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"If"

If you can keep your head when all about you Are losing theirs, and blaming it on you; If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you.

But make allowance for their doubting, too; If you can wait and not be tired by waiting, Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies. Or being hated, don't give way to hating, And yet don't look too good nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master:

If you can think, and not make thoughts your aim,

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster And treat those two impostors just the same: If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools: Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,

And stoop and build them up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss And lose, and start again at your beginnings And never breathe a word about your loss; If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew To serve your turn long after they are gone. And so hold on when there is nothing in you except the Will, which says to them, "Hold on!"—

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with kings, nor lose the common touch, If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you, If all men count with you, but none too much; If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds' worth of distance run, Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it—And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

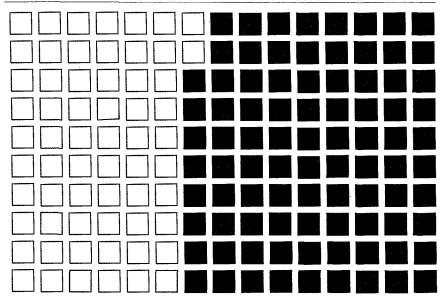
-Rudyard Kipling.

"A man ought to know a great deal to acquire a knowledge of the immensity of his ignorance."

Special Conference Session

At the meeting of the Pacific Union Conference committee in December, careful consideration was given to the question of the boundary lines in the three conferences north of the Tehachapi Mountains. Ever since the division of the old California Conferwould give them added territory and constituency, and sufficient funds to enable them to operate their conference without loss, and also to greater advantage.

This matter was considered by the Central California Conference committee before the last biennial session of



As a result of a little effort at Glendale and Loma Linda Sanitariums during one week, ending January 10, we have been able to change the complexion of three of the above thousand-dollar squares from black to white. Two additional solicitors are working in other parts of the union conference. As yet we have received no reports from them, but are hopeful that they have received substantial encouragement as a result of their efforts.

G. W. REASER.

ence into three separate conferences, many of the leading members of the Central California Conference have felt that the lines drawn at that time were not such as to contribute most to the growth of the work in Central California. They have felt that there should be a readjustment of lines that

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the union conference, and it was then decided to request the union conference to consider the matter. Later it was thought best, however, to withdraw this request, and leave the matter to be considered at some later date.

The same committee gave careful study to the question prior to the meet-

ing of the union conference committee in December, and brought a request to the committee that the matter be given study at that time. As a result, the committee requested the various conference committees to consider the matter of calling a joint session of the conferences, to be held in Oakland, February 4 to 9.

Accordingly, each of these conferences is now making the call for their delegates to meet in February. At this time the question of division of our territory into conferences so as to facilitate the progress of the message in the field concerned, will be given careful study. We trust that each delegate will give some thought to this in advance, and be prepared to take part in the discussion of the question at the coming conference. We must study the question not only from the standpoint of the interests of our local field, but also from the standpoint of the field as a whole. We are too near the end to allow any selfish interest or local prejudice to influence us in any matter that concerns the work of the Lord; and above all, we must be careful not to allow any such feeling to influence us in any way in our plans for the proper division of our field. All that we want is the very best possible arrangement for the rapid extension of this message in the field directly concerned, and that will enable us to conduct the work in an economical way, so as to be of the greatest possible help to the work in the foreign fields.

Each church in the California, Northern California and Central California Conferences should elect its delegates to the joint session of the conference in harmony with the local conference constitution, and the names of these delegates should be forwarded to the local conference secretary at the earliest possible date.

Let us pray earnestly that the Lord will guide us in whatever plans may be adopted.

E. E. Andross,

Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

California Conference

In harmony with a vote of the Pacific Union Conference committee, we hereby call a special session of the California Conference to convene in the Oakland church, Twenty-fifth Street, February 4 to 9. The matter to be specially considered at this session is the readjustment of the conference boundary lines between the Northern,

Central and California Conferences. It is desired that the churches elect delegates to this conference the same as is usually done for the annual sessions,—one for every church without regard to numbers, and one for every additional twenty members. Ordained ministers are delegates at large.

It is not anticipated that the usual business transacted at the annual sessions, such as the election of officers, etc., will be done at this session, unless the delegates so decide after they have convened.

The matter of changing our conference boundaries, however, is an important one. We ask therefore that the churches give this matter special attention. Select the most reliable members in the church for your delegates, and endeavor to have your delegation full. Our best endeavors will be used to secure the most desirable lodging and board for the delegates.

