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"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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College of Medical Evangelists

THIS college has recently completed the five-year course of work constituting the medical course. These have been five years of hard, earnest work. Few can realize what are the difficulties to be met and the obstacles to be overcome in establishing a new medical school in this day and age of the world.

who will take an internship in the hydrotherapeutic department of the Los Angeles County Hospital, these physicians will be connected with our denominational work. Dr. White's work in Los Angeles may also be a strong feature in connection with our work in the city. These young physicians have already entered upon their work and are doing well in practice.

The Combined Course

The college has heretofore offered a Bachelor of Arts degree to students who have completed at least two years of literary college work when they have finished three years of the regular medical course. Four young men were granted this degree,—Mr. Fred E. Herzer, Mr. Arthur N. Donaldson, Mr. Edgar R. Brigham and Mr. Vaness L.



Group of Students and Teachers 1913-14

The Lord has certainly been our helper in this movement. To Him we give the thanks.

The First Medical Graduates

On June 11 the first class of physicians was graduated from the college. Six members, two young women and four young men constituted the class. These were: Miss Lavina A. Baxter and Miss Zenobia Nightingale, California; Robert I. Hail, Michigan; Fred E. Herzer, Nebraska; John J. Weir, California, and Leroy M. White, Washington, D. C. With the exception of Dr. L. M. White.

The Medical Evangelistic Course

Mr. Roger W. Paul of Michigan was graduated from this course. After three years of faithful study and hard work, Mr. Paul finished his course and immediately took up medical evangelistic work in the South. Shortly after graduating, Mr. Paul was married to Miss Freda Huber who had been taking special medical subjects in the school during the past year and they together immediately went to their field of labor in the great city of New Orleans.

Lathe. With the exception of Dr. Herzer, who received the two degrees, A. B., M. D., these young men will continue in the medical course.

The Nurses' Training Course

This is a very practical course to prepare the young, not only to minister to the physical needs of the people, but to also carry the glad news of salvation to needy souls. There were nine graduates in this course,—Mrs. Alice R. Bowerman and Miss Ethel M. Warren of Michigan; Misses Hazel R. Edwards, Irena B. Frisbie, Daisy L. Harding and

Irma L. Olesen and Messrs. Fred C. Klopfenstein and John W. Warren, of California, and Iva L. Moore of Texas. Several of these young people are engaged in the Loma Linda institution while others have gone elsewhere. All are desirous of engaging directly in the work.

Post-Graduate Nurses' Course

In the special post-graduate course four young people have during the past year been pursuing studies in securing a better preparation for work. These were Miss Alice J. Musson, Miss Lois Tatro and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Haley. These have all entered the work.

The past year has been a very prosperous one at Loma Linda. More and more the conviction is gaining ground that the education given here, in whatever course, should be with the purpose of preparing young men and women for some place of usefulness in the work of carrying the gospel of a soon-coming Saviour. We invite as many young people as have this desire to come with us and we will do you good. This world's history is fast closing. There is a great work to be accomplished in giving this gospel truth to the world. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Medical missionary work is a means the Lord has chosen to represent Himself and His love to the world. Who will prepare for this work?

Medical Evangelistic Education

Sanitarium, Cal., October 11, 1909.

I am instructed to say that in our educational work, there is to be no compromise in order to meet the world's standards. God's commandment-keeping people are not to unite with the world to carry various lines of work according to worldly plans and worldly wisdom.

Our people are now being tested as to whether they will obtain their wisdom from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew, or seek to the god of Ekron.

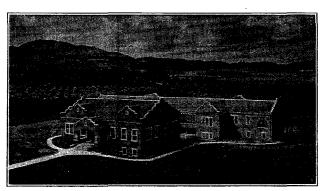
Let us determine that we shall not be tied by so much as a thread to the educational policies of those who do not discern the voice of God, and who will not hearken to His commandments.

We are to take heed to the warning: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Those who walk

in the narrow way are following in the footprints of Jesus. The light from heaven illuminates their path.

Shall we represent before the world that our physicians must follow the pattern of the world before they can be qualified to act as successful physicians? This is the question that is now testing the faith of some of our brethren. Let not any of our brethren displease the Lord, by advocating to their assemblies the idea that we need to obtain from unbelievers a higher education than that specified by the Lord.

