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The Field

Special Constituency Meeting at Loma Linda

A special meeting of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists of Loma Linda was called to convene at Loma Linda Monday, the 27th of January. This was not the regular annual meeting, as that has to be called at a specified time—the fourth Wednesday in March. But since there was a large number of General Conference men in California, it was thought best to convene this meeting at this time, that we might have the benefit of their counsel.

I will not attempt to give a detailed report of the meeting, as this will probably be done by others. But I do wish to say that the Lord came very near to the brethren and sisters as we sat in council from day to day. I feel very con-

fidant that the results of this meeting will be seen in greater efficiency in the educational work of that institution, as well as in the work of the sanitarium.

The brethren from the various parts of the field heartily endorsed the general plan on which the institution is operating, and united to make the medical school, so greatly needed for the training of physicians and medical evangelists for the world-wide work of this people, most effective. I have attended each general meeting held in the interest of this work since the incorporation of the medical college, and I can unhesitatingly say that this seemed to me to be the best meeting we have held.

While it is not the purpose of those carrying the responsibility in this institution to make it conform to the world in anything that affects the vital principles of this message, yet so far as the educational standard erected by state law or advocated by the medical associations is concerned, it is our purpose to meet these standards, and to place the institution on such a basis as to enable it to graduate physicians who, from an educational viewpoint, will stand even in the eyes of the world, without prejudice. We have been instructed that the education of our physicians should be of the highest order, so that no sensible physician would have the opportunity of saying that the graduates were not proficient.

In order to accomplish this, we must have facilities that will enable our faculty to do proficient work in every line. This will require an investment in a clinical hospital and in dispensary work. But all this is absolutely necessary in order to give our young men and women who take the medical course a proficient training in rational methods of treatment.

I am glad to say that above all things

else the members of the constituency present at this council, with the members of the board and the faculty, are determined to make the spiritual interests of this school of the very highest order. It is not their purpose to educate physicians who can only treat the physical ailments with which humanity is afflicted to-day, but who can point the afflicted to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. It is their purpose, primarily, to make missionaries, not alone to save the bodies, but above all to save the souls of men.

Considerable attention was given, and more is still to be given, to the matter of economy in the operation of the institution. The committee on finance, appointed by the General Conference Committee at its session last September, have been at work at the institution, for some days, with the object of making recommendations to the board, looking toward greater economy as well as greater efficiency in the institutional work.

We trust that our brethren and sisters throughout the field will remember at the "throne of grace," this institution, and the men who from day to day are carrying the direct responsibility in its operation. Remember also the students who are therein training, that they may be fitted for efficient service in the Master's vineyard.

E. E. Andross.

CALIFORNIA

The Oakland Council of Church Elders

Sabbath and Sunday, January 25 and 26, quite a large representation of the elders and other church officers in the California Conference met at the Oakland church for counsel. Sabbath mornin Elder W. T. Knox spoke to perhaps the

largest audience that has ever assembled in the Oakland church. Every seat was occupied and many stood throughout the service. The Lord greatly blessed His servant in presenting the theme based upon the words of the Saviour in the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matt. 7:13, 14. He emphasized the necessity of our choosing the right way, especially at such a time as this.

Even though it may seem to our human vision as if it would mean trouble, which it possibly may bring, yet the end of this way is life, whereas the end of the wrong way is death. He then applied the lesson to our experiences in the denomination, especially in our institutional work; and showed clearly that the way which seemed right to us at first was proving to be the way of bondage and trouble; that our institutions were now struggling under a heavy weight of indebtedness, and this was greatly impeding our progress and interfering with the efficiency of the work they were created to accomplish. The time had now come when we should be liberated from this bondage, when, as a denomination, we must rise and break the shackles, we must roll away the reproach of indebtedness and let our institutions go free. This load that we have been carrying for so long, and which has been steadily growing heavier, has been a weight upon the men carrying heavy responsibilities in our conferences and institutions which has consumed their energies, and greatly interfered with the efficiency of their service in general lines of work.

The council of the General Conference Committee, which recently convened at Mountain View, was called for the special purpose of devising plans for the relief of our institutions from this burden of debt.

At three o'clock in the afternoon another service was held, which was also very largely attended, at which time, after speaking of the signs of the times clearly revealing the approach of the end—which fact greatly emphasizes the necessity of providing relief for our institutions at the earliest possible moment, but they may not be hampered in the closing work of the message—the plan proposed by the General Conference Committee at Mountain View was laid before the brethren, and seemed to receive the hearty endorsement of all present.

