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The Church

The Sanctuary

It is important that the Lord's people, in this time, have the true light on the sanctuary question. Of this we read in volume 4 of "Spirit of Prophecy," page 313, published in 1884, also in last edition of "Great Controversy," page 488.

"The subject of the sanctuary and investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need a knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise it will be impossible for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time, or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill."

In Testimony No. 33, page 113, we read: "All need to become more intelligent in regard to the work of the atone-

ment which is going on in the sanctuary above. When this grand truth is seen and understood, those who hold it will work in harmony with Christ to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God, and their efforts will be successful. By study, contemplation, and prayer God's people will be elevated above common, earthly thoughts and feelings, and will be brought into harmony with Christ and His great work of cleansing the sanctuary above from the sins of the people. Their faith will go with Him into the sanctuary, and the worshipers on earth will be carefully reviewing their lives, and comparing their characters with the great standard of righteousness."

As this question is of so much importance, we should indeed be thankful that such clear light is, at the present time, presented concerning it in our papers. It is well to avail ourselves of these helps in the study. I have lately completed the reading of a book written by Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference, entitled "A More Excellent Ministry." It presents, in a concise manner, interesting points bearing on the sanctuary and its priesthood. It is a complete refutation of false theories on the priesthood of Christ. It may be obtained through any of our tract societies. In cloth binding, 75 cents; in substantial paper cover, 25 cents. The book should have an extensive circulation. It is worthy of it.

J. N. Loughborough.

Our Foreign Literature — No. 5

While we have been learning a few facts concerning the great foreign population in this country, I am sure that you have begun to feel that some very definite movement should be made to bring

the message of salvation to all these people whom providence has thus placed in our midst; and has not the feeling arisen in your heart for a desire to help in some way to be a blessing and help to some of these people?

I am glad to tell you that there is a way that you can help if you desire to do so; and not only you, but all and every one that will, can help. You may not be aware of the fact, but I am glad to inform you that we now have literature in seventy different languages and dialects. This is a great achievement. In some of the languages, such as the German, the Scandinavian, and some others, we have a good variety of larger books as well as the smaller booklets and tracts. But in the languages of the people from Southern Europe, such as the Italians, Hungarians, and many others, our literature is the smaller books, such as "His Glorious Appearing," "Steps to Christ," with a number of tracts.

While we greatly regret not having laborers in all these foreign tongues, still much good would result from a judicious circulation of this literature, and in this you can take a part. And the best of it is that we can do much of this without having a knowledge of the language.

Yes, here is an opening by which nearly all our people could help greatly to spread the message. You will find the foreigner everywhere, and you can readily learn whether he is an Italian, a Pole, a Hungarian, or of some other nationality. Every conference tract society should have on hand a supply of publications in these languages, and your church librarian should have on hand publications in the languages of the foreigners in that community, and call the

attention of the church to that fact from time to time.

Why should we not inaugurate a real missionary campaign for the circulation of our literature in foreign tongues? By this means a great good would be accomplished. Why should not our churches and individual members give this matter immediate attention? There is great need for such a campaign.

In this, as in all missionary work, we need to use care and discretion. All literature is not equally appropriate at all times. It would be very unwise to put the tract "Rome's Challenge" as the first one in the hands of a Catholic neighbor. He would hardly be prepared to understand it and be helped by it. Rather use such tracts as the "Suffering of Christ," "The Coming of the Lord," and others of similar nature.

We shall be glad to furnish any one who wishes it a catalogue of our foreign publications. All you need to do is to send a post-card and ask for it; then as you see what we have in the different languages, you can make your selection and get them from your church librarian, or if they are not on hand, have him secure them.

As a preparation for this and all lines of missionary work, a heart filled with the love of Christ, and overflowing with love for needy humanity, is the best and most important, and this preparation is available for all who will seek it.

Preparatory to handing out any literature, make a friendly acquaintance. Many of these foreigners are new, having but recently come to this country, and naturally timid and shy; therefore a friendly acquaintance is of the greatest importance. Such an acquaintance will open the way for them to be interested in the reading-matter you may place in their hands.

We invite correspondence, and shall be only too glad to render any assistance that we can by way of information concerning the foreigners in our country, or our literature in these languages. We also have periodicals in Italian, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Lettish, and many others. A club of these can readily be obtained for circulation. We do hope our people will consider these suggestions and take up this good work. Our address is 3645 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

O. A. Olsen.

The Field

We Have Not Forgotten You

We have not forgotten you, but I wonder if you have not forgotten us with your multitudinous things to do, your home comforts, and the pleasant associations of kind friends. While we have a personal interest in your remembrances, there is still another interest of greater importance to be remembered, and that is the foreign field. The Lord can not come, brethren, till our work is done in these fields, no matter how soon you may finish your work over there. These places look to you for support. God in His wisdom started the third angel's message in America, with its wealth of resource. But He did not give it to us over there because He loved us more than others, but that we might let our light shine to the earth's darkest corner. Let us be careful that we do not make the same mistake that the favored Jews did in shutting up to themselves the light that God gave to them for others. We beg of you from these needy fields, hold not back the money over which God has made you stewards. Give, and give now, while it will do good.