E. W. FARNSWORTH, Pres., H. B. THOMAS, Sec.

California Conference Association

The California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its annual meeting in connection with the conference meeting in the Seventh-day Adventist church, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal., February 4 to 9, 1915, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees, and such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting of the association is called for February 8, at 10:30 A.M. All delegates of the conference are members of the association.

E. W. FARNSWORTH, Pres., H. B. THOMAS, Sec.

Northern California Conference

In harmony with a recommendation of the Pacific Union Conference committee, the Northern California Conference executive committee voted at their last meeting, December 22, 1914, to call a special session of the conference in Oakland, Cal., February 4 to 9, 1915, to consider with the coast and central conferences the question of a change of boundary lines, and any other business that might properly come before the conference.

C. L. TAGGART, Pres., VERAH MACPHERSON, Sec.

Northern California Conference Association

The Northern California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its annual meeting in connection with the conference meeting in the Seventh-day Adventist church, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal., February 4 to 9, 1915, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees, and such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting of the association is called for February 8, at 11 A.M. All delegates of the conference are members of the association.

C. L. TAGGART, *Pres.*, VERAH MACPHERSON, *Sec.*

Central California Conference

The fourth annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventhday Adventists will be held February 4 to 9, 1915, in the Seventh-day Adventist church, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. The first meeting of the conference is called to convene February 4, at 7:30 P.M. A full attendance of the delegates is earnestly requested, the ratio of delegates being one delegate for the organization of each church, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members or fraction thereof when more than seven. The conference committee and ordained ministers are delegates at B. E. BEDDOE, Pres., G. A. WHEELER, Sec.

Central California Conference Association

The Central California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its third annual meeting in connection with the conference meeting in the Seventh-day Adventist church, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal., February 4 to 9, 1915, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees, and such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting of the association is called for February 8 at 10:00 A.M. All delegates of the conference are members of the association.

B. E. BEDDOE, Pres., G. A. Wheeler, Sec.

"Thy will be done" is not merely a prayer of resignation—not passivity, but action. Something is to be done. When we pray that, we mean that we are ready to do it. Are we now? O that the Master could say of us, as He said of the woman, "She hath done what she could!" "What she could!" means all she could. The man who is ready to risk all for God can count upon God to do all for him.—Luke 11: 2.

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MISSIONARY

"The Lord's Nursery-Garden"

When in Long Beach a few weeks ago, I visited Brother Hofgaarden's nursery-garden—a large plot of ground set apart for the propagation of all kinds of plants, shrubs and young trees. This nursery needs constant care, incessant watchfulness and careful gardening. It contains the reserve stock of young plants for supplying failure by disease, accident and death in the surrounding gardens and private as well as public parks. They are all indebted and they all look to this nursery-garden for their supply.

The Junior Department of our work is the nursery garden, to which our mission fields are indebted. Neglect this department, and when our missionaries and colporteurs fall in the far-off fields of battle, who shall fill up the gaps? We are glad that the leaders of our young people are providing fascinating and stirring missionary reading for our boys and girls in the splendid reading Why should our youth know courses. more about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, more than about John Williams, George Whitfield and Robert Moffat? Nothing will stir our youth to greater purposes than the heroic names and deeds of all the missionaries of Jesus. Let us educate them in this noble and historic literature, and they will know, and they will feel, and they will sympathize, and they will help, and we shall not have failure.

The recent week of prayer proved to be of great benefit to our boys and girls. In an interesting letter to Professor Colcord, our enthusiastic educational superintendent, one of the teachers gives an encouraging report of the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the boys and girls in her school during the prayer week. Here is the paragraph: "We had a very precious week in the school. Eight of the boys and girls were baptized last Sabbath afternoon. These were the means of bringing older brothers and sisters. and one father who had left the church. Our room is now a unit, no one being unconverted, I believe. You will remember that I spoke to you about this matter some time ago, and the Lord blessed us almost more than I dared ask Him."

A little lady in one of our small schools sent me a sweet letter some

months ago, and it contained the following beautiful paragraph: made up my mind to give \$2.50 toward this year's goal. I expect to give half of it at our next junior meeting in the church school. The rest of it I intend to earn by taking care of two little children on the evenings their mother goes to the lodge. She pays me 25 cents every time I stay with them. I am going to take the junior reading course. I am eleven and a half years old, and I do want to be a missionary." Another earnest little girl, the secretary of a society, writes to know "where we might get permission to put up racks for our papers in the stations." These little endeavorers are taking as much interest in the general missionary movement of the church as are many of the older members.