The representation of the great Teacher is to be considered an all-sufficient revelation. Those in our ranks who qualify as physicians are to receive only such education as is in harmony with these divine truths. Some have advised that students should, after taking some work at Loma Linda, complete their medical education in worldly



Loma Linda Hospital

colleges. But this is not in harmony with the Lord's plan. God is our wisdom, our sanctification and our right-eousness. Facilities should be provided at Loma Linda, that the necessary instruction in medical lines may be given by instructors who fear the Lord, and who are in harmony with His plans for the treatment of the sick.

I have not a word to say in favor of the world's ideas of a higher education in any school that we shall organize for the training of physicians. There is danger in their attaching themselves to worldly institutions, and working under the ministrations of worldly physicians. Satan is giving his orders to those whom he has led to depart from the faith. I would now advise that none of our young people attach themselves to worldly medical institutions in the hope of gaining better success, or stronger influence as physicians.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Loma Linda Hospital

A hospital is one of the most important of facilities in a medical school, and we are very much pleased to be able to present some facts which show that we are making a good beginning in this line for our work at Loma Linda.

This institution was opened to patients December 24, 1913, and although not entirely completed, it has been doing a fair amount of work since that date. The hospital when fully equipped will accommodate seventy patients; forty of these will be cared for in wards of ten beds each, and the others in smaller rooms, many of which are for a single patient only. Practically all of the rooms are in connection with the porches and are splendidly ventilated and lighted.

In addition to wards and rooms for patients, there is a large room arranged for medical clinics, a complete and well

> equipped suite of rooms for surgical work, offices for physicians, records and pharmacy. kitchen, dining room and treatment rooms are as yet incomplete and at the present time the diet kitchen and one of the offices are supplying the places of the first two mentioned, and the treatments are being given in the

hydrotherapy department of the laboratory building which is about 200 yards distant

The total number of patients thus far treated has been a little over 150. The average number in the hospital has increased even during the warm months of the summer, the average per day for July being nineteen as against fifteen Since the opening of for February. the institution twenty babies have been born in the obstetrical department and thirty-eight cases have received attention in the surgical ward. The medical cases have presented some thirty-five distinct conditions for study. Although the number of cases has not been large, yet we feel that the outlook is good for a considerable increase the coming school year. We are better prepared to go out into the surrounding country to see the cases in need of hospital care and the character of the work done is better known among the people.

Thus far only such cases as can pay a

reasonable sum are received, and we feel that some way must be arranged to take in at least a few worthy individuals without charge. Often the best cases for study are among those who are penniless, and such individuals are also the most needv.

If some of our people could see their way clear to endow a few beds, thus enabling our faculty to receive a number of cases without charge, it would add very materially to our list of cases for study, as there are always plenty of people ready to enter on such a basis.

We find that it costs a little more than \$1 per day to care for a patient in one of the wards. Thus an endowment of \$400 would maintain a bed for one year's time. Are there not some of our people who would be willing to help both the school and needy poor in this way?

It must be quite obvious to all that the training received by the students in

our own hospital is the very best. Here the student can follow up the treatments given and see the results from day to day under the direct supervision of physicians skilled in the application of the methods for which our denomination has stood for so many years.

some excellent clinics in surgical lines. The superintendents of both these institutions are on the special lecture course of our faculty, and they give our students some good work.

A third institution of great interest to our school is the State Hospital for the Insane at Patton. This has over 2000 inmates. There the mental and nervous clinics for the school are held by one of the leading physicians of that institu-This physician is also on the special lecture course of the college. The institutions are of easy access by means of a large auto carrvall. A fourth clinical feature of importance are the Mexican villages near the school. In these much of the out-practice in obstetrics is secured by the students.

Clinical Advantages in Los Angeles

THE DISPENSARY. The college owns and operates a dispensary in one of the

preceded by a didactic or quiz hour conducted by a clinician and will be followed by a teaching-clinic hour using the most instructive cases of the day for observation before the entire class. A new building on the dispensary grounds is being built for this work away from the noise and disturbance of the dispensary rooms.

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL. This institution is accessible to our students for both medical and surgical teaching. Here the forenoon each day is occupied in clinics-medical two days in the week and surgical three days. This is one of the best hospitals in the States, having more than 1000 patients. It can be readily understood that this gives exceptional opportunities to our students in a clinical way.

