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

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Foreign Missionary Work at Home

Every Seventh-day Adventist has been thrilled at the work we are doing in the Philippine Islands. There have been times when our brethren there promised a thousand souls if they could have an additional appropriation of a thousand dollars. The membership is now about 9,000 out of a population of approximately ten million people. It is a wonderful field of soul-winning opportunity. Many more souls will be won there before the work is finished.

But not all of us can go to labor for souls in the Philippines, much as we may desire to go. "Distant fields are green," we know. But we may go to work for foreign-speaking people just where we are. In a home-foreign mission field at our doors there are more than thirty-one millions of people to be warned of the soon-coming Saviour, of whom approximately eight million are German-speaking people. At the Fall Council the following action was passed:

Whereas, There are, according to the 1920 census report, over eight million people in America who speak the German language; and,—

Whereas, no special effort has been made in recent years to get the truth before these people by a literature campaign,

We recommend, That a campaign be instituted among all our churches in behalf of our German missionary paper, the *Hausfreund*, to interest our people in securing clubs of this paper to use among their German neighbors, and suggest January 7 to 14, 1928, as the date for this effort; this campaign to be fostered by the Home Missionary Department.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

What shall I wish thee this new year—
Health, wealth, prosperity, good cheer,

All sunshine, not a cloud or tear?

Nay! only this:

That God may lead thee His own way,

That He may choose thy path each day,

That thou may'st feel Him near alway,
For this is bliss!

I dare not ask aught else for thee.
How could I tell what best would be?
But God the end of all can see,
His will is best.

To know He rules, come loss or gain,
Sorrow or gladness, sun or rain;
To know He loves, in ease or pain,
Is perfect rest.

—Selected.

A special effort is to be made to get the truth into the homes of millions speaking the German language, and January 7-14 has been appointed by the General Conference Committee as the time when all our churches are to secure a club of the German missionary paper, the *Christlicher Hausfreund*, for distribution in the homes of German neighbors in just the same way we systematically distribute literature among English-speaking people. Special prices have been made for clubs of five as follows:

5 or more to one address for one year, each\$1.30 (\$1.40 in Canada)

5 or more to one address for six months, each65 (.70 in Canada)

5 or more to different addresses for

one year, each \$1.40 (\$1.65 in Canada)

5 or more to different addresses for six months, each .70 (.83 in Canada)

There are German speaking people in nearly every section of the North American Division, and no church should be content to take less than five copies of the *Hausfreund* if there are that many families to be reached by the message, and many churches will take a larger club. Last year 407 German speaking people accepted the truth, and we now have in North America 138 German churches, with nearly 7,000 members. These believers are earnest in their service for God, and generous in the support of our world-wide work. Let every church elder and conference worker lay definite plans to bring this special work with the *Hausfreund* to the attention of the church or churches under their care.

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Week of Prayer at La Sierra

"Insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God saying, We never saw it on this fashion." Mark 2:12.

These words might have been written of the Week of Prayer at the Southern California Junior College. It is the universal testimony of all who shared in it, many of whom have shared in many weeks of prayer, that never had they seen or experienced one like this. Elder and Mrs. C. A. Holt, lately from Washington, D. C., arrived on Friday evening just as the Ministerial Seminar meeting in an upper room in the very opening hours of the week were enjoying a breath of Pentecost as they pledged themselves to prayer and personal effort for their unconverted schoolmates.

During the week the readings were

held for the students in their dormitories and for the parents and others of the village in the chapel. Wednesday morning at the chapel period, the break came and it will be long before that meeting will be forgotten. That same night in the boys' dormitory after a testimony meeting the atmosphere was so charged with the Spirit that another appeal was made, and boy after boy who had not surrendered in the morning, with weeping and confession, made complete surrender. The following evening witnessed a repetition of it in the girls' dormitory. Friday morning it seemed as if the very heavens had broken above us, and the students' meeting on Friday evening seems altogether too sacred and wonderful to describe. The after meetings outgrew the largest class rooms, and following the evening meeting ran far into the night. Every evening at 6:15 the members of the Seminar met for special prayer, and many of them met also in the morning for the same purpose at 5:45, binding themselves in special intercessions for certain ones. "And God hearkened and heard."