"I saw that if any held on to their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: 'The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. O, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!'" — *Early Writings*, page 57.

Send us your best young men and young women. There are thousands in heathen darkness waiting for the saving knowledge of the third angel's message. You speak of your large cities. But remember that we have, in Japan the fourth largest city in the world, and in China the ninth and tenth largest. Calcutta has a population of 1,026,978; Shanghai, 1,000,000; Bombay, 776,006. Kobe is not a great deal smaller than San Francisco, while Manila will compare favorably in size with Los Angeles. Look

at this comparison. The State of California, with a population of about 2,000,000, had, in 1911, fifty-six ordained ministers, twenty-three licentiates, and fifty-six with missionary license, besides teachers, canvassers, nurses, and physicians. The Philippine Islands, with a population of nearly 8,000,000, had one ordained minister, four licentiates (natives), and three colporteurs. Does not that look as if we need some of your workers?

You may be interested in a little report of our last quarterly meeting held in Manila, June 29, 1912. There were eighty-seven present. Twenty-three were taken into the church, making our membership 127. The following is the report read at this meeting.

Quarterly Meeting.

This report was written and read by the clerk — a native. He read it first in English and then in Tagalog.

"On June 29, 1912, the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Manila, P. I., met at 613 Nozaleda, Paco, for the sole object of celebrating the ordinance of humility and of holy supper. Soon after the review of the Sabbath-school lesson, hymns were sung and prayers were offered. Then the roll was called, the following of which were absent [thirty-two names, which I will omit. They include Elder and Sister Finster, who are away on their furlough, and Brother Ashbaugh who is canvassing some distance from this place].

"When the roll was over, we admitted into the church those who were baptized May 19, 1912. Each of them answered satisfactorily to the question given in behalf of the church. They were [11 names I will omit].

"Convicted of their sins and moved by the Holy Spirit, the following persons were led to submit their names for church-membership subject to baptism [eight names omitted].

"Given to the world and mindless of his duty for his own security, we dropped one of our members who resides at Navotas, Rizal [the name omitted].

"When this was over, we proceeded to the real object of our meeting. With songs and prayers and tender brotherly love, we observed the ordinance of humility, bearing in mind and realizing in its true sense the words of our Lord which say, 'He that is exalted shall be lowered, and he that is lowered shall be exalted.' We then, with faith, partook of the broken body of Jesus and His

"He best worships God who best serves men."

spilt blood in symbols, knowing that that body was broken for our salvation and that blood was spilt for our redemption. It was not without meditation, nor was it without prayers and sincere humiliation of hearts before the Lord, that we did this act. We hope that as we do it in symbols we shall also have a part of its reality in the great marriage of the Lamb if we remain steadfast unto the end, for plainly He says to the overcomer: 'And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely!' How great is the promise! How wide is the invitation! And this ought to keep us ever sincere and ever faithful to Him who is all in all. Finally, we closed our service with a song, and parted from each other with peace and blessing in our hearts, and greater consecration for our Lord Jesus Christ."

This was read at our last quarterly meeting, which was held Sabbath, September 28, 1912. There were twenty-three taken into the church, and no one was dropped at this meeting. Here are some of the testimonies born by our native brethren and sisters. These were all given in Tagalog.

A sister: "I feel that the coming of the Lord is very near. I am thankful that I can keep God's law because of God's help. I am anxious to meet the Lord."

A brother: "I am sometimes tempted to leave the truth, but God's grace helps me. I am weak, but I hope to be in the truth till death."

A very old sister: "I am thankful that at my age I am permitted to know the truth."

A young sister: "I am very thankful, for I feel His guidance in my path. His word is always a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

A young man: "Endless thanks! Through help of the Lord, I am not overcome by temptation. I hope for more help in the future."

A sister, weeping: "God knows I am weak, and I can not do anything without Him. I hope for God's help."

Our evangelist: "When I was at Halolas, God worked strongly, thousands listened to me, and I was exalted. Because of pride, I was humbled. I feel that every day I am prepared to receive Him."

These are our brethren in Christ, and the Holy Spirit can make them love the

truth as much as we do. Pray for them, that they may be fed the bread of life.

Elbridge M. Adams.

