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Thanksgiving Praise

Praise ye the Lord, O praise Him,
For blessings of the year!
Sing of His love and goodness
In songs of joy and cheer.

His hand has been upon us
In blessings rich and free;
His truth has been our counsel
The way of wrong to flee.

His love the path has lighted
For feet so prone to stray;
His Spirit ever present
Has been our guide and stay.

'Tis good, 'tis good to serve Him
Whose love is love divine.
Bow down, bow down and praise Him,
And make His service thine.

He knoweth all our changes,
His eye is on His own;
With Him our cause shall triumph,
We never fight alone.

Then praise the Lord, O praise Him!
Thanksgiving anthems raise,
And pledge Him loyal service
For all the future days.

Max Hill.

Sanitarium, Cal.

The Church

Sketches of the Past—142

An incident occurred in connection with the opening up of the work on the Pacific Coast which well illustrates how the providence of God may be working and preparing the way before His servants while they are pleading for His guidance, and when, as yet, they know nothing of it.

When Elder James White made the call in the *Review* for \$1,000 to send Elders Bourdeau and Loughborough to California with a new tent, one of the New York City journals immediately grasped it as a news item, and inserted it as such in their paper, stating that two evangelists were about to sail to California to hold religious services in a large tent. The papers containing this item reached California several weeks before our arrival.

There was at that time in Petaluma a company of worshipers who called themselves Independents. This company was composed of those who had separated themselves from the various churches, feeling that they could not fellowship the formality and pride found in them. They appeared to be a very earnest, devoted people, who worshiped in a hall which they had erected. When they saw the notice of the evangelists coming to the state with a tent, they said: “It may be the Lord is sending these men with their tent to do a work that needs to be done on this coast.” They at once began to make the matter a subject of prayer.

The tenor of their petitions was this: “If these, O Lord, are Thy servants, give them a prosperous journey, and come Thou with them.”

There was one of their number, a Brother Wolf, who was very earnest, and to whom the Lord had seemed to give at different times very impressive dreams, which had proved of so much practical utility that the company had much confidence in them. After one of their special praying seasons, this Brother Wolf had a very striking dream. He saw in his dream gloom and darkness settled all over the surrounding country. While considering this, he saw two men kindling a fire, which made a brilliant light, and brought cheer to the inhabitants. As this fire blazed brightly, his people were rejoicing for the light that had come into their midst. At this point he saw all the ministers in Petaluma come with brush, straw, and tufts of grass, throwing them upon the fire, trying to extinguish the flames. The more they tried to put out the fire, the brighter it burned.

While these ministers were busy trying to put out this one fire, the men had started a second. The ministers endeavored in the same manner to extinguish the second fire, but with no better success than had attended the first effort. This process was repeated until the two men had kindled five fires, and much light was shed in the hitherto darkness. The ministers had tried in vain to quench the flames of all five of the fires. Then he saw these ministers in counsel over the matter, and overheard them saying: “There is no use of our trying publicly to oppose these men, for they get the advantage of us

every time. We will let them alone, and cease to oppose them publicly." From that time they left the men with their fires alone.

Then the brother was informed in his dream that these two men were the two evangelists who were coming with the tent, and as a company they must help them. He was bidden to take a good look at the men, so that he would know them when he should see them. He related his dream to that company, who believed it was from the Lord, and decided to help the men when they should come, and, if possible, get them to begin their tent work in Petaluma.

Just after the brother related his dream, the town of Petaluma was placed under quarantine for smallpox, so that no meetings of any kind were held for several weeks. Brother Wolf told his people that he must see these evangelists on their arrival, for if they were the men he saw in his dream, he would surely know them. Of all this we knew nothing until some time after opening our meetings in Petaluma.

J. N. Loughborough.

The Field

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Conference Ingathering Notes

Owing to the lateness of our camp-meeting in the Central California Conference, the Ingathering campaign was postponed until the conference laborers could give their full time to assist the churches in this work. The week beginning November 14 was appointed for the opening of the campaign, and the work is now well under way. Encouraging reports are coming to the office each day, and we trust that each member of the conference will take an active part in making this the best of all Ingathering campaigns. Surely the time in which we live demands that this should be so. The blessings coming from this work are many. A few of them are given here for the encouragement of our people.

First, the truth-laden pages of the *Review*, when placed in the homes of the people, bring a blessing in that they tell of the glorious truths of the gospel, especially the soon return of our Lord.