Those leading out were particularly struck with four unusual things during this Week of Prayer. First, the unusual number of young people who by their own confession had determined together not to yield under any circumstances. Second, the unusual burden of souls upon the hearts of those converted for their unconverted friends. Nothing was more touching in these meetings than the sight of students leaving their seats to plead with fellow-students to give their hearts to God, as many as three or four students sometimes kneeling about one who still was holding out against the appeals of mercy. Third, the unusual absence of emotional appeal. The meetings seemed to be taken out of our hands, and to go beyond us, as if in the immediate charge of the Holy Spirit. Fourth, the unusual depth and intensity marking the work in the hearts of the students. Many spoke of this. There has been a remarkable spirit of confession, public and private. Old breaches have been healed, and wrongs made right. Many of the ministerial students and prayer-band leaders missed their classes to talk with those needing help, and Elder Holt and myself were kept busy in personal conferences and prayer from the first period in the morning until practically midnight every day.

The victories were not won without severe conflict with the powers of darkness. Evil spirits made their presence felt, but were cast out by prayers. Students accepted Christ in the face of dire threats on the part of their parents. And now we have under instruction a baptismal class of over thirty, most of whom have made no start before, and four of whom are directly from the world.

Mrs. Holt has given invaluable service among the girls and the church school students, and Elder Holt has given himself untiringly to the work. The faculty met daily for prayer at 3:30 p. m. and church and school are making plans to hold on and to hold fast to the end. It has been a blessed privilege to work with these consecrated servants of God, whom He has been using in power of ministry. In the name of Christ, we call upon all the parents at home and the members of the churches from which these boys and girls have come, to help them stand true to their Redeemer and the standards of the faith during the holidays.

Seventeen have been baptized in the church at Riverside. Another baptism follows soon.

L. A. WILCOX.

Medical Missions

Medical missionary work is assuming proportions that will necessitate the most intensive care and oversight. Brother O. U. Dolph and the writer have visited several of the churches in the interests of this work. For about two years we have had a first-call medical unit in the Tabernacle in San Francisco. The new Central church is establishing a medical missionary unit in the basement of their new church. The Oakland church is fitting up a room in the rear of the church with treatment equipment, as a nucleus for medical missionary work. Monterey has dedicated a room eighteen feet square in their new building, and it is being rapidly fitted up for medical missionary work.

Brother A. J. Sargent and Miss Violet Gilstrap visited Monterey Sabbath, December 3, and organized a home nursing class of twenty-one members. This class will be under the direction and instruction of Mrs. C. E. Eddy, a graduate nurse.

On of the same afternoon Miss Gilstrap organized a home nursing class of

twenty-one members at the Watsonville Church. This church is fortunate in having four graduate nurses as members and the class will be under their direction and instruction.

The Market Street church in Oakland has dedicated a room for medical missionary work and Miss Gilstrap organized a home nursing class of twenty-five members. This class will be instructed by Miss Crowe, graduate nurse, and Miss Gilstrap.

The Martinez church is taking immediate steps to organize a home nursing class and establish a medical missionary unit in the basement of their new church building, which is nearing completion.

We invite the churches of the California Conference and their leaders to study the Spirit of Prophecy along medical missionary lines. The Lord has said through his servant that "soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work." We know that persecution will soon be upon us and that those who are qualified to do medical missionary work will be in demand when other lines of our Christian service have been prohibited. Every member both old and young of every church should know how to work in medical missionary lines. The following statements indicate this:

"We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work."—Vol. 7, p. 62.

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"All gospel workers should know how to give simple treatments that do so much to relieve pain and remove disease."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 146.

"Many will go out to labor for the Master who have not been able to take a course of study in school. God will help these workers."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 538.

