions," it was suggested by a home worker that a collection be taken, at which time \$18 was taken up.

Subscriptions were taken for twelve Signs to be used by the students at the Lodi Normal, and eleven by the Chico Missionary Society. It was thought this number would be raised to twenty in a little while.

The interest was such that we remained with them a week, holding night meetings. Brother W. S. Holbrook is continuing the services, with some outside interest. We, together with our Chico brethren and those in that part of the field, thank God for the good that was accomplished in this effort, and pray that He will continue the same in us until the day of redemption.

C. L. Taggart.

"True as the needle to the pole,
Or as the dial to the sun."

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TITHE RECEIPTS

From the Central California Conference Churches for the Years 1910-1911 with a Summary of Mission and Sabbath-School Offerings for the Ten Months Ending December 31, 1911

Name	Tithe Jan.-Feb. to Cal.	Tithe 10 Months	Total Tithe 1911	Tithe 1910	Sabbath-School	Missions
1. Armona	\$ 170.66	\$2,634.36	\$2,805.02	\$3,290.19	\$ 174.95	\$ 704.90
2. Arroyo Grande	10.85	155.91	166.76	366.42	33.40	73.76
3. Bakersfield	319.87	623.61	943.48	287.95	135.11	327.43
4. Barstow Colony	28.22	624.27	652.49	299.12	25.32	102.81
5. Burrough	6.00	241.90	247.90	275.59	20.41	84.67
6. Dinuba	189.50	2,200.26	2,389.76	1,561.64	134.29	952.01
7. Dinuba (German)					11.94	22.00
8. Exeter		212.78	212.78	313.00	57.08	377.31
9. Fowler	18.57	235.43	254.00	1,001.34	27.86	132.62
10. Fresno	418.67	4,432.01	4,850.68	3,169.60	413.23	1,400.55
11. Hanford	125.17	1,125.26	1,250.43	1,540.63	53.07	398.56
12. Hollister		207.92	207.92			42.10
13. Island	141.55	702.08	843.63	608.43	68.25	162.49
14. Lemoore	127.35	980.94	1,108.29	1,191.44	63.50	176.21
15. Laguna	51.55	919.84	971.39	395.39	83.37	150.47
16. Lockwood		91.50	91.50	831.09	.84	
17. Lindsay Co.					14.07	33.47
18. Madera	14.15	47.42	61.57	146.24	6.04	1.50
19. Monterey	6.35	163.55	169.90	132.50	15.87	26.75
20. San Luis Obispo	39.35	487.21	526.56	229.48	24.85	53.21
21. Selma	33.01	918.81	951.82	1,057.76	71.27	149.65
22. Tulare		20.24	20.24		5.00	4.05
23. Visalia	137.25	218.23	355.48	14.85	45.79	102.00
24. Wallace District	209.59	229.66	439.25	246.69	18.74	38.40
Totals	\$2,047.66	\$17,473.19	\$19,520.85	\$16,959.35	\$1,504.25	\$5,520.92
Personal		558.36	558.36		184.71	352.94
Received by Central Cal. To California two months		\$18,031.55	\$20,079.21		\$1,688.96	\$5,873.86
		2,047.66				
		\$20,079.21				
					\$17,473.19	
					2,047.66	
Tithe received from churches of Central California during 1911						\$19,520.85
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Gain received in tithe from the churches of Central California Conference for the year 1911						\$ 2,561.50

S. G. White,
Treasurer.

Fallon

Brother B. E. Baldwin writes, after taking treatment at Brother J. H. Miller's sanitarium at Fallon: "Many have been restored to health, and souls have been directed to 'the Lamb of God.' The sanitarium influence is a help to the work. God has wrought some wonderful cures. A number have been baptized at the sanitarium.

"A poor unfortunate man who had tried to end his life came here in a mutilated, fainting condition. From loss of blood he was unable to raise his head. When asked why he committed such an act, he replied: 'I had been drinking, and was out of money, and felt that all friends had forsaken me, and that God had forsaken me, and I did not want to live.' When told that Jesus died for sinners, he said, 'Had I known that, I never should have done it.' He was a man of education and refinement. As soon as he learned of the blessed Saviour, during convalescence he very diligently read the Bible and inspiring books. When he left, he said, 'Won't you pray for me?' A few days later he wrote a card, saying, 'Pray for me, and I will pray for you.'" O, the souls that are longing for deliverance! May God help us to be light bearers. Brethren, Nevada needs your prayers.