Second, it is a blessing to the individual who gives of his means to the cause of the Lord in the earth, from the fact that giving has a tendency to neutralize the covetousness so evident in the world.

Third, the Ingathering *Review* will lessen prejudice in the minds of those who receive it. They have evidence before them in the paper, as they read the reports from missionaries in the field, that we are pushing forward in heathen lands beyond any denomination, and are not simply a proselyting sect, as is so often said of us.

Fourth, the work of scattering the *Review* in the homes of the people will discover the honest hearted ones who are being impressed by what is happening in the earth, and whose hearts are being prepared by the Spirit of God for the reception of the fulness of the message. It will thus open up future fields of labor, and be a blessing to the church.

Fifth, it will bring direct blessings to the individual worker that can be had in no other way. Blessings will come as he seeks the Lord in order that he may be able rightly to present the truth, and that the Lord may go before, opening doors and hearts. It will bring the worker to a more diligent study of the Bible in order to meet the questions that will be asked. It will lead to a deeper interest in souls and will develop workers. It will establish a firmness of purpose in the message, and its sure and speedy outcome.

Sixth, the receiving of means by the Foreign Mission Board will prove a blessing to the needy fields by providing funds for the sending of more laborers with the message of salvation to those who are in heathen darkness.

Seventh, the Harvest Ingathering work will result in hastening the coming of the Lord, and in bringing to an end the reign of misery and sin with its awful effect upon humanity. Surely there can be no greater blessing than this to the people of God.

Please plan with the conference laborer who has been sent to your church, and aim at raising the full quota of means. Do not relax your diligence until this shall have been accomplished. The amount is \$1.54 a member. It can be done if all will set their hearts to the doing of it. Let the isolated members of the conference also have a part

in this work. Most of our churches are behind in the twenty-cents-a-week fund. The means gathered now will help to make up this deficit. May Heaven's rich blessing rest upon all as they continue this good work.

To Workers in the Ingathering Campaign

We are now in the midst of what gives every evidence of being the best Ingathering campaign ever launched by this denomination. Our people have taken hold of the work with earnestness and zeal as those whose determination is to push forward in every way the spreading of the message and the finishing of the work. Surely we will easily be able to reach the \$100,000 mark set as the goal for this year.

We are entering the campaign in this conference a little later than in most parts of the field, and so have not definite returns from even the beginning of the work. However, the same spirit of enthusiasm on the part of the people is being reported, and we feel sure that all will unite to do their part and more. New workers are entering the campaign this year for the first time. As a result God is granting rich and blessed experiences, and all say that nothing could induce them to part with the experiences they have had. Let none be fearful and timid in taking hold of a work in which the hosts of heaven are actively assisting. The goal for each member, as you know, is \$1.54. A few hours given to the Lord will raise this amount and often much more. Even if we get very small sums and are often refused any help, let none be discouraged, for it may be the very experience needed to test the faith of the worker. On the other hand, the seed sown as we visit the homes may bear fruit for eternity.

While the individual goal is only \$1.54, there will, perhaps, be some in each church who will not raise this amount, and yet, as churches, I am sure all will want to raise the full quota. There is an added interest, too, in working toward a set goal, and to this end I am sending herewith a table giving the membership and quota for each church. Let the work continue with even greater energy toward the raising of the amount listed. Conference laborers are advised to remain with the

several churches for at least another week, taking the lead in this good work.

In the Fresno church, about eighty workers have so far entered the field. Reports from about twenty of the workers for the first three days show a return of \$70.55, to say nothing of the good experiences enjoyed by all. This is only the beginning, and better reports are expected.

Be sure to hold at least one experience meeting each week for the encouragement of all engaged in the work. Also send reports to the office in Fresno, that we may know how the Lord is blessing you.

The following table shows the membership and the amount to be raised by each church for the Harvest Ingathering fund in the Central California Conference, in harmony with the plan of the General Conference, \$1.54 for each member.

Church	Members	Total
Armona	155	\$238.70
Arroyo Grande	31	47.74
Barstow	25	38.50
Bakersfield	45	69.30
Burrough	13	20.02
Dinuba	40	61.60
Dinuba, German	23	35.42
Exeter	43	66.22
Fowler	11	16.94
Fresno	331	509.74
Hanford	94	144.76
Hollister	6	9.24
Island	62	95.48
Laguna	29	44.66
Lindsay	23	35.42
Lemoore	56	86.24
Monterey	30	46.20
Reedley	16	24.64
San Luis	18	27.72
Selma	55	84.70
Tulare	10	15.40
Visalia	22	33.88
Wallace	15	23.10

Total membership ... 1,153
Amount to be raised \$1,775.62

To church officers and conference laborers:

Please consult the above table, and find the amount to be raised by your church, then put forth every effort to gather this sum during the campaign.
J. H. Behrens.