OUR SANITARIUMS. While these private institutions can not be considered as clinical opportunities, still some of







Laboratory

Women's Dormitory

Clinical Advantages in the College

The clinical opportunities open to the school are varied and abundant.

At Loma Linda

The new hospital here offers a variety of cases and opportunity for close and continuous contact with disease in a medical and a surgical way. Students here are given cases for whom they must, under the direction of the physician in charge, prescribe and give the treatment. This is a most valuable experience, for in this way the students follow the progress of the various conditions from the time the patients are received into the hospital until recovery.

In close proximity to Loma Linda are four other valuable opportunities for clinical experience. First, the San Bernardino County Hospital, with 100 patients or more, is open to our students and two hours of clinics twice a week are held there. Second, the Riverside County Hospital offers

best locations for such work in the city. During the last five months over 3000 patients have been treated there. These comprise every kind of disease. This gives the students a large variety of emergency work which they must do themselves. Two physicians are employed by the college who give their entire time to this work and to the outpatient practice with the students. Already this year some of the students of the next year's class have had the full required number of obstetrical cases.

The dispensary work for the coming year will be so arranged that four clinics will be in operation during dispensary hours six days in the week; one in medicine, one in surgery, one in women's and children's diseases, and one in eve. ear, nose and throat diseases. Each of these departments will be in charge of an attending physician. The students will be apportioned to the four clinics and will rotate from one to the other. The dispensary hours each day will be the most valuable training our students get, especially for our own work, is obtained here. In these they come in contact with the best and most cultured classes, first in treating them in the capacity of nurses in the treatment rooms and at bedside, and later as office assistants in connection with the physicians in the institutions. Both the Loma Linda and Glendale Sanitariums provide such opportunity throughout the course. Other of our sanitariums offer similar opportunity during the vacations. This experience is invaluable as it brings the students in touch with a different class of people than they meet in a clinical way, and must develop in them adaptability to such classes of people.

Taken as a whole the clinical advantages offered to our students are most abundant and varied and are well calculated to furnish experience that will fit students for the important work of the physician.

Summer Work for Medical Students

"Rest is not quitting the busy career. Rest is the fitting of self to one's sphere! "Tis loving and serving the truest and best, "Tis onward unswerving, and this is true Rest."

Most of our students have been spending the vacation days in some line of work or study which will better fit them for the coming year's school, or for broader usefulness in some other line. Interesting reports have come back to us from distant parts-from the Atlantic seaboard-from Florida, from the great Salt Lake region and from points nearby. Scattered like the antumn leaves before a September whirlwind, the students left Loma Linda immediately at the close of school. Only a few remained to "stay by the stuff," but those who have been working here have had most interesting and profitable experience. The patronage at both sanitarium and hospital has been good and there has been an unusual run of surgery.

From those away, have come reports of work almost as varied as the places to which they have gone. The Nelson brothers are doing excellently in New Mexico with the canvassing work, averaging about \$200 worth of sales a week each. From another young man canvassing among the Mormons in Salt Lake City comes a similar report. He adds, "We are welcomed in the homes of these people and are giving health lectures." The Mormon people seem to be much interested in health subjects and are receiving all our young men present most gladly. The slides were sent for use in illustrated lecture work, and the most recent word tells us that Mr. Hara addressed the people in the 'largest church in Salt Lake City' a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are spending the summer in Buckeye, Ariz., and report an active part in the temperance work which is stirring the country everywhere at this time. In a recent Buckeye paper was published a paragraph telling of the temperance rally and the part our young people were taking. The broad principles from which true temperance may be advocated appeal to the thinking world.

Some of our medical students have been in Union College taking some work necessary to securing the combined degree here next spring. Both Mr. Swift and Mr. Ritzhaupt had opportunity for work in the Sanitarium during their summer term of school.

A number of the more advanced students have been doing interne work in nearby sanitariums. Mrs. Smith has been kept interestingly busy at Glendale and Miss Santee has been well occupied with the work in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Mr. Smith and Mr. Steen spent some time in Imperial Valley. Mr. Steen still remains, but Mr. Smith found Loma Linda climate more desirable and has been here for several days. Mr. Butterfield has staid faithfully by the work in the men's bath room here at the sanitarium. Mr. Hadley has been at Glendale.