"Monday was such a beautiful day." writes one of the teachers, "and the children wanted to take the morning in missionary work. So after the opening exercises, eight of us took the large scripture cards and started out. children enjoyed it immensely, and we brought in over \$4 for missions, and conducted school as usual in the afternoon." The scripture cards mentioned by this teacher are large cards upon which is printed the ten commandments in attractive gilt letters. These cards were given to the church school children by one of our brethren, to be sold in behalf of the mission fields.

One of our small schools recently gathered in more than \$30 for the work. Four girls in this school secured nearly \$5 within an hour. With the Ingathering Review, the sale of magazines, scripture cards and household articles, one of our beach town schools has over \$53 in hand for missions. These items are encouraging and they illustrate how great a help our boys and girls may be to the cause we all love and desire to build up.

From Redlands comes this good message: "Our society is loaning packages of tracts in the vicinity of the school. Some of the pupils are quite successful in placing these in the homes of the people. The pupils have recently sold a dollar's worth of the scripture cards. They spend a part of the noon hour in this work and enjoy it very much." So the missionary movement is "going and growing" among the junior societies at an encouraging rate. The Lord is using the children again. Let us be careful that we do not hinder Him.

How may we best aid and encourage

this vital department of our work? It is to home influence, and home prayers, and home example that we must look. Brethren and sisters, let your prayers in your household be genuine prayers; tranfuse them with earnestness for those dear boys and girls who are kneeling with you. Let them not be mere utterances of words, but a tender yearning for the souls of our children, and we shall find that "along with the fathers there shall come up the children, a seed to serve the Lord, and a generation to call Him blessed."

ERNEST LLOYD.

Missionary Notes

Dr. Mott found on the island of Ceylon a group of sixteen students so poor that they occupied but one room between them. They cultivate a banana plantation to support a graduate in missionary work on an island far out at sea; and cause their cook to set apart a tenth of their rice ration to further their missionary endeavors.

The Woolworth building in New York City is one of the wonders of America. It is 750 feet high. But there are two missionaries in Japan who have built double that height in the last five years, for they have sold enough low-priced New Testaments to the people in Japan to reach, if placed upon each other, five times higher than twice 750 feet. What they have built will far outlast the skyscraper, too.

The missionary secretary in one of our Los Angeles churches writes interestingly of the good work the church is doing with tracts and papers. Regarding the blessings and success attending their efforts in holding Bible readings, he says: "Some readings held by Brother—— resulted in three accepting the truth. These readers, by the way, presented our brother with a very fine teachers's Bible. We plan to enlist more of our members in this important work of studying the Bible with the people about us."

What are we doing for our foreign neighbors? The other day a good sister wrote us requesting that we send her some Japanese papers and bill for them. She purposes to visit the little "Jap town" section of her city with the Japanese literature and talk with the mothers. Her son is giving some of his spare time to the distribution of our Japanese magazines among the men who work in the orange groves. One of our Japanese students was reached

in this manner. A kindly chat with one of these little brown people, an attractive piece of literature in their own language placed in their hands, and who can measure the results that may flow out from that experience? Dear reader, are we making the most of such opportunities? These poor aliens need the message that means so much to us. and their hearts are as open to messages of love and truth as those of our own race. Let us not miss the rich blessedness which will surely come to our own souls as we do the Master's bidding, to give the message to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

At Home and Abroad

"We are scattering the blessed literature in some of the neglected places," writes a sister from one of our foot-"We have a good donkey and a little buggy, and we can go to those spots that are not easily reached by the regular workers. Our work is bringing rich blessings and creating interests among the mountain people. With the war extras and other papers, we carry a few books to sell as we go. Pray for our efforts." What an excellent line of missionary work for those of our sisters who have buggies or automobiles and can give a little time each week to it. Out on the edges of little towns and through the sparsely settled sections of the country there are many who welcome a little visit from Christian women. Blessing will surely attend those who attempt such service in the Master's name.

FIELD TIDINGS

CALIFORNIA

Student Experiences at Ukiah

The following is a private letter, written by Celian Andross to his mother, and not intended for publication. But since it contains matter that will be of general interest, we take the liberty of publishing it.

Last summer Brother and Sister W. P. Dayton and Brother C. E. Andross, assisted by Brother and Sister Berger Johnson, conducted a series of tent meetings at Ukiah during the vacation; but on account of the limited time, were not able to complete their work. Taking advantage of the Christmas vacation, Brother and Sister Day-

ton and Brother Andross, assisted by a few other students of the Pacific Union College, arranged for a week's meetings in the church, with the results given in the letter.