803 Georgia St., Manila.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Schools and Young People

The church school work is onward in this conference. We have twelve schools and sixteen teachers, located as follows:

<i>Enrolment</i>	
Turlock: grammar, Jessie Hicks	.....12
Turlock: primary, Edith Oakes	.....20
Reno: Phyllis Sargent	.....17
Esmerelda: Oleta Butcher	.....5
Chico: C. D. Stone	.....25
Lodi: grammar, J. W. Rich	.....44
Lodi: intermediate, Mrs. I. C. Coleord	30
Lodi: first primary	
Mrs. Chas. Alsberge	.....14
Lodi: second primary, Addie DeVoe	.....17
Acacia Grove: Mrs. P. L. Hanson	.....22
Hughson: Lottie Angell	.....11
Paradise: Mrs. Daisy Clough	.....11
Sacramento: Alma Fink	.....16
Salida: Iva Ackley	.....31
Modesto: Ruth Benton	.....31
Corning: Lelah Austin	.....3
Total	.....318

The schools are all doing good work, and special attention is paid to the missionary feature. We have decided to use our donations from the church schools this year to send a boy or boys to the Waterloo Industrial School, Sierra Leone, West Africa. The children are much interested in this, and on a recent visit of mine to Modesto, the children told me that they intended to raise enough in that school alone to send one boy. We are sure they will, for they have averaged over a dollar a week thus far.

The young people's work is also progressing slowly. A society was organized at Modesto November 2. As fast as possible, we are getting in touch with all the young people of the conference, and making special effort to have the reading course pursued. Quite a number are responding. We should urge all young people in this conference who are members of the church and not members of a Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society to send in their names to the conference secretary for membership in the conference society. The donations from the young people of this conference will go to purchase a tent for the work in South America.

Alice Mina Mann,
Church School Superintendent
and Sec. of M. V. S.

Conference Items

Elder F. De Witt Gauterau baptized five at Woodland last Sabbath.

Elder J. N. Loughborough spoke to the Brethren of the Lodi church Sabbath, November 9, on the nearing of the end.

The convention for Sacramento has been changed from December 7 and 8 to November 30 and December 1. Let all concerned please take notice.

The tent meetings have closed at Winton. The owner of a fine store building had granted the free use of the same, saying he would take his pay in preaching.

It is expected that the convention at Turlock, November 23 and 24, will be largely attended. Much interest is taken in planning the work to follow on Monday.

Elder J. D. Alder writes us from Utah that he is getting along very encouragingly in the work in that field. He is now a member of the conference committee.

The Winton people, better known as the Atwater church, expect to attend in a body, the Sabbath-school and missionary convention to be held at Merced November 16 and 17.

The Salida brethren will soon have their church ready for dedication. This will be one of the neatest church buildings in this conference. We might add that it will be free from debt.

Elder C. L. Taggart spoke to the brethren of the Lodi church last Sabbath on the finishing of the gospel work in the earth, and in the evening spoke on the Eastern Question, to a large congregation.

The same conditions exist to-day as in the time of the Saviour, the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Our people are especially reminded of this in connection with the week of prayer. It is planned to render ministerial help as far as possible. An exchange of church elders is suggested for some of the churches.

Merl Horton,

Lodi Normal Institute

Several new students have matriculated during the past week.

Prof. William Wallace gave an instructive and interesting lecture on music in chapel Thursday morning.

The canvassers' band has been divided into three classes; namely, one for the study of "Great Controversy," another for "Heralds of the Morning," and the other for the book "Bible Readings."

Books from time to time have been donated to the school library until there is a collection now of three or four hundred dollars worth, but they have been kept on open shelves in a corner of the chapel. On a recent visit made by Brother W. E. Tong, of Salida, to the normal, he donated material for book-cases with doors. The above named articles of furniture will be made in the school carpentry shop. When the students were told of Mr. Tong's kindness, they immediately gave him a rising vote of thanks.

On the afternoon of November 5, at 4:30 the chapel was well filled with an expectant audience awaiting the opening number of the first students' recital. Each number was creditably rendered, considering the newness of the year, showing earnest effort and careful application.

The following program was rendered:

Autumn	<i>Chaminade</i>
Esther Gage	
Article on Freak Scales	
Excell Giddings	
Worship of God in Nature	<i>Beethoven</i>
Mr. Scheppler	
Pastorale	<i>Metcalf</i>
Pearl Whitmore	
Mountain Stream	<i>Smith</i>
Margerie Rudy	
"Still Wie die Nacht"	<i>Bohn</i>
Nellie Buchanan	
Venetienne	<i>Godard</i>
Dorothy Thew	
Hazel Mack.	