"Our ministers should become intelligent upon this question. They should not ignore it nor be turned aside by those who call them extremists."—*Id.*, p. 449.

"Let our ministers, who have gained an experience in preaching the word, learn how to give simple treatments, and then labor intelligently as medical missionary evangelists."—*Id.*, p. 397.

"The Lord wants every one of His ministers to come into line. Take hold of the medical missionary work, and it will give you access to the people. Their hearts will be touched as you minister to their necessities. As you relieve their sufferings, you find opportunity to speak to them of the love of Jesus."—*Id.*, p. 533.

"Can not our conference presidents open the way for the students in our schools to engage in this line of labor?"—*Id.*, p. 541.

"The medical missionary work is to be connected with the third angel's message, as the hand is connected with the body; and the education of students in medical missionary lines is not complete unless they are trained to work in connection with the church and the ministry."—*Id.* p. 557.

"This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities."—*Vol. 9*, p. 167.

The medical missionary work done in Cooranbong by the Avondale students produced a profound effect upon those seeking to oppress our people with Sunday laws, as the following indicates:

"Their confidence and respect for our people had been so won by the work we had done for the sick in that community, that they did not wish to interfere with our harmless labor on Sunday."—*C. T.* p. 550.

"Both men and women can be so much more useful as medical missionaries than as missionaries without medical education. I am more and more impressed with the fact that a more decided testimony must be borne upon this sub-

ject, that more direct efforts must be made to interest the proper persons, setting before them the advantages that every missionary will have in understanding how to treat those who are diseased in body, as well as to minister to sin-sick souls."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 503.

It is because of these instructions and many others found throughout the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy that we are endeavoring to prepare our people for the only work they will soon be privileged to do. G. A. ROBERTS.

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San Francisco Central Church News Items

Central Church is now comfortably located in its new home at California and Broderick Streets. We feel that there is quite a significance to the various numbers at Central Church. The office number on Broderick Street is 1844, the day when the judgment began in heaven. Our office telephone is West 1833, the year the stars fell; and the church telephone is Walnut 1798, the date when the time of the end began.

The workers feel that San Francisco is indeed a city of prophecy and in harmony with the significance of these numbers, are making every effort to preach the full third angel's message, in harmony with the "blue print" of the Spirit of God.

Last year several of our children from the church school were arrested by police officers for soliciting Harvest Ingathering funds, and were compelled to stop their work. This year no attempt was made for our children to go out with the Harvest Ingathering papers, and an appeal was made to Elder Tindall to intercede with Police Department of this city. A committee called upon the Chief of Police. Elder Tindall had lectured for the Police Department, and the lieutenant in charge of the station cordially greeted the committee, and assured them their request would be granted; whereupon the following letter was received from Chief O'Brien:

"Dear Doctor Tindall:

"I am in receipt of your letter dated October 10, stating that a committee called on me, and am sorry that I missed them.

"However, Lieutenant Miller handed me the copy of your Harvest Ingathering Annual, which the committee left for me, and in reply will advise that I have forwarded both the magazine and your letter to the editor of Police Journal "20" suggesting that he comply with your request through that medium.

"Trusting this meets with your approval, and wishing you every success, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) D. J. O'BRIEN.
Chief of Police."

Elder Tindall reports that we are more than \$1000 ahead in the Harvest Ingathering campaign over the amount reported last year at this date. The large Central Church has already gone over the top in its goal. The Tabernacle is following close behind.

There were over fifty people in the large new Central Church who pledged themselves to give one week of their income, in harmony with the call of the General Conference to a week of sacrifice; and it is anticipated that this will put us over our goals on the sixty-cents-a-week fund.

An interesting experience is related by one of our *Signs* workers, of how a very close friend of his refused to allow him to give the *Signs* to his wife. The *Signs* was persuading his wife to look with favor upon our doctrines, which he did not care to have her believe nor practice. This eventually resulted in a separation, and in process of time this friend of our brother was re-married.