“The members of the churches should be made to understand that they are the light of the world, and, according to their several ability, the Lord expects that His professed followers will enlighten and bless those around them.”

**Quarterly Report of Sabbath-School
Department of the Southern
California Conference
Third Quarter, 1913**

	Mem.	Full 13th S. Off.	Off.
Anaheim	24	\$12.74	\$ 2.28
Beaumont	13	11.44	1.10
Burbank	36	43.45	15.12
Bishop	25	14.55	2.25
Brawley	29	15.06	1.67
Centralia	32	32.04	16.86
Colton	26	23.89	4.63
Corona	16	11.76	2.25
Covina	4	2.92	2.00
Edendale	47	31.99	12.41
El Cajon	6	13.55	5.60
El Centro	10	8.40	1.00
Escondido, English	97	48.60	11.13
Escondido, German	108	53.51	6.13
Florence	66	31.52	2.58
Garden Grove	76	20.54	3.29
Gardena	15	15.15	5.50
Gaviota	8		
Glendale	160	171.84	29.05
Glendora	21	20.07	5.02
Goldfield	14	13.05	1.05
Graham	32	22.36	8.25
Hemet	71	32.27	10.46
Hinkley—no report			
Holtville	17	12.06	.90
Inglewood	27	18.31	6.03
Laws	5	16.57	12.00
La Mesa	14	9.28	7.76
Lancaster—no report			
Loma Linda	285	244.53	61.75
Long Beach	132	69.06	13.14
Los Angeles, Carr St.	154	243.45	69.55
L. A., Boyle Heights	72	54.76	14.50
L. A., East Side	69	31.19	2.99
L. A., South Side	156	87.24	16.40
L. A., Colored	76	61.67	11.40
L. A., Mexican	27	8.80	.59
L. A., German	22	30.87	7.00
Los Olivos	2		
Nestor—no report			
Norwalk	37	24.24	21.53
Ontario	47	31.28	11.88
Orange	24	41.45	12.10
Otay—no report			
Paradise Valley	66	113.64	35.84
Pasadena—no report			
Pomona	67	38.33	9.06
Redlands	56	89.29	54.26
Riverside	70	57.53	19.06
Rivera	44	30.00	3.00
Rosamond	12	12.72	3.25
Sawtelle	29	25.43	2.45
San Pasqual	50	31.36	4.32
San Bernardino	55	22.61	5.58
San Pedro	57	55.86	9.50
Santa Barbara	56	35.23	3.02
Santa Monica	35	49.31	15.25
San Diego	147	270.80	38.91
S. D., University H'ts	80	28.47	2.50
San Fernando	146	87.23	11.84
Santa Ana	77	52.30	15.36
Whittier	7	9.11	3.00
Camp-meeting		92.45	

Total \$3,574.03 \$655.35

Jennie L. Ireland, Secretary.

Los Angeles

The Lord has blessed in a very marked way in the spread of the message in the city of Los Angeles. We have now a Spanish, a German, a colored, and seven English churches,—ten all together,—with a membership of over one thousand.

The evangelistic work has been especially fruitful. During three strong series of meetings recently held, in which Elders F. M. Burg, J. E. Bond, and the writer, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Leadsworth, Mrs. M. Lester, Miss E. Carter, and Miss Olive Adams, Bible workers, took part, sixty-two persons were baptized. Four others were accepted on former baptism, and a company of twenty more are keeping the Sabbath. These we hope to see fully identified with the church later.

The expense of these meetings, amounting to over \$900, was entirely covered by the offerings taken.

Doubtless the attendance at our meetings has been increased by the thorough advertising we have done in the use of announcements, also the newspapers, and by the faithful work from house to house with our literature. The attendance varied from one hundred and fifty to six hundred and fifty persons.

One special feature which has had its influence is the use of the stereopticon. All the songs were thrown on the screen, and most of the doctrinal sermons were illustrated by suitable pictures. In our study to present the message from this standpoint, we were especially impressed with the text: “Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”

We thank God for the privilege of laboring together, and having a part in spreading the last message in this great city. Pray for the work here.