Many of the other students have found profit in work aside from medical lines. Mr. Lenker and Mr. Magan are at work here in Southern California. Mr. Terrell returned to the canvassing



Young Men's Dormitory

work in Mexico and Texas. Mr. Stump is at home doing ranch work. Mr. Paul and his wife left soon after the close of school for New Orleans where they are in charge of treatment rooms. Mr. Hewitt went East and returns, with his wife, to complete his work here. Mr. Johnston has spent his summer in nursing here at the sanitarium.

We regret to note that Mr. Brigham will not be able to return to school because of his physical condition. He will rest during the coming year, and we hope to be able to welcome him ready for strong work in another year. Others of whom we have not had definite word have no doubt spent very profitable months and will be ready to put new energy and better effort into the next year's work.

We feel sure that all are as anxious to return as we are to welcome them, and we trust that the clarion note that comes from across the continent may express the determination of all our students: "As for me personally, nothing short of death shall keep me from returning to Loma Linda."

The Outlook for the Future

Owing to legal enactments necessitating an advance in the educational requirements to one year of college work for entrance to the medical college this fall, the first-year class this coming year will doubtless be limited considerably, but we know of many of our young people now in our denominational schools who are planning on taking the medical course here as soon as they can get the necessary education for entrance. A special effort is being made this

year, however, to interest our young men and women in the medical evangelistic course, which has been made especially strong this year and which, while the entrance requirements are not so high, is designed to give one a speedy and yet very thorough preparation for usefulness in the mission field.

The work of the college for the coming year has been strengthened in many ways. The dispensary work in Los

Angeles is in charge of two physicians who will devote their entire time to the work of the dispensary and the outpatient work, in addition to receiving help from some fourteen or fifteen visiting physicians who will meet classes in their special subjects and hold dispensary clinics. In addition it is hoped to gain entrance to the Los Angeles County Hospital for our surgeons to hold clinics on the same basis as other schools, a privilege which is now accorded us in the matter of medical clinics. We having two excellent men for this work during the coming year. There has been a marked increase in the strength of the faculty for next Dr. Hoare is coming to take charge of the anatomy department, and in addition, seven of the best physicians of Southern California, residing in Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands and Patton, when approached with the

proposition of giving our students special lectures, were really enthusiastic in the matter and readily gave their consent; so that during the coming year we shall have special lectures on various subjects, such as preventive medicine, insanity, tuberculosis, abdominal surgery, and many others of equal interest.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our school in the past, in providing facilities and men. The school has had a phenomenal growth—from a very small and obscure beginning. Obstacles and difficulties have been overcome, until at present our laboratory facilities are excellent, and our clinical advantages, both in dispensary and hospitals, are fair, and will be improved as the Lord opens the way before us. There are excellent prospects that the present rating of the college, with the council on medical education of the American

Medical Association, will be materially raised at our inspection this coming autumn. We feel sure that a higher rating would do much to increase the confidence of our people and others in the school; and we are making every effort possible to bring this about at the earliest possible moment. As a faculty we feel that facilities and advantages added since our last inspection entitle us to a much higher rating than we now have.

With an endowment for the hospital sufficient to enable us to receive more worthy poor patients, and to fit up treatment rooms for their proper care, and with more room for dispensary work in Los Angeles, we feel that the college would be in a position to do work equal to the best medical colleges of the land. We hope the day is not far distant when all our young men and women who are seeking a medical education for service in the Lord's vineyard will find entrance into the College of Medical Evangelists.

Is it not strange that while nearly every monarch of Europe claims to reign "by the grace of God," each of these seem agreeable (by the same grace of course) to plunging himself and his neighbors into the most bloody warfare of modern history, thus belying the very attributes of the "God of peace" by Whom they claim to reign? In view of this, and the terrible world results to follow, it was a pertinent remark made by the Chicago Evening Post that "the Almighty is made to stand for a lot of unspeakable sinning." How else can guileless ones view the situation, when such a state of affairs show how little knowledge of the true God exists, even among those professing to know Him?