His new wife was in an automobile accident, and had a broken knee, and was sent to the hospital. Our *Signs* worker was a regular caller at the hospital, leaving *Signs of the Times*. He noticed one lady appeared especially interested in the papers and in the message, and was surprised to find that this was the second wife of this close friend, and in a few days he received a phone call from his friend, asking him to be sure and take the *Signs* to the hospital to his wife, as she was lonesome without it.

We are praying that this lady will not only yield to the message of these truth-laden papers, but that the husband, whose present attitude indicates that

there is no longer any prejudice in his heart, may see the truth with her. The *Signs* is in the habit of doing this sort of work.

Golden Gate Academy

WEEK OF PRAYER, DEC. 10-17.

The Week of Prayer brought wonderful blessings to both students and teachers. Elder J. R. Paterson spoke to the students at the chapel hour and lead out in all consecration services. The opening talk on Monday by Professor Wineland of Jamaica was a call to service. On Wednesday the Missionary Volunteer Society took charge at which time Elder Paterson spoke on whole-hearted Christians. Nearly all the students responded to the social service. Thursday's appeal to build according to the pattern met with such whole-hearted response that every student but one came forward in consecration. It was one of the grandest scenes I have ever witnessed. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." From every standpoint it was the best Week of Prayer in the history of the Golden Gate Academy. All but three of the eighty students registered are church members or have requested baptism. At the opening of the school year prayer bands were organized and for weeks they have been praying for spiritual fitness for this occasion. This was one of the primary factors in the spiritual feast. A practical demonstration of the spirit of service was witnessed Friday when, in response to a call, nearly 400 pounds of staple foods and produce were brought for a needy family. We thank God for such consecrated young people.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

Again the Golden Gate Academy has registered a successful sacrifice week. Last year it stood sixth among the forty academies of North America and second only among the academies of the Pacific Union Conference. The amount raised was \$244.88. This year's goal set by the Educational Department was \$296.75. The amount raised exceeded the goal by more than \$50.00 being \$348.19.

Indians at Willits

In a recent visit to our Willits Church we heard of a company of Indians residing fifteen or twenty miles from there in the mountains who for some time have been keeping the Sab-

bath to the best of their ability. Some time ago one of these Indians attended a few Bible studies in Eureka and on returning to her home at Sherwood Valley she began observing the Sabbath. She told her neighbors of the new-found message and the result is that quite a group are now keeping the Sabbath and calling for a worker to come and teach them more about the Third Angel's Message. The story sounds like some of those we hear from the mission fields and is no doubt in direct response to the work of the Holy Spirit in preparing a people to meet the Lord. The Indians of this neighborhood are of an intelligent type, some of them being quite well educated and able to read, write, and speak English. They are highly respected by their neighbors. The Willits church will furnish them literature and we hope soon to have a company of baptized believers among these Indians.

Notes

Elder Bird and Nelson took a company of brethren to Martinez December 11 and 18 to help the members there finish up their new church. Elder Lewsadder, with brethren from Vallejo, also came to help. Our brethren at Martinez will soon have their church building all finished, and it will be a real credit to them and the cause of God.

The Week of Prayer at the St. Helena Sanitarium was a season of refreshing. Four meetings were held each day so all could have the privilege of attending. The children and young people of the school were not overlooked but were visited each day. The meetings were characterized by the quiet movings of the Spirit of God, a deep conviction of personal needs, and a reaching out for divine help. The expression "this Week of Prayer has meant more to me than any other" was frequently expressed by both young and old.

Elder Arthur S. Maxwell in "Is the White Domination of the World About To End?" recounts all the factors in the ferment of the East against the West. A splendid prophetic article to pass to your friends and neighbors. Ask your Bible House secretary for the January color *Signs*. Ten or more, only four cents each.

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Have You Missed the Treat?