Many years ago, as a denomination, we adopted the Lord's plan for the support of our evangelistic work, which is a systematic one, and it has proved to be in

every way satisfactory and efficacious. The tithe provides a stream of money which flows into the treasury, furnishing regular support for our ministers and other conference workers; hence, we are relieved from the anxiety that has been a constant burden upon us in the support of other departments of our work. This system has been adopted by the entire denomination. And while it is necessary to keep the obligations along this line before our people lest they forget God's requirements, it is not necessary that we should constantly talk or write upon the theme, since our brethren and sisters recognize the Lord's claim in the tithe, and cheerfully discharge their duty in this regard.

For some years, we have been working toward the adoption of a regular system for the support of our foreign work, aside from the portion of tithe that has been passed on to these fields. We asked our people to pay ten cents per week per member toward the support of our foreign mission work. While it required an effort to get the system inaugurated, yet in 1911 we nearly reached the mark, falling short of it about \$32,000.

At the council in Friedensau, Germany, in 1911, the General Conference Committee recommended that this regular weekly offering be raised to fifteen cents per member instead of ten cents, and that it should include the erection of buildings for our missionaries, as well as the support of missionaries in the field; that henceforth there should be no special offerings such as the \$300,000 Fund called for, but that such appropriation should be made from the one fund.

A united effort was made to raise the offerings from ten to fifteen cents per week during 1912, and the results were very gratifying to all. We came within \$42,000 of reaching the standard erected. Four years have been spent in educational work to raise the regular offerings to the ten-cent mark, and within one year we were able to bring it as nearly to the fifteen-cent mark as we were after four years' effort to bring it to the ten-cent mark.

Our people are beginning to realize the value of systematic giving. Recognizing this truth, the General Conference Committee at Mountain View decided to recommend to the next General Conference to convene at Washington, D. C., in May, that the missionary offerings be raised from fifteen cents per week per member to twenty cents per week per member, and that twenty-five per cent of this amount

—or five cents per week per member—should be devoted to the payment of the indebtedness of our educational and medical institutions. All felt that our educational institutions were essentially missionary in their work. They are training our young people for home and foreign service. This is the primary object of their establishment. We are putting forth every effort possible to make them efficient in the preparation of workers to help finish this work in the shortest possible time. Whatever we do to make our institutions more efficient, will render proportionate assistance to our missionary movement all over the world.

It was therefore felt that it would be perfectly proper for us to devote a portion of our missionary funds to the payment of these debts, and thus stop the heavy drain upon our resources year by year in the payment of thousands of dollars of interest which cripples our work, and prevents us from supplying the schools and sanitariums with better equipment and stronger faculties.

It was not the purpose of the brethren to allow this to interfere with our foreign mission work, but to raise the weekly offering five cents per member in order to provide a fund for the liquidation of our indebtedness. If this amount is reached, it will provide about \$180,000 per year to apply on the indebtedness, and within six or eight years' time at this rate the obligations on these institutions will be met.

The policy that our institutions are to follow in the future regarding the question of increased indebtedness, was very fully discussed in the council at Mountain View; and in the plans that were finally adopted it was very clearly enunciated that no institution should be allowed to participate in the benefits of this fund excepting on condition that it should stop increasing its obligations. Hence, the entire amount that is appropriated for the relief of our debts will be applied on the obligations these institutions are now carrying, actually reducing these obligations to the extent of the money received from the people for this purpose. No part of it is to be used for operating expenses or for the payment of interest. If \$180,000 is received during the year 1914, the gross indebtedness of our institutions that are to benefit by this plan, will be reduced to the amount of \$180,000.

At the evening service in the Oakland church, the church elders and other officers met together, and after careful deliberation it was moved that in the Cali-

fornia Conference we recommend to all our churches that twenty-five cents per member be raised instead of twenty cents; and that until the General Conference in session adopts the recommendations of the General Conference Committee, and these become operative, ten cents of the twenty-five cents that we raise, be retained in the conference treasury and applied on our present indebtedness; that as soon as the General Conference adopts and puts into operation the twenty-cent plan, we send on to the General Conference through the regular channels twenty cents per member, and all above that be retained at home to apply on our indebtedness. It was further recommended that this plan be put into operation in our conference immediately. This was adopted with but one dissenting vote.

There was considerable enthusiasm in the meeting, and the members seemed to feel that the Lord was guiding in this arrangement; and since the General Conference brethren were so heartily taking hold of this plan of reducing the indebtedness on our institutions, it meant that we had come to a new era in our experience and to the end of the debt-making policy. This brought great courage to the hearts of the brethren and sisters in council. They seemed to feel that if our brethren in some of the poor conferences were able to raise twenty cents per week per member, in California we could just as easily raise twenty-five cents per member.