V. M.

CALIFORNIA

Results

The following experiences are taken from Brother Hall's report at the annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association held January 22, 1912:

This has been a year of results in the book work such as we have never witnessed before. Brother Limerick reports four women keeping the Sabbath in Missouri from reading a copy of "Prophecies of Jesus" sold twenty years ago, but which had only recently been taken down and read. Under date of October 24 he says:

"Sister Allen has found four women keeping the Sabbath, and praying for some one to come who believed in the things taught in the book. The answer came when Sister Allen crossed the threshold of one of their homes, all unconscious of the fact that she had been

sent in answer to prayer. The woman grasped Sister Allen by the hand and said, 'I am so glad to see you; let me shake your hand.'"

Some three years ago I was conducting a canvassing class on "Heralds" at the Bozeman (Montana) school when a young girl by the name of Grimes came in for instruction. She has since canvassed during vacations with both books and papers, with the best of success. Imagine my pleasure in reading the following last night from the North Pacific *Gleaner*:

"About one and a half years ago Miss Grimes was canvassing in Anaconda and selling magazines at the same time. She sold a paper to a Mr. Platt. He read it, and liked it so well that he subscribed for it, and after reading would give to his brother to read. We received a letter from him this fall asking for a worker to visit him. Elder Foster called, and found that not only had Mr. Platt stepped out, but his family and brother also. They are rejoicing in the truth, and doing all they can to interest their neighbors in the message. One young lady is already in the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington preparing for foreign work, and another is planning on entering one of our schools. Six are now keeping the Sabbath and walking in all the light, as a result of the sale of that one *Signs* magazine."

And here is a letter dated December 11, 1911, from a Salvation Army captain in Kansas:

"While in ——— I was giving a series of lectures on the beasts of Daniel and Revelation, when a friend, becoming greatly interested, and being well acquainted with the subject with which I was trying to deal, loaned me a chart containing all the beasts of the two books, a picture of the Son of man, the pope's tiara, and the three last angels. I am arranging to go through the chain of thought here the first of the year, and would like to know whether you can furnish me with such a chart; and have you the chart with the 2,300 days?"

Let us pray that the copy of "Daniel and Revelation" which he now has will bring not only the special light for which he is looking, but its associated truths as well.

When I was at the seminary at Washington recently I met a very intelligent appearing man by the name of Dr. Wood. Not until some time afterward did I

learn that it was through one of our canvassers who sold him "Great Controversy" that he came into the truth. I quote the following experience as related by Brother Painter, our union agent in the Northern Union, who wrote me about it last summer. Dr. Wood had just returned from a seventeen year mission in India, and was in charge of a congregation in North Dakota:

"Brother Charles White (the canvasser who sold the book to the doctor) was asked to speak to his congregation on Sunday evening, and gave a good temperance lecture. Before closing the meeting, the Rev. Dr. Wood arose and offered some remarks in which he highly commended the young canvasser. He also advertised 'Great Controversy' from the pulpit, and told the people it ought to be in every home. Besides subscribing for it himself, he wrote a recommendation for it in Brother White's prospectus. To finish it all, he told the people that Brother White was a self-supporting missionary, and asked two young ladies to pass hats for a collection. The result was \$4.20 to help the canvasser out on his expenses."

Over in Brother Dayton's territory there is a certain section where our ministers have tried in vain to hold meetings. A German minister had been instrumental in closing the schoolhouse, and had in other ways prejudiced the people so meetings could not be held. But a young canvasser approached that minister with "Great Controversy," secured his order and recommendation, and then successfully canvassed the whole neighborhood. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee: the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain."

At our convention last week in College View, Nebraska, Brother Manny, field agent of North Missouri, asked permission to read a letter he had just received. His story and the substance of the letter are as follows:

"Last fall one of my workers was canvassing a lady for 'Bible Readings,' who didn't seem interested, but her husband did, and they finally ordered it. When delivery time came the man was sick, but anxious to read his book. The letter is written by that wife, and tells of her husband's death, but contains this message to the canvasser, 'Tell that man I died a Seventh-day Adventist.'"

"In all my experience in the book

work I have never seen the results I have witnessed the past year," said Brother C. G. Bellah at our College View convention, after telling of four different persons that had come into the message in one conference from the reading of our truth-filled books.