ARIZONA Safford

Mrs. Courter and I have not been entirely idle since coming here to do self-supporting missionary work. Each Sabbath I preach to the little company of Spanish-speaking people. It is trans-

lated into their tongue by Brother Lorenzo Barila. I have baptized one into the church. We have gone out with our horse and buggy and distributed our papers — *Life and Health, Review, Signs of the Times, Liberty*, etc. We have a few interested ones who wish to study the Bible.

Mrs. Courter has been treating the poor sick people, and giving counsel as to what to do, until she has a big name in caring for the sick. People come three and four miles, bringing their sick babies, children, and themselves, for medicine, treatment, and advice. The Mexicans and the white people all come with sores, dropsy, fevers, indigestion, etc., for help.

Sometime about the middle of August, a babe eight days old was taken with spasms, caused, no doubt by its grandmother giving it saffron tea; but as they knew not what was the matter, they continued to give it saffron tea and whisky. Both grandmothers, friends, and neighbors were in to see it die, when it was suggested that my wife was a skilful nurse. They came after her and she went; and by the use of hot and cold water for six hours, the spasms finally ceased, and the baby could react. It got well at once, and the people called it raising the dead. Other interesting cases might be given.

H. F. Courter.

November 5.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Conference Notes

Words of courage are coming from the churches, concerning the relief campaign.

Elder J. R. Patterson reports seven new Sabbath-keepers at Monterey, and several more interested.

One aged brother in Fresno has sold twenty-four "Christ's Object Lessons" since the campaign opened. He reports great blessings received.

The secretary was called to Arizona to visit a sick brother. His absence from the office will make the reports and statements a little late this month.

The following is taken from a letter received from one of our church clerks: "The 'Object Lessons' work has awakened us. Every one is taking an active interest in the work, and a large portion

of the money is already pledged. It is a great work, but by God's help we can and must finish it." True it is a great work and great results will follow.

G. A. Wheeler.

CALIFORNIA Fort Bragg

After the conference at Santa Rosa last June, I came to Fort Bragg. Fully two thirds of the people here are Italians and Finns. I found it a very hard field indeed in which to work. There are more than thirty saloons in the place. Even members of the popular churches here think nothing of entering those dives and taking a drink. They told me of a Sunday-school teacher who was so intoxicated that he was scarcely able to stand while he taught his class.

Our high standard of righteousness sounds to them like fanaticism. Many say they believe our message, but the standard is so high that they could never attain to it. They think it about all they can do to reach the standard of their lodges and nominal churches.

Several times, the way has been so hard and the work has gone so slowly I thought I should have to withdraw from the field. Once my finances ran down to 10 cents. But that very day I received a little help and two encouraging letters, so I pressed on.

Then a man who had heard and rejected the message years ago, came to the meetings, and also to my private tent, and inquired about the interest. I thought he was going to take hold of the truth, but I found he was only spying out the interested ones. He would go to them privately with Canright's book against our message, and discourage them. He was successful in turning two men back, which was very sad to me. If I had been supported from the Lord's treasury, I should perhaps have thought it a waste of means to stay so long with such little results. But as I am doing self-supporting work, I remained. Now we have a Sabbath-school of eighteen, all new members, with a promise of three new ones next Sabbath.

Since I entered this work, I have held eighteen series of meetings. In all but one of these, I have seen visible fruit; but in none of them has the way seemed so dark, and obstacles so great, as at this place. But, praise the Lord, He has shown Himself mighty to save during the past month. My heart is full of praise and courage.

I wish I could tell you about some of our Sabbath-keepers, how the sisters do their work on the preparation day, and men come home early Friday from their work and get ready for the Sabbath. Two men bring their entire families to Sabbath-school. A young man—an Italian—brought up a Catholic, has secured a Bible, and comes to Sabbath-school. He looks up all the references, and takes great interest in the lessons.

I must tell you about a little boy who had his traps set to catch rats. His mother saw sticks in his traps, and came in and said, "Son, your traps all caught sticks yesterday." He said: "I know it. I put them in there Friday evening. I did not want my traps catching rats on the Sabbath." 2 Cor. 7:11, first part.

I believe the Lord has a great work to be done here yet. It is hard for me to work alone. And still I am not alone, for the Master is my constant companion. I will rest on the blessed promises of Matt. 19:27-29. Pray for the work in Fort Bragg.

J. W. Bressie.

November 6.

California Bible House

Two orders from Eureka recently called for 175 "Family Bible Teacher."

The subscription price of the *Review and Herald* will be \$2 a year after November 15; \$1 for six months; 50 cents for three months.