Including those who are now awaiting baptism, we are informed that the membership of the church will be doubled from the fruit of the efforts of the students since the beginning of the summer's meetings. We need an army of such workers, and we believe that our various schools now have them under training. Dear fathers and mothers who are expecting the early return of your Saviour, are your sons and daughters among them? If not, do not fail to place them there another year.

The letter is as follows:

"Pacific Union College, January 6, 1915. "My dear Mother:

"I left Ukiah with the company Monday morning, and returned to Pacific Union College by way of San Francisco and Oakland. I arrived home late that evening. Including our company, there were about twenty or more students who returned at that time.

"I do wish some of us were free to remain in Ukiah and follow up the interest. It is really greater now than last summer. We had an attendance of from 100 to 125 or 130 almost every evening. We had to get twenty-five extra chairs to put in the church to accommodate the people, and even then we had to borrow chairs from Sister Perkins, who lives by the church; then some would have to stand.

"The stereopticon and music-violin and vocal solos by Willeta and Harriet Maxson-were just what was needed to draw the people, and they became intensely interested in the truth also. Some who attended the meetings last summer, but who did not take their stand, are now ready for baptism. Including four children, twelve have asked for baptism this time. Another, a lady who has been baptized in another church, is keeping the Sabbath with her little twelve-year-old boy, who said he was going to keep the Sabbath whether anyone else did or not. She feels her former baptism to be sufficient. Three or four others have started keeping the Sabbath, and wish to be baptized a little later on, and still others are convinced of the Sabbath, and say they are going to keep it, but have not the courage to commence keeping it immediately.

"One young lady was intending to go

to a dance, but changed her mind, and came to the meeting that evening instead. She was so deeply interested immediately that she came every night. One night her brother wanted her to go with him to the theater. She replied that she had determined to give up everything like that, and that she might as well commence first as last.

"As various calls at the close of the meetings were made during the week, she responded. Sabbath came, and she was out to morning meeting, and in the afternoon was present at the meeting, for candidates for baptism. Harriet Maxson had a personal talk with her, and asked her about the Sabbath. She answered, 'Why, I am keeping it today!' She added, 'If my Saviour kept the Sabbath, Iguess I can!' She knows but little about the Bible, but is receptive and eager to learn. Miss Daisy Nesten, one of our sisters at Ukiah, will give her further Bible readings, and I believe she will be ready for baptism as soon as the baptismal service can be

"One aged man, the husband of one of our sisters, who became interested toward the close of the meetings last summer, has now given up his tobacco and drink, and has commenced keeping the Sabbath. He desires baptism.

"Their son, who has been a heavy drinker and smoker and would not come near the tent last summer, happened to be home from his ranch a few miles out in the country, and came to the first meeting. He continued to come throughout the week, not missing an evening, I believe. He told me at the meeting Saturday evening that he had only intended to attend a couple of evenings, and then return to his ranch, but that they were so interesting he could not miss any. I urged him to take his stand then, but he could not decide to do it, though the Spirit of the Lord was striving with him.

"That night his mother spent the entire night, I understand, in prayer for him, and others of us prayed for him. The next evening (Sunday) Brother Dayton spoke on "The Judgment," and made a call at the close of the meeting. He tried to stand immediately, when his father and others did, but seemed to be drawn back to his seat. But soon after a personal invitation, he suddenly sprang to his feet, and seemed to tremble from head to foot, so intense was the struggle. Immediately at the close of the meeting I had a talk with him, and though the

perspiration was standing in beads on his face, he seemed to be as happy as could be. He at once spoke about his sister, who was also backslidden, and hoped that something could be done for her. He has asked for baptism.

"So I might go on, giving experience after experience. The Lord blessed so abundantly that we could hardly realize what was going on. We all would much rather have remained in Ukiah to follow up the interest than to have returned to school. School work seems pretty dry to me just now. I feel that one of us ought to be in Ukiah following up the interest, and I would like to be that one, but I do not see how any of us could miss any more school just now. I am glad I shall finish school in a few months."

ARIZONA CONFERENCE Clifton

Our message is still progressing in a small way here in southeastern Arizona. Since opening up the work here last January, four adults have been baptized, while several are awaiting baptism as soon as the warm weather comes. Two others have united with us, being satisfied with their former baptism. We have had a flourishing Sabbathschool since last June, which has contributed quite largely to our foreign mission field.

On account of the workers' contemplating a change in their field of labor soon, we thought it advisable to organize into a company, thus keeping the light burning until a church organization could be effected. This was done Sabbath, January 2, 1915. The company now has a good live leader and secretary.