A. S. Booth.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Week of Prayer**

Some have told me they are anxiously looking forward for a great spiritual blessing during the week of prayer, December 13 to 20. We have reasons to believe that the Lord will then come preciously near to His people, as He always does at such appointed times.

There is a preparation for us to make that we may receive all that

Heaven has in store for us. Of course, daily we want to know we have a clear record, but once a year we quite decidedly turn over a new leaf, and we do not want anything on the previous page to appear against us.

Now, what have we to make right? Have we wronged any one in the family, a brother or sister in the church, or a neighbor? If so, let us make it right before the week of prayer. How is your credit with the Lord? Do you feel entirely free in the matter of tithes and offerings? We would suggest that Sabbath, December 6, a collection be taken. Those who are delinquent have wronged only the Lord, so they need say nothing about this to any one, but at that time place this in the basket. Those who are not sure they have paid a faithful tithe can do the same, and it will be fully as easy for those who have been exact to give also. Our church treasurers will pass this money in to the conference as a tithe collection.

Let us pray that the Lord will make clear our duty in this respect. How glad we will all be to come up to the week of prayer with this and other duties performed! Let us pray that God will give us a clear conception of our obligations.

C. L. Taggart.

"H. I. C." Notes

The Lodi Normal students have done faithful work as they have taken a day now and then in Sacramento and Stockton.

Our ministers are helping nobly in this campaign. Not only are they encouraging others to do, but they are doing actual work themselves, and will have a nice sum to report.

Some are able to say they have gone above the five-dollar mark; others have gathered less, but hope to reach this sum. I wonder how those feel who have not done anything yet?

Until recently the Salida people have been very busy with their alfalfa and fall work. They expect to push their Missions *Review* work now to a finish. While they are a little late in starting, we feel sure they will be among the first to raise their amount.

As a result of this wonderful missionary spirit coming into our churches, we expect to see an exceptionally good week of prayer this year. Why not keep our work with the *Review* going during this time? Although we reach the \$1.54 a member, let us raise more. It will all be applied on our twenty-cent-a-week fund.

Some of the smaller churches have reached their goal. The Lodi church, which by far is the largest in our conference, and situated where they are obliged to go quite a distance for territory, have raised two thirds of their apportionment. The Sacramento and Stockton churches are not slow, but will doubtless soon sing the song of jubilee. The churches quite generally are pushing this work, and doubtless will all have their part done before the end of the year.

C. L. Taggart.



Educational

[Papers read in the churches in Southern California on Educational Day, November 1.]

Secondary Education

The education of our young people between grades eight and thirteen is called "secondary education." The ages of our young people receiving this training are usually from fourteen to twenty years. It is a time in life when their characters are molded and their life-work is chosen.

When the young man or woman has finished church school work at home, the round of education is not complete. Parents should plan to continue their education in a higher school, even at a sacrifice. Not only one child, but all the children, should receive this opportunity, for we do not know which one the Lord will choose for a place in His work. He is almost sure to choose the one whom we would not select, as in the case of David.

The following statement from "Education," page 262, is to the point: "God's purpose for the children growing up beside our hearths is wider, deeper, higher, than our restricted vision has comprehended. From the humblest lot those whom He has seen faithful have

in time past been called to witness for Him in the world's highest places. And many a lad of to-day, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's word and His works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts, as a witness for the King of kings. Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry. The whole world is opening to the gospel. Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God. From Japan and China and India, from the still-darkened lands of our own continent, from every quarter of this world of ours, comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for a knowledge of the God of love. Millions upon millions have never so much as heard of God or of His love revealed in Christ. It is their right to receive this knowledge. They have an equal claim with us in the Saviour's mercy. And it rests with us who have received the knowledge, with our children to whom we may impart it, to answer their cry. To every household and every school, to every parent, teacher, and child upon whom has shone the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther the queen at that momentous crisis in Israel's history, 'Who knoweth whether *thou art* come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'"

Fernando Academy is the school in Southern California designed to give secondary education. It was established at a great expense. It has graduates and students all over the world, and its influence can never be called back; it will continue to affect humanity in all lands to the close of time.

We have an excellent school this year. Ninety young people attend chapel services every morning. There is unity among the teachers and students, and they are all working together as one. Elder Taylor's classes in Bible are well attended, and the students take an interest in their work. He has classes in New Testament history, Bible doctrines, and Bible prophecy, also in church history and pastoral training. We expect to have some young people ready to enter the gospel ministry next summer.