Let us rejoice in the possession of an agency that is being so abundantly blessed to the salvation of precious souls.

As though it were not enough for His Spirit to accompany the gospel canvasser as he goes from home to home, that Spirit has often preceded the worker in a very definite way, as the following experiences sent to us by Brother Dayton go to show:

"A family had been swindled by agents so many times that the husband had forbidden his wife to order anything more from them. In the meantime Mrs. — had a dream that impressed her greatly. It seemed that the sky was inky blackness, and suddenly there appeared two beautiful shining faces out of the darkness. She considered this a warning of some kind, but knew not what. In a few days a canvasser came to her home and explained 'Great Controversy.' She at once thought of the dream, and was sure it had something to do with the book, but she did not know whether it was a warning not to order, or an impression to take it. Finally she ordered it. After reading it she and her husband were convinced of the truth, and began to keep the Sabbath, not knowing that there were any Seventh-day Adventist people in the world.

"The truth was so dear to them that they had to pass it on. They persuaded the woman's sister to read the book, and she and her husband also were convicted of the truth, but lacked the faith to step out. It was not long till this sister also had a dream. It was a scene of Christ's coming. As He drew near she could see His face. It was not angered and stern as she feared, but sad as He looked upon her. She said, 'We are lost because we have not obeyed the truth,' but when He passed over and vanished, she realized it was a warning and they had another opportunity. When she awoke she told her husband all about it, and he said, 'Indeed it is a warning, and I shall never work another Sabbath.'"

Truly the time has come when "it shall come to pass afterward, that I

will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit."

Mountain View

Some facts and figures of absorbing interest were presented at the recent annual business meeting of the Mountain View church. Reports show that practically every line of missionary endeavor was carried on during the year, and all together, 1911 proved to be one of the best years in the history of this church.

As the treasurers of the various societies read their reports, it was seen that the offerings were passing the best records of previous years. The tithe paid amounted to \$5,831.71, an increase of \$1,500 over 1910, the average resident membership being about 190. The church missionary society reported receipts amounting to \$345.20, and the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers raised \$347.37. The church school treasurer reported receipts totaling \$865.80, and a cash balance on hand at the end of the year.

The Sabbath-school offerings amounted to \$534.08, all of which, according to the usual custom, was sent to foreign missions. Each quarter through the year showed an increase, and the record for the year was about \$32 in excess of any previous year. In addition to this over \$55 was expended for supplies.

A grand total of about \$2,200 was raised by this church for the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. Due credit should be given to numerous friends and well-wishers in the Santa Clara Valley who generously donated about \$200 of this amount when the Harvest Ingathering Number of the *Signs of the Times* was distributed.

The total receipts from all sources exceeded \$10,547, of which only about five per cent was used for local expenses. The remaining ten thousand dollars has been dedicated to the support of the ministry and the advancement of home and foreign mission work. While the members are gratified by the showing made, they are by no means satisfied. Bearing in mind the crying need of those who sit in darkness, they are even now planning for larger offerings and

greater activities during the year to come.

Clyde Lowry.

Humboldt County

Last Sabbath, while at Eureka, I baptized into the church, in full faith, five adults. Three more are awaiting baptism next Sabbath.

Brother J. W. Bressie and the writer have been at Bulwinkle for over a week, holding nightly meetings. The attendance runs from forty to seventy-five.

Elmer Gassaway, who was drowned in the ocean twenty-one days previously, was found January 8. After he was carried away by the undertow, the family and friends watched the beach night and day until his body was found. Services and interment took place at Arcata on the 10th inst. S. T. Hare.

January 14.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Elder J. O. Corliss and Brother B. M. Shull, from Mountain View, were guests at the sanitarium for a short time this week.

Miss Kate Sierke, of Pacific Union College, is at the sanitarium for treatment. She will soon be able to resume her work.

Miss Grace Van Horn, who has been spending her three weeks' vacation with relatives at Selma, has returned to her post of duty.

The Sanitarium church school will close on Friday, the 19th, for a two weeks' vacation. There was no vacation during the holiday season.

Little Eleanor Bowen is the happy possessor of a W. C. T. U. silver medal, which she won about one week ago. The medal bears the motto "Cigarettes must go."

The standard of attainment class has been studying Elder J. N. Loughborough's "Great Second Advent Movement," and will finish their study of the book on Sabbath, January 20.