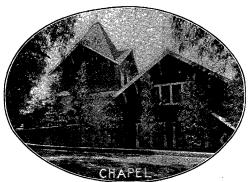
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TEMPERANCE

Temperance Rally Day

Sabbath, August 29, is the date set apart for the consideration of the temperance issue in this union conference. The Pacific Press Publishing Association has prepared a special edition of the Signs of the Times on this subject, and it is greatly desired that it receive a large circulation. It takes up the various phases of the question, and handles them in a very able way. It should be a great factor in helping to educate the people along the lines of temperance, so that at the November election they will be better prepared to cast their votes on the right side.

I sincerely hope that our churches throughout this union conference will



take hold of this matter energetically, and do what they can to give the *Signs* a large circulation.

I realize that many things are claiming our attention just at this time; and that, perhaps, which will occupy the attention of the people now for a time, more than anything else, will be the European war. Undoubtedly God has permitted this to come about in order that we might be awakened to the situation confronting us, and the close proximity of the end.

This calls us to renewed consecration and devotion to God. If we meet the demands of truth and righteousness that are now to be made upon us, we will take advantage of every opportunity for the spread of the truth, which will prepare a people to stand at the coming of the Lord.

It certainly seems to me that the question of temperance is not a small one, in view of what is about to take place. Whatever we can do to remove this terrible curse from our land, and help to bring about a state of sobriety

among the people, will certainly be a great help in giving the light of truth to them, and in helping to prepare the world for the coming of Jesus.

We have had clear instruction with reference to our duty in helping in every way possible to advance the cause of Christian temperance. Let us do our duty at this time. E. E. Andross.

Camp-Meeting Temperance Rally

A rousing temperance rally, attended by a great throng which filled the big pavilion to overflowing, was held on the Alhambra camp ground Sunday, August 9. Dr. T. J. Evans acted as chairman, and a symposium was participated in by Dr. Guy W. Wadsworth, superintendent of the California Dry Federation, Mrs. Julia D. Phelps, national lecturer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Dr. V. H. Lucas and others. The Glendale male quartet furnished excellent music. Elder Sheafe sang a special temperance song written by Elder Burg. About sixty of the camp children vigorously rendered a new song entitled "The Song of the Young Campaigners."

Dr. Evans emphasized the fact that alcohol is neither necessary nor useful in the treatment of disease. "In the cure of disease alcohol is a detriment rather than a help," he remarked. "It interferes with health rather than giving it. It is poison to the human system. It causes paralysis. All the bacteria in the world and all the contagious diseases bow in their death-dealing power before this awful curse."

Dr. Wadsworth stated that physicians, life-insurance companies, business and the churches are making stronger demands than ever for the abolition of the liquor traffic. "Many of the newspapers," he remarked, "are also swinging into line." "We have generally made the statement that from seventyfive to ninety per cent of the crime is due to the use of liquor," said the doctor, "but not long ago I was talking with a Los Angeles detective, and asked him if he thought ninety per cent of the criminality was brought about by liquor. 'If you had said ninety-nine per cent, you would not have overdrawn it,' was the answer. 'I have been associated with criminals for thirty vears, and I know what I am talking about.' If we don't go dry, and Oregon and Washington do, all the bums, thugs

and gamblers of those states will soon overrun California."

Mrs. Phelps spoke on "The Doom of the Liquor Traffic," and in the course of her stirring remarks, said, "No people in the world teach their children the truth better than you do, but no boy or girl can be safe as long as the legalized temptation to drink exists. You want to know what you can do to hasten the doom of this awful curse? Listen!

"Wear a California" dry button all the time from now until the election. You can obtain them from your tract society.

"Put posters on your houses and on the trees where everybody will see them.

"Keep on hand in a convenient place in your homes, and with you in your pockets and hand-bags, a good supply of temperance campaign literature. Scatter it everywhere.

"Register-do it now. Get all your neighbors to register.

"Vote 'dry.'

At the close of the rally several thousand copies of our new temperance tracts were given away to the visitors. Several hundred copies of the special temperance issue of the Signs weekly and the Temperance Instructor were also placed in the hands of visitors desiring to distribute material among their neighbors and friends. During the meeting a special offering was received for the purpose of paying for this literature and assisting in the general campaign. -E. L.

Temperance Paragraphs

Thursday morning, August 13, at the Alhambra camp-meeting witnessed the sale of 108,000 temperance tracts to our own people. Brother Lowry, our tract society secretary, informs us that more than 250,000 copies of the new temperance tracts have been sent out from his office already and that more orders are coming. We are glad to see the literature going out in larger Remember the printed pages in prayer. And carry a supply with you to scatter as you go.