In addition to the foregoing subjects, we teach three years of English, three years of mathematics, four years of science, two years of Latin, two years of

German, one year of Spanish, bookkeeping, and shorthand. Mrs. G. I. Bachman has a strong normal music department. She gives, on an average, fifty lessons each week. Manual training has its place in the school. We have classes in sewing, cooking, woodworking, and hydrotherapy.

The spiritual interests of the students are not neglected. Our Friday evening meetings have been very helpful to us all. The students are growing in spirituality, and we are grateful for their cooperation in all lines. Our aim is to train young people for a part in God's closing work, either at home or abroad.

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come,—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where 'the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever'; where 'the inhabitants shall not say, I am sick,' and 'the voice of weeping shall be no more heard.'"

H. G. Lucas.

Support of Our Church Schools

This heading will doubtless suggest at once the question of financial support for our educational work. There can be no doubt about the importance and the necessity of this kind of support. But we are not disposed to give credence to the view that some may have that the matter of supplying funds for our church schools is the greatest question presenting itself in considering the support that this important part of our work should have. Indeed, some other things must have precedence to this feature. And I may suggest that when some other phases of the "support" question are considered by our churches and families as they ought to be, the difficulties attending the effort to properly finance our schools will be very much decreased.

We need a thorough conversion or awakening to the church school idea; or may I say, to the value of Christian education. If God has ever spoken to Seventh-day Adventists relative to the importance of anything that calls for our enthusiastic support, He has em-

phasized the importance of this movement in the interests of our children. May I ask whether you have carefully read the instruction that has been given us in the spirit of prophecy? If so, we can not give the matter of supporting the schools that are to educate and train our children for God, any other than first place in our thought and in our planning.

A volume might be written showing the value of Christian education for our little ones; but this paper can not enter that field. Suffice it if I say that if you have not studied the "Testimonies" to know what God has said to us on this question, or have not studied into the principles that characterize this Christian school idea till you are possessed of a burning conviction that such provision for our children is absolutely indispensable, you are not a reliable supporter of church schools. Conversely, it may properly be said that if you are of this strong conviction you are dependable to do all that lies within you, financially and otherwise, to make the good work succeed.

I will suppose that you have become aroused fully to the meaning of this effort to educate our children aright, and that you are enthusiastically committed to the church school idea. I may, then, hope to help a little by suggesting a few things for careful thought relative to the support our schools must have in order that they may succeed. First, I may be sure that you will send your children to the church school instead of to the schools of the world, and that you will not allow an ambition to reach the world's standards to rob your children of blessings which the seed-sowing in our schools may bring to them in their whole future. O let us ask God to shut us and our little ones in with Him and to shut the world out entirely!

Then pray for your children and for the teacher. Don't forget what a sacred trust your teacher has in working for your children. He or she has them a larger part of each week; and no teacher can successfully meet such a responsibility as this, with so many little ones from so many homes, without the help that God gives in answer to prayer. He needs the support that comes from knowing that you are praying daily for him and that he has your fullest cooperation. He may find it

necessary to discipline your boy or your girl. It would be unusual if some necessity like this did not arise at times. Will you support your teacher in this unpleasant experience? You will, if you are wise. Indeed, I may suggest that a discreet teacher will keep close to parents and guardians in dealing with their little ones; and if the parent is as thoughtful as he, there will be little danger of friction between them. If, after all, in your judgment, the teacher makes a mistake, advise with him kindly and seek to help him. Do not, above all things, take a course so indiscreet and thoughtless, as to suggest a question, or even sustain a question already existing in the mind of the child, relative to the teacher's motive, his ability, his sincerity, or anything else that would lessen the prestige he must have to make a success of his work.

Parents, visit your school and come in close contact with the teacher. You *can not* know what is done by mere hearsay, either from children's reports or from the word of others. Form your own opinion, and in a way that you may be sure it will stand the test; then be very discreet what use you make of it.