Dr. H. L. McCubbin, of Reno, Nevada, brought Dr. R. A. Buchanan, of Lodi, to the sanitarium on Thursday, January 18.

The latter had to be brought on a stretcher, and he is accompanied by his daughter Miss Edyth Buchanan.

Mrs. J. Seriver, of Sacramento, is again at the sanitarium for treatments. Sister Seriver is just recovering from a three weeks' attack of la grippe. She has been here only a few days, but is already feeling decidedly better.

Elder B. E. Beddoe, Brother and Sister G. O. Wellman, and Brother J. Cornish were among those who made brief calls on friends here on Thursday on their way to their homes after spending a few days at the Pacific Union College.

The chaplain—Elder C. L. Taylor—and local elders—Brother Z. Thorp, Brother L. M. Bowen, and Brother Walters—and Dr. George Thomason, attended the meetings held at the Pacific Union College this week. About twenty-five or thirty workers from different parts of the conference were in attendance.

Three of the young men helpers at the sanitarium, had a narrow escape on Thursday night while out driving. The carriage, with its occupants and the horse, went over an embankment. No one was seriously hurt, however. Two of the boys were ready for duty the next morning, but one will be confined to his home a few days.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

January 19.

Educational

Lodi Normal Institute Items

Bulbs and plants for our school garden and rooms would be welcomed.

Prof. I. C. Coleord attended the dedication of the church at Turlock January 20.

Brother and Sister Little leave in a few days for Honduras, to engage in missionary work.

Heating of the furnaces in the students' homes by gas-burners, is now being given a trial.

The students' recitals are becoming quite popular, and we are promised a teachers' recital in the near future.

Word has come from a sister conference asking for one of our normal student teachers to fill a vacancy. This is the second request that has come in recently.

Each student teacher has been asked to fix up the class room where she holds her classes, as she would if it were her own schoolroom. We are looking for good results.

Our Canvassing Band now numbers forty-four. These meet each Thursday evening for an hour's study of their two books, "Great Controversy" and "Heralds of the Morning."

The young people's bands are calling for more *Signs* to use. If any wish to help along the good work, subscribe for as many copies as you can to be sent to the Lodi Normal. Sixty cents pays for a copy weekly for six months.

Two of the teachers—Prof. I. C. Coleord and Mr. Verah MacPherson—went with Elder and Mrs. C. L. Taggart and the writer to Chico January 12 to 15 to attend the Sabbath-school, young people's, and missionary convention held at that place. They report an enjoyable and profitable time.

Elder J. N. Loughborough occupied the chapel hour last week, and his talks were thoroughly enjoyed by the students. It is inspiring to see the wonderful activity of Elder Loughborough, and his unusual power in giving the recital of the past, present, and future of this glorious third angel's message and the people connected with it.

Secretary Normal Faculty.

Missionary Work

Missionary Endeavors

"They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief." Joel 2:9.

This scripture describes how the magazine work, the circulating of tracts and various kinds of reading-matter, is carried on, and blessed by the Lord. We see a literal fulfilment of these words in the young lady workers on the streets meeting the people and selling the magazines. I do not know of any walls large enough for them to run upon; but the other day in Redwood Mrs. Fleming saw a man on top of a telegraph pole, and told him he ought to have a magazine. He threw a dime down to her, saying to leave the paper at the bottom of the pole.

We have had some wonderful experiences of late showing that the Lord is finishing the work.

At San Jose the Young People's Society are doing a fine work. They are starting to hold meetings at the county jail on Sundays at 11:30 A.M., which we pray may do a great good. The Dorcas Society have taken up a definite work in aiding poor families with food and clothing, using this as a means of reaching and teaching the women voters of San Jose the principles of religious liberty. May all our sisters in California see the need of doing this work, and take hold of it.

We were glad to see two young sisters from Mountain View down the evening after Sabbath selling *Signs* on the streets of San Jose.

Following is a report of magazine work for two weeks ending January 20:

	Hrs.	Copies	Value
Miss Ruth Crane	33	225	\$22.50
Mrs. W. D. Fleming	42	702	70.20
	75	927	\$92.70
		W. D. Fleming,	
		Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.	

Prayers Answered in the Canvassing Work

I have just closed a canvass of about six and one half weeks. In this short time, the Master has heard prayer, and given success in taking over \$1,225 in orders for our good books, outside helps, etc. Besides this, over \$100 worth of orders were given for the jewel casket of truth, "Ministry of Healing;" and in addition to all of this, some \$50 or over for Spanish "New Testament Primer," "Steps to Christ," etc. This is a most conservative estimate.