Realizing the important part that strong temperance literature will play in the present campaign for the overthrow of the liquor traffic in our State, the officials of the dry federation are enthusiastically cooperating in the circulation of our new temperance tracts and special temperance issue of

the Signs weekly. A good supply of our literature is on display at the office of the federation. Recently, orders for our literature have been coming to our tract society office from the campaign leaders almost daily.

A young man talking with Wendell Phillips once said: "Since the Civil War is over there are no battles to fight. I am sorry." The great orator led the young man to the window, and pointing across the street remarked, "See those saloons? Such battles are never over, my friend." It may seem that to battle against the saloon is to battle against a forlorn hope. This can not be, for Christianity stands for a greater power than the saloon, and "Christian people," admits a New York brewer, "can down the liquor traffic whenever they try hard enough." Are you doing your best in the present crisis?

Dr. D. D. Comstock, in a stereopticon lecture at the camp-meeting, showed that the so-called "bracers" contain from twenty to forty per cent alcohol, with a little coloring or bitters to conceal their true character. He named "Hostetter's Stomach Bitters," "Paine's Celery Compound," "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound," and a long list of others as being very harmful. Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup was mentioned as a positively dangerous article. "Pain is Nature's danger signal," said the doctor, "and pain killers ought not to be used, for no physician gives a drug to silence the pain until the cause of the disease is found and remedied." A warning was given regarding headache powders. The heart depressants in ERNEST LLOYD. these powders may cause sudden death.

Our Missionary

The Signs of the Times continues its work of reaching souls with the message for which it stands. It is appreciated, too, by both those who receive the paper and those who use it in their missionary endeavors. Notice these letters from recent mail. They all speak the same good word of effectual

One says: "Will you please renew our Signs for six months? Should have ordered them before, but did not think the time was so nearly up. We have been taking a club of five and do not want to miss any numbers. The Signs is getting better and better with every

succeeding number. Hope we won't lose any numbers by being late in our orders."

Another writes: "Will you kindly change the address of my Signs weekly club. I am very much pleased with the Signs, and wish I could afford a larger club? I use them in connection with meetings and Bible work."

One more: "A man came and asked if he could get the Signs regularly. He said he read it in the county jail. I have handed him one every week since. Later he stated that it was the only paper that he could read. He said by reading it he got the truth. Another man that has been reading the Signs for some time, came to me and said that he liked the paper and that it was a good paper. He said that there were some good writers writing for that paper. He also said that it was all that he read on Sunday. Said that he read all that was in it."

Still one more: "Have been on the point of writing you a long time to tell how much I appreciate the weekly Signs. I thank the Lord for such a paper. It was one of the factors that brought me into the present truth, and I believe it will be the leading agency in the finishing of the work. Am using sixteen of them each week in my perefforts. sonal soul-winning Have wished that I could have unlimited means to spend for the dear old Signs, so that I might spend the rest of my days carrying them to the people. I am a Review and Herald employee and a Signs enthusiast. The Signs is the livest 'live-wire' we have and I trust will continue its policy of presenting the message in a manner calculated to startle the people and that its circulation rises to undreamed-of heights, so that the secular and religious press may look on and wonder. The Signs helped to convert me from the tobacco habit; the money saved, I am now using in cultivating the Signs habit."

Let us plan wisely in our missionary campaigns. We can, with confidence, place copies of the Signs in homes new During these stirring times we have ample opportunity for introducing our good pioneer missionary. copies per month is not a copy too MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT. much.

Thanks be to God! to whom earth owes Sunshine and breeze,

The heath-clad hill, the vale's repose, Streamlets and seas, The snowdrop and the summer rose

The many-voiced trees.

The Sunday Law Crisis

In the last issue of the RECORDER Elder J. O. Corliss set before us the situation concerning the proposed Sunday bill to be placed on the ballot November 3, and upon which every voter will have the opportunity of expressing himself. It is no longer a question of circulating petitions to oppose the passage of a Sunday bill by the legislature, but now we must go directly to the people, and educate them concerning the great principles of religious liberty.

This is undoubtedly in the order of the Lord, that the people may individually obtain information that will help them to decide for the right in this great controversy.