We closed our last Sabbath meetings by celebrating the ordinance of the Lord's house. Our hearts were greatly rejoiced as we saw the power of God manifested in the hearts of these new converts while they engaged in this solemn service for their first time.

Please remember the work here in this great mining district when you pray. L. L. HUTCHINSON AND WIFE, I. P. DILLON.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Quotations from Letters

Elder M. C. Israel of Oakdale, in speaking of their quarterly meeting, says: "We had a good attendance and all took part, and we had a good meeting. Prospects look favorable for more additions."

Mrs. Amy Sutter, Paradise: "We are all of good courage. Had a spiritual feast during the week of prayer, and nearly all have had something to do in the Harvest Ingathering work, and are not through yet. An auto load expects to go out next Thursday."

Elder Geo. Sims, Chico: "Last Sabbath afternoon the company here gathered at the water's edge, and I baptized fourteen dearsouls in Linds Creek. We feel greatly encouraged, and mean to press forward in the work. Several more are deeply interested. Pray for us."

A. J. King, Wheatland: "Your letter came to hand a few days ago. We are pleased to learn that you are planning to have this place worked. I believe March or April will be the best time to get the people to attend. I have circulated the Review and Herald Extras, and find some willing to listen. Remember our little Sabbath-school in your prayers."

Elder N. W. Kauble, Modesto: "I thought you would be interested to know how the work goes here. It takes some time to get organized for work, but I am greatly encouraged with the prospects. I find eight or ten real interested people. A husband and wife have taken their stand since I came, and more are interested. I really think a good work can be done here. When you come down, you can get a better idea of the work."

Elder Enoch, who has visited a number of our churches, writes: "We have had splendid meetings all along the line, and many of the brethren and sisters have taken hold with real sacrifice. I am glad to have had the privilege of telling the mission story to the churches there, and while all was not accomplished toward the pulling up of the 1914 fund that we would like, still I hope that something was said that will be a very material help for 1915."

Brother A. M. Todd of Placerville, writes: "I believe, Brother Taggart, there are honest souls in this place, and that the Lord will seek them out in His own good time if we do our part."

Elder Fred Brink, Greenview: "Yes, this is a hard field of labor, but assure you I am not discouraged. The Lord is very good, and is blessing me with much of His Spirit. Although alone, I realize more and more the presence of

the Lord with me. I do enjoy working at this place."

The above are a few of the many reports coming to us. We feel sure a great work will be done since our people have a mind to work. Although we reached our goal on the Harvest Ingathering work December 15 of last year, yet the good work continues, and we expect many returns the first of this year. In spite of the poor financial year that has just passed, we are glad to tell you our tithe is a few thousand dollars better than the previous year. Our offerings also are quite a little more. This certainly shows that the spiritual condition of our people is good. I look for much greater progress in 1915. C. L. TAGGART.

Pres. N. Cal. Conf.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Church

Elder W. M. Healey spoke to us last Sabbath.

Brother Frank F. Mills, returned missionary from Korea, is steadily improving in health.

Mrs. E. Holser-Saxby has just returned from a five weeks' visit at the St. Helena Sanitarium.

The patronage at the sanitarium is very good, the institution being almost to its full capacity. A good spirit prevails in both the sanitarium and in the church.

Brother C. E. Rice received \$25 on Harvest Ingathering from three business men with whom he had dealt, and another party received \$21 in a similar manner.

The opening of the Panama-California Exposition on New Year's Eve was an event long to be remembered. The weather was ideal, one citizen remarking, "The weather seemed to have put itself on exhibition."

The week of prayer was a precious season. Elder R. S. Owen was with us the last Sabbath. Our annual offering was \$157.25; the Harvest Ingathering, just \$96; the thirteenth Sabbath offering, \$41.50. The Sabbath-school offering for the entire quarter was \$109.35, the entire offerings to missions amounting to \$362.50. The balance due for the last year on the 20-cent-a-week fund

was \$811.09, which, it is very gratifying to report, leaves a balance on the right side of the ledger of \$51.51, a-fine start on the new year. "Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality. Those churches who are the most systematic and liberal in sustaining the cause of God are the most prosperous spiritually."

W. H. SAXBY.

Glendale Sanitarium Improved X-ray Equipment

The Glendale Sanitarium has recently installed a new Victor X-ray outfit, including a 20-kilowatt transformer, one of the most powerful on the Pacific Coast. The radiographic and stereoscopic tube-stand and table are the near acme of perfection, which, with the accessory apparatus, permit of the widest possible range of treatment and radiographic and stereoscopic work.