I see so many tokens of God's love and care, wonderful answers to prayer. I

CALIFORNIA MISSIONARY REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1911

Items of Work	Healds-		Morgan			San Jose
	burg	Eureka	Hill	Melrose	Ukiah	
Missionary visits	29	16	...	...	...	4
Hours Christian help .....	...	59	4	...	...	5
Sick assisted	11	...	1	...	...	...
Meals provided	17	...	...	...	...	...
Clothing given away .....	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tracts given away	19	34	21	173	100	516
Papers given away	324	109	100	1460	150	36
Books lent	6	6	3	5	3	1
Letters written	6	4	...	...	1	1
Letters received	4	1	...	...	...	...
Periodicals sold	50	...	...	...	...	...
Subscriptions taken	324	...	...	2	1	...
Bible readings held	10	2	...	...	...	5
Number attending readings .....	...	1	...	...	...	...
Children brought to S. S.	9	...	...	...	...	...
Amount collected for missions .....	...	...	\$2.25	...	...	...
Reading racks filled .....	...	...	2	...	...	...

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 12, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Central California						
J. L. Hoffman	P.G.	15	8		\$36.00	
Harry C. Bond	Heralds	33	14		34.00	
Harry L. Hoffman	P.G.	4	2		10.00	
3 Agents		52	24		\$80.00	
Southern California						
Minnie Dye*	P.G.	42	10		\$38.00	\$17.50
E. R. Button	P.P.F.	10			17.20	3.10
C. T. Adams	P.G.	15	6		29.00	3.50
Miscellaneous			8		19.50	
					\$103.70	\$24.10

*Two weeks.

seek God much in prayer. He does regard our pleas. Ps. 102:17. I believe some fruit for Christ will be seen as a result of all these good books sold. Remember this work in your prayers, I ask of you all. It is wonderful how the Spirit of God is now calling the Spanish-speaking people the world over. They respond, too. We are surely soon to see greater advancement in God's truth.

Walter Harper.

January 14.

A Smile

Nothing on earth can smile but man! Gems may flash reflected light; but what is a diamond-flash compared to an eye-flash and a mirth-flash! Flowers can not smile; this is a charm that even they can not claim. It is the prerogative of man; it is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness, and joy — these three. It is a light in the windows of the face, by which the heart signifies it is at

home and waiting. A face that can not smile is like a bud that can not blossom, and dries up on the stalk. Laughter is day, sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both — more bewitching than either.— *Henry Ward Beecher.*

Obituaries

CHURCH.—John M. Church, an early pioneer of Fresno County, died at his home on First Avenue North, Fresno, on January 7, at 6:00 P.M., of carcinoma. He leaves a wife, three sons, and three daughters, besides a number of immediate relatives, to mourn their loss.

Brother Church was born in Georgia, November 12, 1849, and was therefore sixty-two years of age at the time of his death. He settled with his father near Sacramento in 1852; afterward moved to Napa, and settled in the neighborhood of Centerville in 1869. He was

acquainted with the conditions of pioneer life.

About thirty-five years ago, through reading-matter, he accepted the faith of the Adventist people, being a faithful member of the church till the time of his death. He was a charter member of the Fresno church, served on the board of trustees for many years, and was a member of the Central California Conference Committee. The thing dearest and nearest to his heart was the cause of God and the triumph of the third angel's message.

Brother Church was resigned to go to his rest in hope of the reward at the coming of the Master, who will raise the dead, clothing them with immortality, to a life of joy and bliss.

J. H. Behrens.

CONNICK.—Mary E. Connick was born in New Brunswick, October 24, 1824, and died January 10, 1912, making the ripe age of 87 years, 2 months, and 17 days. She became a resident of Humboldt County, California, thirty-five years ago, and has been one of its most widely known pioneer women. Besides nine children she leaves scores of friends to mourn their loss. At an early age she was converted to the Baptist faith, and about twenty-four years ago embraced the truths of the third angel's message, to which "blessed hope" she clung till the "battle-scarred saint" lay down to rest.

Many glowing tributes might be paid to her memory, but no wreath of rhetoric, however ornate, could crown her magnanimous soul.

"None knew her but to love her; None saw her but to praise."