If this is done, it will result in relieving our institutions from all their obligations at a much earlier date than if we should adopt only the twenty-cent plan. While that is an excellent one, if we can do better than that, it will bring the day of our relief that much nearer; and all seemed to feel that we should not depend wholly on the plan recommended by the General Conference Committee for the payment of these obligations.

Let it be clearly understood that this council was only with the elders assembled from the churches in the California Conference, and did not include any from the other conferences in this state. While we believe that it would be a good plan to adopt by our people throughout this union, yet till now, only the elders present at this council from the churches in the California Conference have taken action.

I sincerely trust that every church in the California Conference will take hold

of this matter heartily and inaugurate the plan immediately. Last Sabbath it was laid before the members at the Pacific Union College, and although the church had under the former plan taken hold of the matter of paying off the indebtedness, and had raised their entire quota so that they might be counted free from responsibility in this matter, still they did not wish to be excused, but will take hold of the matter and endeavor at once to raise their offerings from twenty to twenty-five cents per week per member.

E. E. Andross,
Pres. Pac. Union Conf.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Elder H. W. Cottrell spent the week end on the hillside, and occupied the pulpit Sabbath, January 25.

More patients were treated in the men's bathroom this month than for the same month of any previous year.

The swimming tank has been boarded over, and during the winter months will be used as a gymnasium and for indoor games.

The photo department for commercial work is now located in rooms beneath the store, and is in charge of Mr. Clyde Ripley.

Miss Dahl and Mrs. Jensen, of the training-school, went to Paradise Valley Sanitarium recently, in response to a call for help from that institution.

The livery stables are being turned into a garage for visitors' cars, all the space in the other garage being needed by the sanitarium's four automobiles and auto-truck.

The cantata "Pillar of Fire" was given Sunday evening January 26, in the chapel, which was filled with an appreciative audience, a number coming from St. Helena and Pacific College.

Elder S. T. Hare is acting as sanitarium chaplain and Bible teacher until the return of Elder C. L. Taylor, who is taking a needed rest at his home "Bonnie Brae" on Howell Mountain, St. Helena.

Eighteen have been accepted for the new class starting next April. There are

at present sixty-five in the training-school. The eleven members of the senior class expect to graduate about the middle of April.

The hospital is to have a new operating room on the fourth floor. Plans are in the hands of Dr. C. C. Landis. The young men are giving up their dormitory, above the restaurant, to the lady nurses who have been rooming on the fourth floor of the hospital, five going to Manager J. J. Wessel's house, and the other four young men to Tabeel cottage.

Over seventy bookmen visited the institution, Thursday, January 23. In the evening they, with the nurses and patients, took part in the exercises in the new gymnasium, about one hundred and fifty persons being on the floor. The same evening a stereopticon lecture on the book work in South America, by Brother H. H. Hall, was very much appreciated.

A. D. Fowler.

January 28.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA Conference Items

Elder Decker, president of the Montana Conference, spent Sabbath in Lodi, visiting friends and acquaintances.

The literary program at the Lodi Normal was well attended the evening after last Sabbath. A number of outsiders were present.

Brother Christiansen, of College Place, Washington, called at the conference office last Sunday on his way home from Mountain View.

Elder C. L. Taggart left Sunday afternoon, for Loma Linda, to attend the general council held at that place, returning Thursday morning.

A number of the brethren and sisters were favored with a talk by Elder W. A. Spicer in the Lodi German church last Sabbath afternoon.

A number from Lodi went to Sacramento Thursday afternoon to be in attendance at a meeting held at that place in the interest of the Sunday question.

Mrs. Mina Mann returned last Sunday from her trip to Chico and Corning, where she spent a few days in the interest of the church schools. She reports the work progressing nicely under the management of the teachers in charge.

Merl Horton.

January 31.

ARIZONA
Conference Notes

Elder W. L. Sims recently spent two weeks at Prescott, during which time he effected the reorganization of the church, receiving four new members. Later Elder Sims went to Buckeye for a winter effort.

The title of the Arizona Conference for the year 1912, was \$5,655.14. The total offerings were \$1,776.39. Our membership being 225, makes a per capita tithe of \$25.13, and per capita offerings of \$7.90.