The power available from the transformer is far beyond the regular X-ray tube of to-day, but with the perfect system of control, the power can be fed into the tube in the smallest possible quantity, while a simple adjustment will supply current to portray the deep tissues in a fraction of a second, showing the stomach and even the heart, although in continual motion, without the slightest blur.

The roentgenoscope or vertical fluoroscope is all that the operator can desire. With this we can visibly observe the inner workings of the body. The movements of the diaphragm, heart and other organs can be observed as plainly as you would see a moving picture. A bismuth meal can be given, and its progress noted through the entire distance of the alimentary tract, determining the diagnosis of various gastric and intestinal disorders.

The stereoscope, an improvement upon many of those now in use, furnishes one of the best equipped X-ray laboratories to be found in the country.

The department also has one of the most modern high-frequency machines for the treatment and alleviation of many ills with the various forms of this current. This apparatus is equipped with a newly improved multiple rotary spark gap, superior to the old type, and produces a current of exceedingly high frequency. This current can be increased or diminished at the operator's will.

The new multiplex machine is an advance in electro-therapeutics. With

this we can apply the galvanic and sinusoidal currents in many forms, variations and combination.

It is expected in the near future to make other improvements which will further advance the efficiency of this department. When visiting the sanitarium, do not fail to see the X-ray rooms.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Conference Notes

The Lord has blessed in the series of meetings held at Bakersfield. The newspapers have been liberal; the attendance has been good; a number have taken their stand for the truth; the expense of the meetings, aside from the laborers' salaries, has been covered in the offerings; and the church has come to the help of the Lord in cooperating with the workers. We have all been blessed and encouraged.

The morning and evening papers have printed ninety-two articles, averaging over ten inches to each article, covering practically all points of the faith. The amount of space in the papers calling attention to the message has amounted to 120 feet, equal to seventy-two columns or ten pages. The editor of one of the papers expressed himself as being very much interested.

The attendance has been good, the

first week varying from 200 to 400. Though the hearing afterward was smaller in the tent; yet the congregation was practically the homes receiving the two daily papers of Bakersfield, which amounted to about 9000 homes. As a partial result of these services thirty-five have signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God by His help, and others are keeping the Sabbath. Twenty have been baptized and ten more have requested baptism. The little church at Bakersfield has been faithful in carrying announcements of the meetings, attending and bringing friends to the services.

Brother Richard Breitigam, Mrs.
J. W. Jackson and Miss Ada Bond have
rendered efficient help in the Bible
work. The church of Bakersfield has
in mind the erection of a new church
building. Pray for the advancement of
the work here.
A. S. BOOTH,
E. H. ADAMS.

"The more we know of the world, the more doubtfully we ask, Can such a world be saved? And the more we know of Christian nations, the more incredulously we ask, Can these be the Saviour's? . . . But the more we know of Christ's cross for ourselves, the less we can believe that anything is beyond its power, or any soul outside its destined range."

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H.E. Jennings.	Heralds	17	3		5.00	
Chas. Millar		29	9		21.00	
L.A. Bartlett	Misc.	32	22		39.00	\$61.05
I.W. Blackburn	C.S.		3		4.50	
Luis Herrera	C.K.	12	12		19.60	
6 Agents		100	59		\$108.60	\$61.05

Northern California M. A. Reese B. R. 55 4 \$ 12.00 \$ 75.70 Miscellaneous 50% 98.35 106.20 Miscellaneous 40% \$7.85 7.85 55 4 \$7.85 \$118.20 \$181.90

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 25, 1914

BOOK WORK

Experiences that Encourage

Brother Urguhart tells this experience, and as a preface to it he says: "Sav not ve there are vet four months and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest!' The words of the Saviour are certainly applicable now if they ever were. As I have canvassed over the field this year, and followed up my work by calling on the people a few weeks after delivery, my heart has been made glad to see the interest the people have in the books. They tell me they have loaned their books out, and others are reading them.

"I called at one house two or three weeks after I had made the delivery of 'Heralds of the Morning,' where I found several women present. They had been studying the book and the Spirit of the Lord came in among them. Two or three were prostrated on the floor, saying, 'He is coming again! He is coming soon; yes, Jesus is coming soon.' As I knocked at the door, the lady of the house came to the door with her face all aglow, and said: 'Brother, you are doing a good work, keep on. These people are prostrated under the influence of that book."

Another experience: "One place where I called, after entering the house, the lady informed me that she was bowed in prayer, asking God for light, when I came to the door. She decided at once to take the book, saying, 'I believe you were sent here in direct answer to prayer.' Since reading the book, ['Heralds'] she has been telling her neighbors of the wonderful truths she has learned, and of the Saviour's soon return."