The proposed bill is one of the most insiduous that has ever been presented to the people, or to any legislature, and the situation that now confronts us calls for earnest labor on the part of every believer in this truth, in the circulation of literature that is now being prepared.

The following counsel from the Spirit of Prophecy is directly to the point:

"God has revealed what is to take place in the last days, that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest of opposition and wrath. Those who have been warned of the events before them are not to sit in calm expectation of the coming storm, comforting themselves that the Lord will shelter His faithful ones in the day of trouble. We are to be as men waiting for their Lord, not in idle expectancy, but in earnest work, with unwavering faith. It is no time now to allow our minds to be engrossed with things of minor importance. While men are sleeping, Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice.

"The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the under-current is tending. Its professions are mild, and apparently Christian; but when it shall speak, it will reveal the spirit of the dragon. It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience. We should search the Scriptures, and be able to give the reason for our faith. Says the prophet, 'The wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.'

"Those who have access to God through Christ have important work before them. Now is the time to lay hold of the arm of our strength. The prayer of David should be the prayer of pastors and laymen: 'It is time for Thee, Lord, to work; for they have made void Thy law.' Let the servants of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, crying, 'Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach.'

"God has always wrought for His people in their greatest extremity, when there seemed the least hope that ruin could be averted. The designs of wicked men, the enemies of the church, are subject to His power and over-ruling providence. He can move upon the hearts of statesmen; the wrath of the turbulent and disaffected, the haters of God, His truth and His people, can be turned aside, even as the rivers of water are turned, if He orders it thus. Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, Whose word controls the waves of the great deep,-the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people if they call upon Him in faith. He will restrain the forces of darkness, until the warning is given to the world, and all who will heed it are prepared for the conflict.

"'The wrath of man shall praise Thee,' says the psalmist; 'the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.' God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front, and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated. Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry, and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber."—Test. Vol. 5, pp. 452, 453.

I sincerely hope all will carefully study these burning words of truth, and will act upon them. Let us not only do all in our power to circulate the printed page, but also earnestly pray that God may interpose in behalf of His truth. He is able to do this, and if we seek Him earnestly, He will not fail us. I pray that the Lord may give every one of His people wisdom to know what to do at this time, and that He will make His people willing in this the day of His power, that we may do our whole duty.

E. E. ANDROSS.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Conference Notes

Brother Brink writes that four have begun to keep the Sabbath at Yreka.

Brother Gardner, at Gustine, reports one lady, a milliner, who has begun keeping the Sabbath.

The interest at Chico continues. Some thirteen have begun keeping the Sabbath, and others are interested.

Elder D. T. Fero has pitched the large camp-meeting tent in Lodi. Elder Taggart will assist him part of the time.

Brother L. A. Curtis of Salida requests a minister to be present August 29, at which time it is expected that three or four will be baptized.

The information furnished us from Washington concerning the *Review and Herald* special on the war situation, was sent out to all of our churches, and we are glad to report that large orders are being received.

We have asked all our churches to forward us a revised list of their membership, together with the addresses of all. We are anxious to get the names of all our isolated brethren and sisters throughout the conference. We are continually learning of new ones. We ask to be assisted in this matter. Any knowing of isolated persons will kindly send us their names.

A copy of the letter from the Foreign Mission Board to Elder Taggart has been sent to all the churches, requesting it to be read Sabbath, August 22. It is suggested that one week from this time, Sabbath, August 29, a special collection be taken up known as this "emergency fund." We look forward to this as being the largest collection that has ever been taken by our churches at any one time.

The work is moving along quite encouragingly throughout the field. Let us all remember the work and workers in our prayers. While people are embracing the truth in different parts, still we feel that we should see more fruit of our labors. We look forward with great interest to the collection to be taken August 29 for the "emergency fund." We expect to send word to all of our isolated brethren and sisters as well as to the churches.

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In the item appearing in last week's RECORDER, giving the personnel of the Southern California Conference committee, through an oversight the name of W. D. Salisbury was omitted.

Elder G. A. Snyder and a company of workers has been left upon the Alhambra camp ground to follow up the interest created by that good comp-meeting. It is earnestly hoped that a strong church may be raised up in Alhambra as a result of the effort there.