We have recently secured three more workers. Brethren M. A. Hollister and I. P. Dillon come to engage in evangelistic work, and Brother Charles F. Innis to take the oversight of our canvassing work. We welcome these laborers to our field, and trust that their labors may be abundantly blessed of the Lord in the winning of souls.

G. W. Reaser.

Safford

My work continues with our little Safford church. The Lord was very near, and helped us all to meet together during the week of prayer. Our Mexican brethren are very poor, yet our week of prayer offering was about \$8.00.

Three weeks ago, by special request, my wife and I visited the Sanchez church. After election, I ordained Brother Fred Owen, elder, and Brother E. Sanchez, deacon. We celebrated the Lord's Supper with them. The good Lord blessed us by the presence of His Spirit.

After securing shelters for ourselves and domestic animals, we have commenced to get out again with our papers. We took fifty copies of the Ingathering Signs, and now hope to gather in something from them.

H. F. Courter.

"There is no evidence of genuine repentance, unless it works reformation."

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
News Notes

The Young People's Society has been reorganized at Selma, and a number of new members have been added.

Sabbath, January 18, a Missionary Volunteer Convention was held at Dinuba. There were a number present from neighboring churches, and all seemed well pleased with the meeting. There were a number of excellent papers and talks on different lines of missionary work.

From a report by Elder Graf, we quote the following: "I am glad to say that the good Lord is blessing my labor in this conference. While working for the Kaweah church, fifteen old Sabbath-keepers joined that church, and soon we will baptize a nice little number of dear young people who have given their hearts to our dear Saviour. Great was the blessing I enjoyed while talking to the pupils in the good church school which Sister M. Clark is conducting there. On the first of this year, I began to work among the old Sabbath-keepers in the vicinity of Dinuba and Reedley. Here Brother O. Koch, an elder of the Kaweah church, joined me in the field. His help was appreciated very much, and so the work developed, and many renewed their faith and courage. On Sabbath, January 18, we organized a church, and elected the officers. When all the good Sabbath-keepers in this vicinity have joined, we will then have a membership of thirty. In our work we endeavored to follow the example of the apostle Paul in teaching the people publicly and from house to house the things that pertain to the kingdom of God. We believe that the hand of our God is with us."

G. A. Wheeler,
Secretary.

Dedication of the Island Church

The people of the Island have long looked forward to this service, which was held on Sabbath forenoon, January 18, 1913. The dedicatory address was given by Elder J. H. Behrens, president of the Central California Conference, assisted by Elder J. W. Bagby, of Hanford, and Elder F. E. Brown, of Lemoore.

The musical numbers rendered by members of the Island church, under the direction of Brother Robert Smith, added much to the pleasure of the occasion, and were enjoyed by all present.

On Friday evening, Elder Behrens

spoke on the Eastern question to a large and interested audience, many outsiders being present. A quartet sang "The Mercy Seat," at the close of this service.

The program at the dedicatory service was as follows:

- Hymn—"Holy Spirit" Congregation
- Anthem—"Great Is the Lord" Choir
- Hymn Congregation
- Scripture Reading—
- 2 Chron. 6:1-6, 12-42 F. E. Brown
- Opening Prayer F. E. Brown
- Male Quartet—"Come, Spirit, Come"
- Sermon J. H. Behrens
- Duet—"Come, Holy Spirit"
- Mrs. Geo. Breitigam, Mr. Robt. Smith Benediction

Before beginning his address, Elder Behrens gave a brief history of the Island church:

April 11, 1908, first Sabbath-school organized, 23 members.

May 30, 1908, church organized, 30 members.

Brother J. W. Rodgers, first elder.

Brother J. H. Mattern, first deacon.

All but six of the original members are still on list.

Present membership, 56.

January 19, 1909, first meeting held to plan for present building.

April 10, 1909, first meeting was held in the unfinished church.

January 18, 1913, dedication.

Total cost, \$1,100. No obligation rests on church, as a number of brethren have assumed all that remained unpaid.

The ground was donated by the Laguna Land Limited Company. It is held in trust by the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The building is plain, but neat, with a seating capacity of about 200 when the doors are opened into the adjoining church school, which was built after the church was completed.

Many visitors from Armona, Hanford, Lemoore, and Laguna came to attend the dedicatory service, and to rejoice with the Island people.

Jottings from the sermon: "And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." This building is dedicated to the cause of the third angel's message. As the priests ate the showbread, it ceased to be bread, and became a part of their physical being; so Christ desires to be in the closest possible relation with His people to-day, that His identity and ours may be one. If we fail to learn that the human heart is the sanctuary in which God desires to dwell, we do not have the experience that God intends.