Now I must say a word about financial support before closing. Your teacher should have it. He needs it, and is no less worthy of it than any other spiritual worker. We will never adequately support our church schools until the teacher no longer has to face a question relative to his salary—whether he may expect a consistent wage, or whether or not he will be paid regularly what he has earned. The first responsibility in this falls naturally and unavoidably upon the parent who is sending his child to the school. He should never expect help nor accept it till he has done *his best*. After this, it must be granted, in some cases help will have to be supplied if the parent is to keep his little ones in school. Where, in such cases, shall it come from?—Naturally, from the church, if possible; or, at least, till the church has done its very best to supply help where help is needed. And we will grant also, that in the cases of some churches, help will have to come from some source if their school lives. However, it should be emphasized that no church should expect assistance nor receive it until it has done all it possibly

can do. Every member of such a church, whether he has children in school or not, should be interested in the school enterprise and should help freely.

Then, where is the church to get its help after having lifted all it can? Clearly, here comes the duty of the conference to relieve the situation and *not allow* a school to die. This is disastrous to both the church and to the children. What recourse, then, has the conference to help in these needy cases? — Clearly enough, all the people. Those individuals who have done all they can and have been helped themselves, may not be called upon to help others; but the larger percentage of the church members are sufficiently blessed with possessions to be able to help the less fortunate ones, and quite a number are able to help liberally. So, appeals will have to be made in all the churches for an offering to create what may be called an "emergency fund," to be applied wherever assistance must be given to save a school from closing its doors. When such a call is made, every one should lift as God would have him. If all will do this, there is little doubt that all existing needs will be supplied.

All applications for help from this fund should be submitted to the conference educational superintendent. If it comes to the conference with his O. K., it will be favorably considered. But it will be expected of him that his O. K. means that he has sufficiently investigated the local conditions to be certain that help is absolutely required to save the life of the school. If there is failure in this, the danger will follow that churches having schools will grow weak, as is always the case when people lean upon other than their own resources.

May the educational day do much to arouse every believer to do his best toward making our effort in behalf of Christian education the blessing it may be to our dear children. Happy will we be if we hear at last the "well done."

F. M. Burg,
Pres. S. Cal. Conf.

Wanted

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Young People's Corner

Reading Course Bands

Why could not our church school teachers throughout the Southern California Conference interest themselves in the organization of reading course bands? I have recently learned that in one place at least this is done by the young people who otherwise would not be able, perhaps, to find time for reading course work, and who perhaps would not be interested if left to their own resources.

There are many of our young people who need encouragement in the matter of reading, as they have not yet learned how to read so as to make what they read of real interest to themselves. This is true not only of young people in the grades, but also of those who are in academic or college courses. If our church school teachers could persuade any number to join them in following the reading course work, they would have accomplished a great work in the church with which they are connected. Not only would they be carrying forward a work beneficial to themselves, but without loss of time or effort they could carry all the way from one to a dozen others with them. Will you not, dear teacher, give this matter earnest consideration, and see if your field is not ripe for some such effort as this?

Let me suggest this question in the matter of standard of attainment work: Who is better prepared to interest young people in the studying of our truth than the church school teacher who is continually engaged in teaching that same truth to the young people of the church? It has seemed to me that in some way the teacher should invite the young people, even those who are not members of his school, to join in studying the fundamentals of our faith. Certainly it is high time that our young people be encouraged in every way possible to build themselves up in the Word and to fit themselves for the issues which lie just ahead.

If there be one teacher who is inclined to adopt the suggestions made in this short article, and who would like to consider the matter further, will

he kindly send his name to the undersigned? It may be that together we shall be able to plan something to help build up the work in his particular field.

C. L. Taylor

San Fernando, Cal.

Miscellany

Just from Reading

Some very interesting cases have come to our notice of people who have accepted the truth this summer from reading our literature. The following is a paragraph of a letter from Victor Armstrong, secretary of the Montana Tract Society:

"A man in Butte, Montana, read 'Great Controversy' and realized it to be truth, and in some way got our address and wrote in for more literature. We sent him tracts and some books which he ordered, and he finally took the step. He was a local ordained elder in the Methodist church in Butte. He is a young man about 23, and is working in a grocery store there, but they allow him to lay off on Sabbath. He came in by reading alone, and never saw a minister until after he had begun keeping the Sabbath. We do not know where the 'Great Controversy' came from."

We could relate a number of other similar experiences that have come to our attention the past few weeks. Such results should inspire us to greater activity in the circulation of the printed page.

Jas. Cochran.

A Valuable 1914 Diary

Ready December 1

Last year, on urgent request from workers in the field, the General Conference Committee authorized the secretary of the publishing department to prepare a compendium of data relating to the beginning and growth of our organized work in its various departments, to be issued in a diary for 1913. This booklet met with such favor that the data has been revised in harmony with the latest statistics, and is issued in a neat little pocket diary for 1914.