Writing of his experiences and blessings, another colporteur says: "While canvassing a Christian Science lady for 'Heralds,' she suddenly exclaimed: 'I don't know what this old world is coming to, things are becoming so corrupt.' Then before I could answer, she asked: 'What time have you arranged to deliver your books?' I told her, and she said: 'Well, I want that book, and I'll order it from you now.''

C. C. Morlan.

MISCELLANY

For Sale:—Alfalfa honey in five-gallon cans \$4 per can. It is light color and fine flavor. Sample free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Correspondence solicited. M. S. Dickinson, Los Banos, Cal. 24-3mo

WANTED:—Swedish man and wife with seven-year-old girl desire work with Adventist on farm or elsewhere. Speak English fluently. Wife a good cook; man a good carpenter and painter and handy man. Best of references. Address R. S. Fries, 32 Cumberland, San Francisco, Cal. 24-3

FOR SALE OR TRADE:-Nineteen acres in Merced County, ten miles from Merced, sixteen miles from Turlock. Will sell cheap or trade with anyone for land near or within one or three miles of our schools in California. Our nineteen lays nice on main water ditch, no improvements except a few trees. All good land for fruit or alfalfa. Healthy place. Good church. Near free delivery. Two and one-half miles from railroad and depot. Good neighbors and public school near. Address H. L. Stone, Paradise, Cal.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN:-Modern house, five rooms, two screen porches, attic, basement, bath and pantry. Electric lights throughout. Located within three blocks of Pacific Press, S. D. A. church and ten-grade church school. Corner lot, 100x150 feet, cement walks, forty assorted fruit and ornamental trees. Small barn with drive in rear of lot. Reason for selling, owner going to Japan to assist in publishing work. For photographs and further information, write C. C. Hall, Mountain View, Cal., care Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Railroad Rates to the Oakland Joint Conference Meeting

Application has been made to the railroads for the usual reduced rates of one and one-third fare for the round trip to the Oakland meeting which is called for February 4 to 9.

This meeting will include delegates from the California, the Northern California and the Central California Conferences. Announcement will be made through the RECORDER just as soon as definite word has been received from the railroads.

CLAUDE CONARD,

Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

A man in Des Moines, Ia., came across a copy of the Signs Magazine at the hotel where he was stopping a few weeks ago. Believing Christ's coming to be near, he became greatly interested in the magazine, and sent for two or three later numbers. Referring to his experience, he said, "Not by accident, or by chance, but by God's design, the July number of your magazine came into my hands."

By God's Design

Obituary

SLOCUM.—John Slocum was born in Yale County, Pa., May 9, 1851. He came to California in 1871, and from that time had resided in this state. Brother Slocum was baptized into the S. D. A. faith November 22, 1914. He was glad for an opportunity to let the world know that he had accepted the Saviour. He showed great peace of mind during his last hours, and was perfectly confident that his sins were all forgiven him. He died November 28, 1914, his age being sixty-three years, six months and eighteen days. Funeral services were conducted from the Lemoore church by the writer, and he was burried at the Lemoore Cemetry to await the return of the great Lifegiver. F. E. Brown.

An Exposition Number

The beautiful Panama-California Exposition at San Diego opened its gates to the public the first hour of the new The great Panama-Pacific Exposition will be in full swing the latter part of February. It is therefore quite fitting that the Signs Magazine It is therefore for March be an exposition number. Its editors have already conferred with exposition officials, and have secured photos and the necessary data for what will probably be the most attractive number of this magazine ever issued. The cover, in three colors, will be a genuine work of art. It pictures, -a group of pioneer miners and immigrants who see a vision of ornate exposition buildings arising in the background. Two or three pages of facts and figures regarding the exposition will be given, but the major part of the contents will be message-filled articles interwoven with the exposition idea. No doubt our people will wish at least a few copies of this March number for relatives and Some will probably wish to friends. double their regular orders for selling. The publishers would be glad if such ones would order at once, to better enable them to gauge the demand before Usual prices for this unprinting. usual number: Five to forty copies, 5 cents each; fifty or more, 4 cents each. Ready for mailing February 1.

[&]quot;God's word is the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night amidst the windings of the wilderness."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1915

The address of Elder J. W. Adams has been changed from 2144 Duane Street, Los Angeles, Cal., to Hinkley, Cal.

Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, B. E. Beddoe and C. L. Taggart met with the Central California Conference committee in Fresno last week for the consideration of important business matters connected with the work in this field.