The mystery of God was comprehended by few in the old dispensation, and is comprehended by only a few even in this dispensation. Paul says this mystery has been hid from the foundation of the world. What is it?—"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The time has come when God will take everything that it is possible to use in proclaiming to the world, "Prepare to meet thy God."

The miracle of miracles is before the world to-day—the crowning miracle of God. It is to be demonstrated before all the world and before the universe—"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," is not only a law for physical things, but in the spiritual realm as well.

One characteristic of the people God is developing, is patience,—"Here is the patience of the saints." Rev. 14:12. In view of the conditions of sin and iniquity everywhere abounding, how is it possible to develop such a people with such a character? The secret is, they have the faith of *Jesus*. God will develop such a people at a time and under conditions when everything has a tendency to make a man as impatient as it is possible to be; yet the opposite is the result. This occurs at a time when the human heart is as depraved as it can be. Yet out of every nation, kindred, and tongue, God is calling a people to Himself of whom He can say, They are a patient people, and keep the commandments of God.

Let us set our faces like a flint, like adamant, and with no confidence in self. Let us determine that, God being our helper, we will develop such a character. And as we dedicate this building to-day, let us dedicate our lives to calling out such a people.

We must anchor our souls to the throne of the Infinite, and this must not be a momentary experience.

I want to be present when that dedicatory service is held on high—on the sea of glass—when all the saved and all the angelic host ascribe glory and honor, dominion and power, unto Him who is the rightful Ruler and Sovereign of the universe.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

To Central California Brethren

You have doubtless noticed the announcement for our second annual conference to convene at Fresno February 20-25. It is hoped that every church will

have a full list of delegates, and these, with the blessing of the Lord, shall so shape and mold the work that the coming year may be the brightest and most prosperous in our history. If, perchance, a church has not elected its delegates, it should be done at once, and the returns sent to the office, care of G. A. Wheeler, the conference secretary. The basis of representation is one delegate for each organization, and one for every additional fifteen members or fraction thereof.

A number of important things will come up for consideration. We, therefore, make a special call to all the church officers, as we shall plan to have meetings, in connection with the conference session, where the work of the church may be studied. Come, brethren and sisters, to this annual gathering.

J. H. Behrens,
President.

Central California Conference

The second annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held February 20 to 25 in the Fresno church, corner of O and Mariposa streets, Fresno, California, for the purpose of electing officers and of transacting such other business, as may come before the meeting. A full attendance of the delegates is earnestly requested.

J. H. Behrens, *President.*
G. A. Wheeler, *Secretary.*

Central California Conference Association

The Central California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its first annual meeting in connection with the conference to be held at Fresno, California, February 20 to 25, 1913. The first meeting of the association will be held Monday, February 24, at 10 o'clock A.M. All delegates to the conference are members of the association.

J. H. Behrens, *President.*
G. A. Wheeler, *Secretary.*

From China

[The following is a personal letter to Elder J. H. Behrens from Brother S. G. White, written at Wen Deh Li, Nanking, China, December 31, 1912.]

We were very glad to receive your good letter of October 23, but have been very busy on language study, so have not had much time for letter writing. This week we have no school, so I will try and run off a few lines.

After arriving in Nanking and spending a few days in getting settled, I took up the study of the language, and have been after it ever since. It is now two months and a half, and I am just getting where I can make myself understood. I have command of about three hundred words, and can write about half that many. It is slow work, but intensely interesting. Some days we use our little vocabulary until our tongues hardly want to wag, and, in fact, do get so tired that they fail to aspirate words and give correct sounds. Of course when a fellow gets into that condition a Chinese can not tell what is said. We feel very grateful for the privilege of coming to China just at this time, as many things indicate that the time of sowing the gospel seed is opportune. Moreover, the privilege of attending this language school is something to be thankful for.

After being here for three months, one can see that God must open the way and water the seed, in order for it to ripen in this generation. Just this morning I was figuring the amount of work to be done, and reached the following conclusion. Should each of the Seventh-day Adventists believers (400) in China give the message to ten new persons a day, or warn 1,500,000 a year, it would take two hundred and sixty seven years for the message to go to China. Just to think of being here when God fulfils His promises, and working, and seeing the Lord work mightily in behalf of this people, is an inspiration. Surely the angels of Revelation 14 stand ready to see that their commission is fulfilled, and the angel of the eighteenth chapter to manifest His power, so that God may receive the glory from the lips of this people.