The work of the denomination is taken up under the following heads: Evangelical, Work in Non-Protestant

and Heathen Lands, Publishing, Sabbath-school, Medical, Educational, and Missionary Volunteer Departments, showing the progress which each of these departments has made from its beginning to the present time. It gives total contributions to this cause from 1853 to the close of 1912, the various presidents of the General Conference, the various secretaries, the various sessions of the General Conference, and a financial summary of tithes and offerings for 1912.

Other valuable features are the maps, table of weights and measures, interest table, pages for cash account, notes, bills receivable and payable, summaries of sales for various months, weather record, table of distances between principal cities, pages for memoranda, addresses, and diary blank for each day of the year, with calendars for 1913, 1914, and 1915. Two new features added this year are a Sabbath sunset calendar for each section of the United States and Canada, and legal forms for bequest of money and devise of land.

We expect this booklet to be ready for circulation December 1. Order from your tract society.

To Young Ministers

At the recent council of the General Conference, the following recommendation was adopted:

"That young men who are now licensed ministers, but have not completed the academic course, be urged to pursue studies in our training schools, or in the Fireside Correspondence School, with a view to reaching this educational standard before ordination."

Desiring to cooperate in rendering effective this wise recommendation, the Fireside Correspondence School will be glad to correspond with young ministers who can not at present attend our training schools, in order to assist them in selecting those subjects that are best adapted to meet their individual needs, and that will at the same time advance them toward the completion of the academic course. Copies of the academic course and of the Correspondence School announcement will be mailed them on request.

In this connection, I am pleased to announce that my experience in writing the first ten lessons of the public speaking course has convinced me that the

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	25	12	\$ 7.30	\$48.30	\$3.40
M. A. Reese	B. R.	33	12	2.50	42.50	2.60
Mrs. M. A. Bryant	H. W.	7	7	5.25	5.25	
3 Agents		65	31	\$15.05	\$96.05	\$6.00
Southern California						
W. O. James	H. & H.	8	14		\$35.00	
C. Egner	P. G. & C. K.	30	20		60.25	
L. H. Johnson	B. F. L.	16	11		11.50	
Wm. Keele	B. S.	28	35		26.00	
May Keele	B. S.	7	4		5.25	
G. O. Elick	H. W.	17	23		14.75	
Anna Elick	H. W.	11	17		12.00	
Mrs. O. G. Verkauteren	H. W.		13		12.85	
Mrs. M. Degroot	H. W.	8	13		7.00	
Mrs. H. A. Williams	H. W.	13	2		1.50	
H. Bundy	H. W.		10		6.50	
Mrs. S. C. Vincent	H. W.		7		3.30	
Mrs. G. M. Price	H. W.	3	3		1.75	
Mrs. Lottie Tremaine	H. W.	7	18		11.50	
Miscellaneous					.75	
15 Agents			190		\$209.90	

subject can be satisfactorily presented in twenty lessons, instead of forty, as announced in our last calendar, thus reducing the tuition from \$14 to \$7. The books upon which these lessons are based—Phillips's "Effective Speaking" and "Drills in Expression"—are the best I have ever used or seen. There is more to effective preaching than "swinging the arms and hollering"—that can be acquired without assistance. But to understand and apply the fundamental principles that underlie effective speaking is a more important matter, requiring earnest study. In this study I am sure I can help you, by means of the text-books, the lessons of instruction and direction, and the personal correspondence that will grow out of these. A number of persons are now pursuing these lessons, and many more ought to begin them at once. Address C. C. Lewis, principal Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

We are pleased to welcome back to California Mrs. Delmer Baker, who has been laboring with her husband in British East Africa for several years. She and her little daughter arrived in Oakland November 15. A few days were spent in Oakland and Mountain View with her husband's relatives before going to her home in southern California. Mr. Baker plans to follow in the spring.

A Heaven-Ordained Plan in the Canvassing Work

In a little over one month's work (as I began in Nevada on October 1), the good Lord blessed me with over \$1,000 worth of orders for books, outside helps, etc. Besides this, there was over \$100 in orders for the heaven-sent jewel-casket of truth, "Ministry of Healing," for the Loma Linda Medical College.

My leading works were "Practical Guide to Health" and "Daniel and the Revelation," supplemented by "Ministry of Healing," relief edition. The honors, exaltation and thanks are all due our Father only. This is my first trial at selling "Practical Guide," in fact, the first time I have handled a regular family physician's or doctor's book for over thirty-one years.