The Northern California Conference sends the following magazine report for two weeks:

36	Signs\$3.60
25	Life and Health 2.50
3	Watchman
	Total\$6.40

The following is an extract from a recent letter written by Elder W. L. Sims of the Arizona Conference: "It was my privilege to be with the Globe church during the week of prayer. We had some excellent meetings, but the rains hindered some from attending. I also visited some of the believers in Miami. On my return to Safford last Sunday, I learned they had a most excellent service here last Sabbath, some testifying it the best meeting they ever enjoyed at this place."

We cannot all serve "within the temple," but those who "hew the wood and draw the water" are also needed, and the faithful performance of their duties is just as necessary to the success of the whole as of those charged with greater responsibilities. Let us put the spirit of divine service into our daily task, gladdening and beautifying what might otherwise seem routine drudgery with the thought that in its faithful performance we are witnessing to the truth, assured that such a spirit will make for righteousness.

A great conclave of both Protestants and Catholics, to convene at Rome, and to be called by the Pope, for the purpose of stopping the European war, is reported as being advocated by R. J. Campbell, a noted minister of London, England. The pastor of the First Methodist church of Los Angeles has invited a Catholic priest to fill his pulpit at such time as may be convenient for the priest, the Methodist minister to fill the Catholic pulpit the same Sunday. This so-called Protestant has also preached a sermon extolling Romanism. Thus is Protestantism reaching across the gulf to clasp the hand of the Roman power. These will unite with Spiritualism, "and under the influence of this three-fold union, our country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience."

A visit to a great machine shop is an interesting sight. As one enters at the noon hour, he sees hundreds of machines. each perfectly equipped for the work for which it was intended. Above is a wilderness of pulleys and shafting, moving swiftly in perfect order. not a machine turns. No work is accomplished. Suddenly the whistle blows. Each workman, standing at his post, reaches for a lever, and shifts his belt onto a live pulley. Instantly there is a whir of busy activity. Each machine moves with perfect precision. man labors faithfully at his post. There is harmony and unity. Thus it is with God's church. He has equipped each surrendered soul for service. given "to every man his work." limited power is to be found above. The whistle has blown. It is time for every soul, individually, to reach up with the arm of faith, and with the lever of prayer connect his own heart and life with Infinity. If each one of us will spend time each day in earnest intercessory prayer that the church may see her opportunity and rise to it, such a gospel work will be accomplished as this world has never seen.-Given at a missionary institute.

An Example

"Nellie, what do you do when you feel cross and naughty?" asked a lady of a little girl five years old.

"Shut my lips and my eyes tight, and think a little prayer to Jesus to come and make me feel right."

Nellie knows the way. Let all the Nellies and Freddies and Willies try this way.—Selected.

Christ's Method of Teaching

The Saviour of the world always taught by illustrations, using methods and customs familiar to the people who were before Him. For instance: On the hillside where vineyards were kept, He made the people to know of His mission by declaring Himself to be the true vine. John 15: 1. When by the water side He taught the people by a net illustration in which fish were caught, and a separation was made between the good ones, and those which were bad. Matt. 13: 47, 48.

On one occasion the work of God was illustrated by a woman losing a piece of silver, and never resting until by diligent search she found the coveted treasure. This is nearly parallel with the illustration, just preceding it, of the one lost sheep from the flock of a hundred. Luke 15:4-6. There is then interjected a verse which in a measure explains both references, being a positive statement that more joy is expressed in heaven over one repentant sinner, than over ninety-nine persons who need no repentance.

We must therefore conclude that the lost coin carries a similar lesson. Such a small amount of money could not have caused the anxiety which will illustrate God's care for a lost member of His family. It must be something more nearly related to the subject, and a matter well understood by those to whom He spoke. Its force must be in this:

It was then a well-known custom of that day for married women, especially of the peasant class, to wear on the forehead or arm, on certain occasions, as evidence of loyalty to the marriage bond, a circlet of silver coins. This, too was considered to be a family heirloom. To lose one of these coins from the circlet was therefore a disgrace not to be borne, because it signified the loss of the supposed keeper's virtue.

It is this thought which adds intensity to the point of the lesson. It is this anxiety for its recovery which illustrates the infinite concern which the great God has for even one lost jewel from the circle of His created family. This illustrates the relation of God to the lost world, how He uses all the forces of the universe for its recovery. When this is accomplished, then will be witnessed the fullness of God's joy.

—**J. О.** С.

"Christ is the living ark in which the saints sail to their haven of rest."