The revolution of last year marks a new era with this people, and will certainly mean the opening up of the country to all that civilization and Christianity mean. The people here are slowly adopting Western attire, especially the men; and before long the higher classes will be wearing clothes similar to those we wear. I have noticed no change whatever in the attire of the women, but understand that foot-binding has been forbidden. Almost without exception, the women past twenty years of age have—or have had—their feet bound, and it is a pitiful sight to see an aged woman trying to "navigate" on the street. The poverty is past description. Just think of a man supporting a family, paying rent, buying clothes, etc., on \$3.00 gold per month, and then think of the

thousands who do not get that much! With snow on the ground, also when freezing and raining, thousands labor day by day without any footwear whatever, and a miserable hut to sleep in — many times made of small bamboo poles set upright, and a thatched roof. The poorer classes eat rice and greens, with possibly a fish once in a while, and a few peanuts.

We find it necessary to eat canned goods, to a certain extent. I know that many in the states think that should they come to China they would live on Chinese food wholly. They possibly could, but probably would not if they were here.

I have to go down-town to purchase a few things, so will have to close this and finish later.

Educational

Fernando Academy Items

The ministerial band, numbering above thirty, is doing good work under the direction of Elder E. J. Hibbard.

Elder D. A. Parsons made a short call at the academy, and gave to the students a most inspiring lesson, based upon Prov. 22:20, 21.

Dr. and Mrs. Davey were tendered a reception upon their farewell visit to the academy. All wished them Godspeed on their long voyage.

The enrolment the first day of the second semester was 120 in grades above the eighth. We were gratified to see such a good attendance.

Prof. A. W. Spaulding, from Tennessee, spent several days with the students, giving most practical talks at chapel, and meeting the local church people in evening session.

The first edition of Elder Hibbard's new tract on the Eastern question is exhausted, and the second will soon be out. It is a concise explanation of the prophesy now being fulfilled.

The sewing classes gave an exhibition of their work before the holiday vacation. They brought all their finished articles to the sewing room. Many visitors found occasion to call on this department at that time.

The eighth grade cooking class has completed its first section of outline work, and gave a demonstration in form of a three-course breakfast to six of the academy teachers. Everything upon the table was made by the students in the cooking class, and also served by them under direction.

A geology class with a membership of thirty-six students was organized this semester, with Prof. Geo. M. Price as teacher. Professor Price will use his own book as a text. The manuscript has been read by every science teacher in our denominational work, and has been approved and recommended by the General Conference Educational Department.

Thirty-four young people joined the foreign mission band at its organization, while others joined later. Recently they were given a chapel hour for a public program. China was the topic, and the geography, education, revolution, and missions were considered. Mr. Mak followed with a talk upon Chinese customs, showing the students articles brought with him from his own country, reading to them familiar Scripture texts from his Chinese Bible, and writing familiar words on the board in Chinese.

I Wonder

When I think of life from its beginning
All down the wearisome way,
With its trouble, its sorrow and sinning,
Its heart-trials day after day,
Its sorrowful partings asunder,
Death-beds and epitaphs sad,
O, then it is often I wonder
We mortals can ever be glad!

When I read in the dear Bible story,
Written for you and for me,
Of the Saviour who came down from glory
To die for such rebels as we;
When I think of the home over yonder,
The joys that are there to be had,
O, then it is often I wonder
We mortals can ever be sad!
— Elizabeth Rosser.

“Happiness that is sought from selfish motives, outside of the path of duty, is ill-balanced, fitful, and transitory; it passes away, and the soul is filled with loneliness and sorrow; but there is joy and satisfaction in the service of God; the Christian is not left to walk in uncertain paths; he is not left to vain regrets and disappointments. If we do not have the pleasures of this life, we may still be joyful in looking to the life beyond.”

A Student's Prayer

Help me this day, O Father, to accomplish faithfully and thoroughly the tasks that are set before me. Help me to learn what is worth while, and show me how to use all that I learn for the good of my fellow creatures. Forbid that I should put culture of intellect above culture of manhood. Give me a sound mind in a sound body.

Grant, Lord, that I may feel most keenly my obligation to spread the truth in every way that I can. Make me an apostle of sweetness and light. While I am busy with my narrowly defined task, forbid that I should lose all sense of proportion, or prefer seclusion to a life of worthy service.