"We can not do without these helps any longer," is the way one sister writes from Watsonville in subscribing for the *Review*, *Signs* weekly, *Youth's Instructor*, and *Our Little Friend*. That is the way the most of our people feel about our truth-filled papers.

Seven subscriptions to the *Review and Herald* in less than ten minutes was the record at the Berkeley church a few Sabbaths ago. When Sabbath-school was over, Brother A. C. Giddings asked if there were not some who would like to join the *Review* family. Before church commenced, he had seven names on his list, which was turned over to the church librarian. We are glad to welcome these readers.

Between 1,300 and 1,400 copies of *Liberty*, third quarter, have been sold in San Francisco and Oakland during the last few months. Besides these, more than

1,000 *Life and Health* have been disposed of. The *Signs Magazine* is also a good seller. The November and December numbers are filled with good things. In the November number are articles by Frank S. Weston and C. L. Taylor on "The Desire of All Nations" and "God's Rule in the Kingdom of Men." They are intensely interesting.

"The New Phase of Spiritualism," "The Government and the Trusts," "The Heaven-Opposing Powers of Earth,"—these are only three of the excellent articles to be found in the December *Signs Magazine*. The article on Spiritualism takes up the announcement of Miss Stead that she has had a communication from her dead father, who was lost with the wreck of the Titanic. She makes some very startling statements, and the editor contrasts them with the Word of God. The ineffectual dissolving of the Standard Oil Company is taken up in the article on the trusts. Since this gigantic trust has been dissolved by the United States government, it has increased in value about five times. Not much of a dissolution! You will want to read the whole article, and the prophetic application that is made at the close. The current topics, dealing with the revelations of Thomas Lawson, are of more than usual import. Sister E. G. White's article on the times of William Miller explains the work of this great man, so much misunderstood by the people of to-day. A beautiful snow scene is used for the cover design. The sun hangs low in the sky, the heavy clouds will soon precipitate the frozen flakes, and one almost feels the cold. The price of the magazine is \$1 a year; 10 cents a copy.

Frank Coffin.

Religious Liberty

Unexpected Development

Right on the heels of the announcement of the utter defeat of the Sunday Best movement in California, by reason of the failure to secure the number of signatures required to force the presentation of the proposed law by recourse to the initiative to a vote of the people, comes the decision of the attorney-general of the state on another measure, that leaves the matter open yet for more than another year.

In a long opinion, covering many pages of typewritten manuscript, the attorney-general holds that supplemental petitions to initiative measures, seeking to place proposed acts before the people for approval, may be filed in the office of the secretary of state up to January 1, 1914. This opinion was presented in answer to inquiry regarding the status of the poll-tax initiative, asking when the filing of supplemental petitions would be cut off.

The view taken by the attorney-general regarding these rights of supplementing filings is distinctly strained, the plain letter of the law being opposed to his construction; but if his interpretation of the law should be allowed to stand, it would open the doors wide for the continued filing of petitions on any proposition that might have failed to elicit sufficient signatures by the first canvass for so long a time as almost to insure ultimate success, if the advocates of the desired enactment should be at all persistent in collecting signatures. It would be a most unpopular measure that, in a state having nearly if not fully a million voters, should fail to elicit the approval of 31,000 voters to its submission to a vote of the people.

Under the opinion of the attorney-general, all the initiative measures which failed to secure a place on the ballot to be used at the general election November 5 would still have a chance of finding opportunity for later submission two years hence. This revives the proposition of a weekly day of rest, the anti-prize-fight act, the state market exchange, or producers' exchange, and others which failed to secure the endorsement of the necessary eight per cent of the vote cast for governor at the election last occurring in California.

Doubtless before any such objectionable act as some that have been proposed in the past could be acted upon, an appeal would be made to the state supreme court, by writ of prohibition or otherwise, to prevent its presentation on the official ballot to be used at the polls. And it seems highly probable that so marked a departure from the plain letter of the state law as that of the opinion of the attorney-general, would receive a proper rebuke from the court. But until such action, matters stand in a new and unexpected condition.

This unexpected development affords new and ample incentives for the generous distribution of literature in defense of civil and religious liberty, for

only by a campaign of education can the influences working to subvert the guaranties of the state and national constitution, as well as the inalienable rights of individual citizens, be overcome. While the initiative enables the public to secure an expression from the people on worthy measures, which may have been ignored by the legislature, it stands as a convenient means of forcing the consideration of unwise enactments, which might receive the hasty endorsement of state legislation. Let us be quick to counteract this fresh blunder of legal interpretation.

J. F. Blunt.

Missionary Work

More About the Selukwe Reserve

Plumstead, C. P., South Africa,
September 18, 1912.

My dear Friends in the General Conference Sabbath-school Department:

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge your valuable services in working up so large a thirteenth Sabbath offering, through the Sabbath-schools, for the opening of the Selukwe Reserve Mission.