The funeral services were held at her home in Metropolitan, California, where a large company gathered to attend the obsequies. The writer took from its shelf her Bible — that time-worn volume — and read to the sorrowing friends some of its precious promises that she in life had marked.

Truly "the hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." S. T. Hare.

Wanted

To correspond with any woman wishing to do kitchen work. No washing. Salary \$25 a month. Address Mrs. J. H. Miller, Fallon, Nevada.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1912

The annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association was held at the home office in Mountain View Monday, January 22, according to announcement. A report of this meeting will be given in next week's issue.

Brethren A. A. Cone and H. H. Hall returned the latter part of last week from the bookmen's convention just held in College View, Nebraska. On his return trip, Brother Cone stopped a short time at the Utah Conference office.

After little more than a three weeks' absence from home, Brother J. R. Ferren returned to Mountain View last Monday. He has been assisting in field and office work in Southern California since the recent Loma Linda bookmen's convention.

The union conference office has recently ordered *Liberty* magazine for one year sent to the editors, attorneys, and county supervisors in California. To each of these individuals a letter has also been sent, with reference to the paper. Returns of all descriptions are coming in in response to these communications. While many of the letters are very unfavorable, still a few are most encouraging, and these more than offset the unappreciative. One attorney says: "Notify me when to subscribe for *Liberty*. Keep me on the list." Another: "I thank you very much for sending me *Liberty*, and appreciate it. However, to help you along, I am enclosing you postage stamps for 25 cents to cover it." One other: "I thank you for your courtesy, and enclose you 25 cents to renew my subscription."

Cancelation of Appointments

Word has just been received from the brethren in San Bernardino County that such an interest has sprung up in the meetings started by Dr. D. H. Kress and others in Riverside and adjacent towns that it was felt there would be a serious loss should Dr. Kress leave at this time. Hence they have requested that Dr. Kress's appointments in the North be canceled for the present. It is his plan to fill these appointments later. Perhaps he will not be able to get around to it until after the union conference. Notice of future appointments will be given in due time.

G. A. Irwin.

Please Do Not Forget

Attention has already been called in previous numbers of this paper to the religious liberty offering to be taken the first Sabbath in February, and the reason why this should be a very generous offering. We hope that an effort will be put forth on the part of all who read this to notify those who do not receive the paper—to tell them what has already appeared regarding the strenuous campaign that is just before our people. Let the officers of the churches do all they can by exhortation and by example to make this offering what it should be, in order that the work to be done in the education of the people on religious liberty lines may be amply sustained.

Why Not?

In other words, why not subscribe for the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER? This is not to exhort those who are already taking it, but for those who are taking it to exhort those who do not take it, that they may have the RECORDER from this time forward. You may ask, Why is it of so much importance? The answer is quickly given: We are entering upon one of the strongest campaigns in religious liberty lines that has ever dawned upon the work in California. Those who do not have the RECORDER will be handicapped in keeping abreast of the times, because they will be obliged to take their information second hand. You do not want to do this. The RECORDER will keep the people constantly informed as to how the battle is going, and you need the RE-

CORDER in order to be enlightened on these lines. Will those who have this paper bring the matter before the brethren of the church, and get every one who ought to have it to subscribe? Let no one give up his effort until each family in the church has the paper. Let the officers of the church see to this at once. If not, why not?

Railroad Rates to Central California Conference

The usual one and one third rate has been granted over both the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe line to the Central California Conference session to be held in Hanford. When buying ticket, the purchaser should state that he is going to the Central California Conference, and request from the agent a receipt certificate. This receipt, when signed by the secretary of the conference, will, upon presentation to the ticket agent, entitle the holder to a return ticket at one third the usual fare. Tickets can be purchased January 22 to February 5, and are good to return February 1 to 10 inclusive. No reduced rate can be secured unless receipt is taken for fare when ticket is purchased. These rates will apply providing fifty persons are in attendance at the meeting.

S. G. White, *Secretary*.

Central California Conference Notice

The first annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Hanford, California, February 1 to 5, 1912. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers of the conference for the ensuing year, and for the transacting of such other conference business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m., February 1.

All churches in the conference are entitled to a delegate representation at this session on the following basis: One delegate to represent the organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty church-members. Unorganized companies will be represented by the delegates at large.

J. H. Behrens, *President*.

S. G. White, *Secretary*.