Give me, great Teacher, broad sympathy and unselfish appreciation. Help me to build a symmetrical character. Prepare me to perform well my part in the extension of Thy kingdom. Bless them who teach me. Bless them who have planned and sacrificed for me, and help me thus to smooth the path for some one else. Amen. **

Religious Liberty

Baptists Protest

Opposition to the passage of the Sunday closing bill has developed in many quarters. The Seventh-day Baptists, who united in a joint protest, presented in both houses of the Legislature, also sent up a memorial of their own. This was offered in the Senate by Senator Strobbridge, of Alameda County, and in the Assembly by Mr. Kingsley, the Socialist member from Los Angeles. It was printed in full in the Journal of the Assembly, and was as follows:

Los Angeles, January 27, 1913.
“To the Honorable Senators and Assemblymen of the California Legislature Now in Session in Sacramento.

“GENTLEMEN: Because an attempt is being made to secure, through your honorable body, the passage of a Sunday rest law, we, the members of the Seventh-day Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Cal., deem it our privilege and duty as liberty-loving citizens of this Commonwealth, to send you this protest against the enactment of such a law, for the following reasons, namely:

“1. We believe the Sunday rest law, that is proposed, to be in direct opposition to that portion of the Constitution of this State that declares that ‘The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship without discrimina-

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 24, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Arizona						
J. A. Kindsman	B. R.	18	11		\$38.00	\$30.00
R. A. Higgins	Heralds	18	2		4.00	
Lina B. Willard	H. W.		5		3.45	
3 Agents			18		\$45.45	\$30.00
Central California						
W. E. Whitmore	M. H.	22	2	\$1.50	\$9.50	
Mrs. Gonter	B. R.	18	2		6.00	
M. L. Rice	B. R.	33	23	2.50	79.50	
3 Agents		73	27	\$4.00	\$95.00	
Southern California						
C. E. Hutchins	P. G.	32	20		\$77.00	
T. Martin	P. G.	15	2		7.00	
Mrs. T. Martin	H. W.		4		1.25	
Mrs. H. Weil	H. W.		20		12.25	
T. E. Williams	D. & R.	20	5		17.00	
H. Bonde	Misc.		18		53.35	
6 Agents			69		\$167.85	
Utah						
A. R. Robinson	Heralds	32	5	\$9.35	\$18.00	\$3.50
Northern California-Nevada						
H. R. Miller	B. R.	37	16		\$50.00	
W. R. Nelson	B. R.	32	13		44.00	
M. A. Reese	G. C.	39	6	\$4.75	17.75	
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	46	24		94.00	
4 Agents		154	59	\$4.75	\$205.75	

Miscellany

The Bible and the Instructor

Elder J. N. Loughborough, the oldest active minister in the denomination, is this year celebrating the sixtieth year of taking the *Instructor*, and reading the Bible through by course. His statement is as follows:

"Your letter of the 27th ult. was duly received, and read with interest. You speak of the oldest members' being interested in the *Instructor*. Well, the age of the *Instructor* and my age in the third angel's message are very nearly the same. The little sheet was first printed as a monthly, at 25 cents a year. When I first accepted the message, in September, 1853, the Rochester office, 124 Mt. Hope Avenue, had just mailed the first number to its few subscribers. I have had access to the *Instructor*, taken by my granddaughter; but now, as she is at Loma Linda College, and has her *Instructor* sent there, I must have it here for myself. "As to the premium Bible; you feared

Central California Magazine Sales

Name	Hrs.	Copies	Value
Rose Lull	25	94	\$9.40

it was not as good a Bible as I ought to have. I am well pleased with it. It is about the same quality as I have been using, and suits me well. The one I was using was smaller type. This one is a relief to the eyes, and being a little thicker paper than the other, I can put some notes on the margin without the ink blotting through the paper. The Bible arrived December 31, 1912, in good shape, all ready for me to begin with it on January 1, 1913, in reading the Bible through, by course, the sixtieth time. "In usual health, and with Christian regards," etc.

Give each of your friends and neighbors a copy of the tract, "The Greatest Religious Movement of the Ages," and convince them that the threefold message is not on the decline, but is soon to reach its climax in lighting the earth with glory. Sample copy, 3 cents; 5 or more, 2 cents each. Address your tract society.

Obituary

BURROWS.—Died at her mother's home in Haywards, California, Sister Ida M. Burrows, of Bright's disease.

Sister Burrows was but 33 years old and the mother of seven children. She had spent the last years of her life at Tulare, California. During her last sickness, Elders Beddoe and Brorsen prayed for her, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord. Her faith in God was strong till the last, and she was reconciled to the Lord's will. Just before the end came, speaking to her husband, she said, "I'll meet you at the gates of the city of God."

She leaves a devoted husband, seven children, mother, father, two sisters, and two brothers to mourn her loss. The interment took place at Napa City, where words of comfort were spoken by the writer. Elder Robinson, of St. Helena, assisted in the services.