There is something remarkable about the overruling of God's providence in the opening of this mission station. We had applied for the lease two years ago. It was granted, and a year ago Elder Anderson called at the office of the government, and was informed that they were just ready to send out the papers for signature. Almost another year passed. When I called at the government office, they said the papers were not there, and they supposed they had been sent out for the signature of our mission superintendent. When informed that he had not received them, they began looking them up by writing to their office at Bulawayo. The application had been made at the office in Salisbury. The feature that seemed to us remarkable was that the papers were found and sent to Brother T. J. Gibson for signature just at the time when we learned that you were taking the thirteenth Sabbath offering for the opening of the Selukwe Reserve Mission.

After the General Conference Committee decided that they could not grant the appropriation we asked, we felt that we must go right on with our plans in faith, although we could not see where

the money would come from, for the opening of this station, when the lease was obtained. We can now very easily see that the Lord knew how it was coming all the time. He held the lease in abeyance until the proper time, and shaped the plan for the thirteenth Sabbath offering to meet the needs of the Selukwe Mission just at the moment when we were ready to enter upon the work.

I wish to express my appreciation to you personally for the interest you have taken in the matter, and to assure you that it is greatly appreciated by the South African Union Conference and the Selukwe Mission. You can imagine that it was quite a surprise to us, for we had not the slightest hint that you were doing anything of the kind until the American papers, containing the appeals for that purpose, reached us. At first we thought that it must be a mistake, and that the name of the mission for which the collection was being made had been a misprint. When we saw by other reports that it was confirmed, we thanked God and took courage.

Assuring you that we are most grateful for this substantial interest the Sabbath-schools have taken in the work in Africa by sending the money for the original opening of the work in this field, by aiding, by the constant Sabbath-school offerings, in the general offerings for the support of the foreign mission work, and by this special offering in this time of our need for the opening of the work in the Selukwe Reserve; and further assuring you that the interest thus taken by the Sabbath-school Department in our work in Africa, places us under renewed obligation to devote ourselves faithfully to the advancement of the work in this great field, and that we constantly remember the Sabbath-schools in our prayers, we are

Faithfully yours in Christian service,

R. C. Porter,

Pres. So. African Union Conference.

Kansas City

A few weeks ago the Kansas City (Missouri) church enjoyed a good Sabbath morning sermon, and at the close organized a vigorous campaign along missionary lines, selecting as their material a club of two hundred copies of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs*. They soon found that an insufficient supply, so increasing the club to 311 copies each week. And the article that appeared in the November *Workers' Rec-*

ord adds an interesting bit of history. It reads:

"Our club of weekly *Signs*, which was started a few weeks ago, has been increased to 311. The first number came last week, and every one was anxious to get them so as to begin work. We look forward to many openings for Bible study as the result of these papers. The attendance at the Sabbath services has been excellent. On the last two Sabbaths, the church has been practically filled. The Spirit of the Lord has been present in a marked degree. Sabbath, October 5, after a discourse revealing the sufferings of Christ and His people, several arose for prayers, and the congregation arose in a body for reconsecration. Last Sabbath, at the close of the morning hour, opportunity was given for souls to surrender to God. Five earnest souls responded. Among those was a young man and his sister who were reared in an Adventist home, but who had given up their hold upon God. Another sister was one with whom we have been holding readings the past summer. Two boys gave their hearts to God for the first time. We request your earnest prayers for the work in Kansas City."

It shows that a working church is a live church, and speaks loudly in appreciation of a real live coworker—the *Signs*.

We say, with the editor of the *Record*: "This example should be followed by every church in the conference, and by isolated Sabbath-keepers. This splendid missionary paper has been the means of bringing many hundreds of people into the light of present truth."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Field Notes

Several Home Workers' Prospectuses have been ordered and are now in the field. Some very interesting and encouraging reports are coming in, which, we hope, will be an inspiration to others who have not yet begun work.

The writer called on one sister yesterday who had just begun work, and in three and one half hours she had taken eleven orders; value, \$6.00. She averaged about two orders for every family she visited. The people tell her that they never saw such good books for children. Many other people would say the same thing if our home workers would make use of this precious opportunity, and let the people know what beautiful and valuable books we have.

Another sister, who has been doing excellent work with the new prospectus, sends in the following report: 21 hours, 42 orders; value, \$24.90. In her letter with the report she says in part: "When I see what others are doing, my report seems very small; but whatever I do is that much more than would be done if I did nothing at all, so I am not discouraged." From the above report, we see no reason why this sister should be discouraged.