I began my canvassing career on Sunday, May 8, 1881, near Fairview, some dozen miles east of the now large and prosperous city of Fresno, California. My work then was with the "Home Hand Book." The cheapest binding was \$8.00. For my first day's work, the good Master granted me three orders, and some subscriptions also for *Good Health* magazine, as I connected it with my work in those times. All honors are the Lord's, for His daily sustaining grace.

Walter Harper.

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The more we see of the new dress make-up of the *Signs*, the better we like it. Certainly it is a splendid journal for our missionary work. The past week shows another gain of 1,012 in the mailing list, and good returns are still coming in.

Opportunity to Members of the California Conference

The California Bible House of Oakland is offering its stock of American Standard Revised Bibles and International Bibles at cost price during the period of December 1 to 15. This is done to reduce the stock prior to moving to their own office building, which is now nearing completion. All members of the California Conference who are interested are invited to write for further particulars. Address California Bible House, 2201 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, California.

An Interesting Experience

Our Southern California field agent writes: "You will be interested in a recent experience I had while riding on the street-car to Pasadena. My *Signs* weekly came just before I left the office, and consequently I was reading it on the car. After reading a few articles I passed the paper over to the gentleman sitting by my side, who is a contractor and builder. I asked him if he had ever read the paper. He said he had not, and began to scan its pages. He soon remarked: "This seems to be a fine paper. I like literature of this kind. What is the subscription price of the paper?" I told him, and he gave his

order for three months, and remarked that if he liked it after reading it three months he would renew his subscription. He paid me the fifty cents."

Dried Fruit for India

Some weeks ago, a call appeared in the columns of this paper and in the *Signs of the Times* for dried fruits of various kinds to be sent to our European workers laboring in India. Those who did not have fruit they could send, but who could send money instead, were invited to send in a contribution to assist us in buying tins and boxes for packing the fruit for shipment, and for paying the freight to India.

A number have responded very generously to this call, but there are many others who would like to have a part in this work. Some fruit has been sent to the conference headquarters to be sent on to me for shipment to India, while others who wish to give fruit are still holding it, not understanding what they should do with it.

I will repeat again: All dried fruit intended to go forward in this India shipment should be collected in as large a shipment as possible in one community, packed in strong boxes, and sent to me in care of the Sanitarium Food Company, St. Helena, California, charges prepaid. Fruit or money sent to the conference offices, intended for this enterprise, should be distinctly labeled so the respective treasurers will know what to do with it. We will be needing some ready money to buy tins and boxes for shipping, and also to pay the freight out to India. Will those who wish to have a part in this donation, kindly attend to it at once, so we can make up the shipment and have it on the way? Whatever part you have in this, write me a letter stating the nature of your contribution, and the amount, so I may acknowledge the receipt of the same.

J. S. James.

Elder Daniells in the "Signs"

It is your privilege to enjoy some real treats during the next few months. Elder Daniells in outlining his articles for the *Signs* says:

"I can give two or three articles on my travels in Europe. One will be our convention in Southern France at the place which, for a hundred years, was

the center of activities of the terrible persecution of the Huguenots. I have just sent over to the Review and Herald office a brief sketch of this meeting; but I would like to write it up in fuller and better shape for the *Signs*. I can furnish two or three good illustrations to go with the article, and I think I can give an interesting account of the Huguenot people, and draw some good lessons for all Christian people of today.

"Another article I shall be glad to furnish you, will be a statement of our work in Catholic Austria. That was the most interesting meeting to me of all I attended in Europe.

"I think I might be able to give you a readable statement of our ministerial institute in Sweden, which was attended by ninety gospel workers from all parts of Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland. I am hoping to receive some good photographs of these workers.

"You suggest that I give you some half-column articles on helpful texts. I like that suggestion, and I shall try to do this. I think these little, short, simple, and touching articles help to make a paper spicy."

You ought to get your subscription in to your tract society right away. \$1.75 for one year; to you and three of your friends or relatives for \$5.00.

The week of prayer this year is set for December 13-20, and the readings for this occasion are in the *Review and Herald* dated November 13. Are you preparing for a special feast during this week?

For Sale

Being desirous of attending college, I offer my plumbing business, stock, tools, and auto truck at a bargain. Plenty of work throughout the year. Near normal, church school, and church. Address with stamp W. S. Reese, Lodi, Cal.

For Sale

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