S. T. Hare.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1913

Elder E. E. Andross left Monday night of this week for College Place, Washington, to attend an important meeting of the North Pacific Union conference committee and educational council.

Mr. H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press, left Mountain View Tuesday evening for Kansas City, Missouri, and College View, Nebraska. He will attend the annual meeting of the International Publishing Association.

When sending his canvassing report (found on page 7), Brother A. R. Robinson, working in the Utah field, added the following: "I have not done very well. From what several have told me, I think the Mormon bishops have warned the good Mormons not to buy my books; but we know that the honest at heart will seek the truth. I have had some very good visits and experiences, and intend to press on with the work. Pray for us."

Among the many experiences showing the influence of our literature, given at the recent missionary and bookmen's convention, was the following:

Over in one of the Central States, during a tent meeting, one of our canvassers sold a copy of "Bible Foot-Lights" to a lady living near where the meetings were in progress. Although invited to attend the meetings, she had declined, and was not going to any of them. She became so interested in this book, however, that she decided to go. She went through the remaining series, and accepted the truth.

We have just received a sample copy of the 1913 Temperance *Instructor*. It is by far the most attractive number ever

published. Both front and back covers are appropriately illustrated, and printed in three-color effect. The cartoon on back cover, illustrating the finished product of the Gin Mill, will help many to more keenly realize the awfulness of the licensed liquor traffic. All of the illustrations are good, and the contents of the entire number is the best we have ever had, most of it being prepared by our own people—those to whom the gospel of temperance is committed. This fine temperance number of the *Instructor* brings our people new opportunities and increased responsibilities. With a paper as popular as the Temperance number is, no one should feel the least timid in soliciting for it. The temperance people in every locality will welcome our workers. Many of them will help us sell it. In fact, the general situation in all particulars is more favorable to pleasant and effective work along temperance lines than ever before. In fulfilling our obligations, therefore, we are required to go beyond our former records in working, not only to check the progress of the liquor traffic, but to win thousands through our temperance work to the cause of present truth.

Thursday evening, January 30, there was a hearing on the proposed Sunday bill, recently introduced into the legislature, before the joint committee on public morals of the senate and house of representatives, held in the chamber of the house in Sacramento. According to the report of Brother J. F. Blunt, it was a very enthusiastic gathering. In order to take away the religious aspect of the proposed measure, several labor representatives were put forward by the proponents of the measure, favoring its adoption. But their arguments were not received with any large degree of approbation by the audience of three or four hundred people present at the hearing. However, when those who were opposed to the measure were allowed to speak, the audience freely showed their approval. Paul Scharrenberg, the personal representative of the Federation of Labor, spoke in opposition to the measure, and was heartily cheered. Elder W. M. Healey followed him, then two Jewish rabbis appeared in opposition to it, and finally, Brother Blunt, the religious liberty secretary of our union, spoke. From the reports of the hearing that have come to us, it seems quite evident that the proposed bill will

meet with overwhelming defeat when it comes up for consideration before the legislature. While we hope that this may be true, we should not decrease our vigilance, or cease praying that the Lord will influence the minds of the legislators when they come to deal with the measure finally. We believe that it is the Lord's pleasure to still preserve the liberty so long granted to all in this state, especially that it may serve to influence other states and the nation when they come to deal with this great question of the rights of conscience.

Wanted

At St. Helena, a thoroughly competent stenographer. Apply to manager, St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Cal.

Wanted at Once

Seventh-day Adventist girl or woman for housework. Family of three. Address Mrs. Dr. B., 510 E. Monterey St., Pomona, California.

To Church Officers

An effort is being made to secure returns, at the earliest possible date, from all our conferences and missions throughout the world for use in compiling the 1912 statistical report of the denomination. To accomplish this, however, the cooperation of the officers of our churches is enlisted. If each one who has any part to act in the matter of submitting returns for our churches and companies will act promptly, the secretary of the conference will be able to make his report without delay. Unless this is done, it will be impossible to prepare the report prior to the coming session of the General Conference, which it is greatly desired to do. Will not each one, therefore, who has anything to do in the matter of reporting information for our various churches and companies, please forward his report without delay, and thus greatly assist in the prompt preparation of the report for 1912? Proper blanks for reporting have doubtless been furnished each church clerk for use in submitting returns, and these should be filled completely, and at the earliest possible date, and sent forward to the secretary of your conference.

H. E. Rogers,
Statistical Secretary Gen. Conf.