Brother C. E. Hutchins, who has taken up the book work in this field, is doing excellent work in the city of Los Angeles. Brother Hutchins has met with excellent success in the canvassing work in the East, and we are glad to welcome him to our field.

C. C. Morlan.

REPORT OF PERIODICAL SALES IN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1912

"Life and Health"

	Copies	Value
Mrs. S. Graves	600	\$60.00
G. H. McCoon	300	30.00
Miss Rhoda Osborne	50	5.00
Miss E. S. Maxfield	50	5.00
Miss Ruth Crane	40	4.00
Mrs. J. Hantz	25	2.50
Mrs. L. Fries	25	2.50
Office Sales	65	6.50

"Liberty"

Miss Ruth Crane	425	42.50
Miss Florence Morser	150	15.00
Miss Carrie Bryn	50	5.00
Mrs. M. Shrewsbury	50	5.00
G. A. Ferry	100	10.00
Miss E. S. Maxfield	50	5.00
Office Sales	16	1.60

"Watchman"

Mrs. S. Graves	200	20.00
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"Signs"

Miss E. S. Maxfield	50	5.00
Office Sales	43	4.30

Chinese "Signs of the Times"

Miss Florence Morser	109	10.90
Miss Ruth Crane	107	10.70
Mrs. Mary I. Adams	50	5.00
Office Sales	15	1.50

Temperance "Instructor"

Mrs. Wm. T. Vaughn	150	15.00
Miss Ruth Crane	25	2.50

Miscellaneous

Office Sales	704	199.85
Totals	3,549	\$474.35

This is an increase of \$119.35 over September sales. What will be the November gain?

H. B. Thomas,
Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

For Sale at a Sacrifice

Six-room modern bungalow, with bungalow barn, well, windmill, berries, flowers, lawn, etc. Nearly new, and in first-class order. One half mile from the Lodi Normal Institute, Lodi, California. For price and terms, address owner, C. P. Moon, 1241 Third Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delwerea
Southern California						
*W. B. Findley	P. G.		9	\$4.00	\$36.50	
T. E. Williams	D. R.	48	4		16.00	
C. E. Hutchins	P. G.	41	23		90.50	
**E. F. Mathis	B. R.	33			25.00	
W. O. James	H. H.	11	11		27.50	
Mrs. J. H. Hodge	H. W.		35		18.65	
6 Agents				\$4.00	\$214.15	
* 40 hours delivering.						
** 2 hours delivering.						

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1912

Southern California						
C. E. Hutchins	P. G.	37	24		\$91.00	\$8.00
E. F. Mathis	B. R.	38	9		29.00	
T. E. Williams	D. & R.	40	4		13.00	
Mrs. J. H. Hodge	H. W.	21	42		24.90	
C. D. Chapman	H. W.	7	7		2.25	
Mrs. L. R. Davidson	H. W.		15		9.85	
Miscellaneous					11.00	
6 Agents					\$181.00	\$8.00

California

*O. H. Shrewsbury	Heralds	64	35	\$3.00	\$86.50	
C. O. Blincoe	P. G.	31			81.00	
2 Agents		95		\$3.00	\$167.50	
*2 weeks.						

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE SALES
September and October, 1912**

	Signs Mag.	Watch- man	Life & Health	Temp. Inst.	Lib- erty	Protes- tant	Total
Mrs. A. M. Althaus	334	111	30				475
Mrs. Jenkins	190	68	270				528
August Mahlman	44	49	25				118
Mrs. M. M. Malody	100						100
J. W. Sypher		100					100
Will Strickland	40	100	516	351	20		1,027
Mrs. Kate Strickland	66	56	32		10		164
Mrs. Celia Wilson	10	26					36
Mrs. Isabella Richmond	100	100	100		50	50	400
Loma Linda Students		100	300				400
Vegetarian Cafeteria			100				100
Office Sales & Miscellaneous	436	210	489	4	20	25	1,184
Grand Total	1,320	920	1,862	355	100	75	4,632

For Sale

Ten acres 1¼ miles from Hemet, California, and 1¾ miles from San Jacinto. One half set to young apricots, and one half ready for alfalfa. A double water right. Price \$3,500.

Also, eighteen acres 3 miles from Hemet, and 3½ miles from San Jacinto, with four-room house and good barn 20x30, flumes, etc. Ten acres of this is set to one-year-old apricots, two acres to alfalfa, balance can be set to fruit if desired. Water right with it. Price \$6,500. Easy terms to either place to right individual. Address L. E. Brant, Hemet, Cal. Box 182.

Wanted

Position on ranch. Near Fresno desired, but not necessary. Reference given. Address J. H. Loughhead, Porterville, Cal.

"Patience is the ballast of the soul, that will keep it from rotting and tumbling in the greatest storm."