The Pacific Union Conference committee held a two day's council during the time of the Alhambra camp-meeting in Southern California. At this time plans were laid for a vigorous religious liberty campaign, and also a strong campaign in behalf of temperance before the November election.

In writing of the new tract, "Have We Come to Armageddon?" Brother H. H. Hall stated that the first order for this tract called for 5000 copies, and that the Pacific Press confidently looks for a circulation of 100,000 in the next two or three weeks. Has your order been sent to the tract society?

On the day following the close of the Alhambra camp-meeting, the citizens of the place arranged an automobile ride in the country immediately surrounding the city. About fifty automobiles took the conference and visiting workers, the delegates and many of the church officers. An enjoyable forenoon was spent.

In writing a note to the RECORDER recently, Brother H. F. Courter stated that six persons took their stand for the truth under the labors of Elder W. L. Sims at Thatcher, Ariz. Last year

Brother Courter taught the Mexican school at Sanchez, Ariz., and Sister Courter spent considerable time in medical missionary work among this people.

An autographic letter from Cardinal Gibbons, in which he reiterates the claim that the Catholic Church changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday, is in possession of the Signs Magazine. It has been reproduced and will appear in connection with an article in the October number, entitled "Who Changed the Sabbath?" This is another good reason why we should give wide circulation to the October Signs Magazine.

Brother J. J. Ireland, who for so many years served the Pacific Union Conference faithfully as its secretary and treasurer, is spending a few weeks on the Pacific Coast. He has been checking over the accounts of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and College of Medical Evangelists. Brother Ireland is at present connected with the North American Division and General Conferences with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Recognizing that our temperance literature is among the best which can be secured, and our methods of work most effective, the dry federation campaign leaders have asked Brother Ernest Lloyd, missionary secretary of the Pacific Union and Southern California Conferences, to accompany them on an extensive tour of the State in behalf of the prohibition cause. Arrangements are being made for him to take part in this work.

The proponents of a Sunday law for the State of California have secured the required number of signatures to place their "one-day-rest-in-seven" proposition before the voters in November. This means work for us. Another important article was crowded out of the October Signs Magazine to make room for an article by Elder J. O. Corliss entitled "The Hazard of Sunday Laws." It would be well to secure a few copies of this magazine for precampaign missionary purposes.

Last week Elder J. O. Corliss, secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the Pacific Union Conference, made a flying trip to Phoenix, Ariz., to be present at a hearing before the council of a Sunday rest measure for the city of Phoenix. As several of the council members were out of town, the hearing

was postponed. In his interviews with prominent members, Elder Corliss learned that several of them were opposed to the Sunday measure, and they desired his presence when the hearing should be held.

"Have We Come to Armageddon?" a sixteen-page tract just being issued, tells the meaning of this terrible war now raging in Europe. It refers to its startling suddenness, briefly reviews the prophecies referring to the present unprecedented unrest, sketches the message of Revelation 14, showing that we are living in the time of the judgment, gives credit to these noble men and women who have striven for peace, and with Scriptural proof points out the futility of their efforts. The closing paragraphs contain a sympathetic appeal to men to prepare to meet their God. We gladly recommend this latest tract to our people, and hope it will be given a wide circulation. Price, \$1 a hundred postpaid, or \$8.50 a thousand, not prepaid.

In our use of papers in reading racks and other missionary distribution, care should be exercised in their selection. For example, such papers as the Pacific Union Recorder, the Church Officers' Gazette and possibly the Review and Herald are not designed for general missionary work. Our union conference and local conference papers are confidential letters between the leaders in our conferences and institutions and the church people. In our personal affairs we would not think of placing our confidential and private correspondence at the disposal of the general public. So care should be taken not to distribute promiscuously our strictly church correspondence. We have so much good literature in our missionary papers and magazines, such as the Signs of the Times, the Signs Magazine, the Watchman, the Protestant Magazine, Liberty, Life and Health, Youth's Instructor, Our Little Friend and others in the English and foreign languages, which is suitable for this purpose, that it would seem quite unnecessary to use papers whose only object is as a means of communication between the different departments of our church and conference work. Let us continue to distribute large quantities of our literature prepared for that purpose. Correspond with your tract society office for the latest temperance and religious liberty literature to use in the campaigns just before us. Also secure from them other literature for missionary work.