Every man should keep a fair sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.—Henry Ward Beecher.

"Noble souls know no resentments."

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1912

For many years, we as a denomination have proclaimed by voice and pen that the Turkish power was represented in the prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel, and that the time would come when it would be compelled to retire from Europe into Asia. Of recent years, eminent statesmen have written much concerning this prospective departure of the Turkish nation. During the past three weeks, Turkey has been engaged in a war with the allied powers of Greece, Servia, Bulgaria, and Montenegro, and these allies have been so continually victorious that the army of Bulgaria is, at this writing, at the doors of Constantinople. All this has been done while the great nations of Europe that have heretofore supported the "sick man of the East" have disagreed as to what course to follow. The capital city—Constantinople—which for so many years has been looked upon with a jealous eye by the European nations, may now at any moment fall into the hands of the allied powers, and the event to which we have so long looked forward—the expulsion of Turkey from Europe—be fully accomplished. The irreducible minimum of the Balkan allies is now said to be "the end of Turkey in Europe." In this connection, the following from volume 9 of the Testimonies for the church is of interest: "The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."—Page 14. "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." Zech. 1:14. Let us be shod with the gospel shoes, ready to march at a moment's notice. Every hour, every minute, is precious. We have no time to spend in self-gratification. All around us there are souls perishing in sin. Every day

there is something to do for our Lord and Master. Every day we are to point souls to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. 'Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.' Matt. 24:44. Go to your rest at night with every sin confessed. Thus we did when in 1844 we expected to meet our Lord. And now this great event is nearer than when we first believed. Be ye always ready, in the evening, in the morning, and at noon, that when the cry is heard, 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh! go ye forth to meet Him,' you may, even though awakened out of sleep, go forth to meet Him with your lamps trimmed and burning."—*Testimonies, volume 9, page 48.* How solemn are these words! How momentous the issue involved therein! Are we individually prepared for the great event that must necessarily follow the driving of the Turkish nation from Europe? The next scene in the great drama is outlined in Dan. 12:1. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." "The burden of my message to you is, Get ready to meet the Lord. Trim your lamps, and let the light of truth shine forth into the byways and the hedges. There is a world to be warned of the near approach of the end of all things."—*Testimonies, volume 9, page 106.*

Every parent with children of school age should read and study the November number of *Christian Education*. That number alone, if its instruction is carried out in the home, will be worth far more to any parent than the subscription price for the full term. The editor's article on "Stepping-Stones and Pitfalls in Education in the Home and in the School" should be studied by all parents. In any business, it is a fine thing to be able to find the stepping-stones, and use them in advancing, and to locate and to avoid the pitfalls. It is far more important and of greater value to have such assistance in educational matters. Sometimes a pitfall in the educational path of a boy or girl is ignorantly, yet innocently, made by a fond father or mother. A close study of *Christian Education* will enable our par-

ents to avoid these mistakes, and to assist their children greatly in finding and using safe stepping-stones in their development. Our parents owe their children their best possible development. *Christian Education* is hereafter to be as helpful to parents as to teachers. New rate of subscriptions, \$1.00 for a term of ten numbers.

Miss Katherine B. Hale, educational superintendent in the California Conference, hands in a report of the church school Missionary Volunteers of St. Helena. Their report for October reads as follows: "Missionary conversations, 2; missionary readings, 7; missionary bouquets given away, 7; Scripture cards given away, 9; papers given away, 21; tracts given away, 200; missionary money earned, \$586." The November report shows increased activity, the following items appearing: "Missionary bouquets given away, 45; Scripture cards given away, 84; papers given away, 50; tracts given away, 185; missionary money earned by work, \$5.30." The enrolment of this school is now 39.

After the close of the excellent camp-meeting at Phoenix, Arizona, Elders Andross, Burg, Reaser, and Serna, and Brother Ireland spent a few days in Graham County, Eastern Arizona, visiting the Mexican churches of Sanchez and Saffron, which are located on the upper Gila River Valley, near Solomonville. An evening meeting was held with each church. This opportunity to study the educational needs of our brethren in this part of the union conference was esteemed a great privilege.

The *Signs of the Times* weekly, our pioneer missionary paper, should be in the home of every believer in this great movement. It should be carefully read and then passed on to friends and neighbors. That is the place of the *Signs*, and it is demonstrating every day its ability to bring results. Let us commence our own subscription and several additional ones with the first issue of the new series January 7.

We are pleased to report that at least eleven other persons were baptized at the Phoenix (Arizona) camp-meeting, in addition to the thirty mentioned in last week's paper. While a few were rebaptisms, yet they all indicate that the converting power of the Spirit of the Lord was present in a large measure.