While I was reading the number of the *Review and Herald* dated December 8, my heart went out to all our dear people in the Nevada Conference and I wondered how many families were missing the treat I was enjoying. No Seventh-day Adventist can afford to be without the weekly visits of the good old *Review*. Every issue is like a new chapter of the Book of Acts.

The thrilling experiences of our missionaries, the constant onward triumphs of the message as recorded in this church organ of the denomination, stimulate faith and feed the soul. Marvelous are the mighty works of God in the earth. The time of the latter rain has surely begun. The Holy Spirit is finishing the work in most unexpected ways. The coming of Jesus will not be long delayed.

The first article in the issue above referred to, contains the sermon delivered by Elder L. H. Christian at the Autumn Council. At Chattanooga I had listened to this wonderful discourse. Now that I can read it in the *Review*, and fix the facts in my memory, it is still more enrapturing. O, that every one of our people might read it, then would they know assuredly that we have reached the closing scenes.

Few Seventh-day Adventists would hesitate to drive one hundred miles to hear Elder Christian, or any other of God's men of faith whose sermons and articles appear every week in the *Review*. To drive one hundred miles costs \$6.00. This amount will provide you with the weekly visits of the *Review* for two whole years, and leave you 50 cents to place in the Sabbath school offering.

The *Review and Herald* is only \$2.75 a year. I would plead with those not now receiving it to subscribe before the year closes. We want all our Nevada people to be strong in faith and enjoy the constant treat of reading of the modern miracles God is performing in the earth in behalf of His truth.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Let appetite wear reason's golden chain and find in due restraint its luxury.

S. O. S.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS SHORT! is our message to missions this year. We have actually diminished our gifts by this amount, as compared to 1926.

The Union Conference Committee feels confident that our people would desire this information before the opportunity to redeem the situation is forever gone.

A few days still remain before the great clock of time strikes the hour when we leave behind us the record of 1927 and enter upon the intensified program of 1928. Every year surely should work advancement. To fall short of our offerings to missions virtually says that we are willing to slacken the pace of this great movement, and we are sure that our loyal-hearted believers would not for one moment consent to any such proposal. And so we sound the alarm while time still affords us the opportunity to recover our position.

What is \$15,000 to 20,000 loyal hearts in this great Union Conference? One more mighty lift, and "'Advance!'" would be a Christmas and New Year's message of good will to our faithful missionaries at the front of the battle.

Let no man, woman, or child who is loyal to this cause hold back at this time. It must be something special if we are going to recover ourselves--something over and above anything we have ever done or planned to do, or perhaps what we think we can do. This is

an "'Extra'" to be sure. Let the poorest of us have a part according to our several abilities, and let the more affluent lift proportionately.

"Unless your hearts are touched as you see the situation in foreign fields, the last message of mercy to be given to the world will be restricted, and the work which God would have done will be left undone."--Mrs. E. G. White.

"And if men would become channels through which God's blessings can flow to others, the Lord will keep the channels supplied. It is not returning to God His entrusted gifts that makes men poor, withholding them tends to poverty."--Mrs. E. G. White.

Fifteen thousand dollars is the amount. "LIFT, BROTHER, LIFT." And may God doubly bless this extra liberality of His dear, loyal people.

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Holiday Greeting!

To the members of the churches in the Northern California Conference we send greetings. We have noted with much interest your missionary activities in discharging your duties to God and man during the year 1927. It is very gratifying to see results in baptized souls. We also note your spirit of sacrifice in supporting the cause of God at home and abroad,—your faithfulness in tithes and offerings.

The record of 1927 is almost made up. *How is it with you?* The pressure is coming stronger and stronger. It seems that we have reached the time when "the devil is come down. . . having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12: 12. But be not discouraged, for the Lord says,—"*Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound,*" (Romans 5: 20) or as the R. V. reads, "*grace did abound more exceedingly.*" How good. God has power and help for every emergency. Therefore, "*Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee.*" Deuteronomy 31: 6.

FINISHED RECORDS FOR 1927.

Let us as individuals and churches, and as a Conference, finish our records well-pleasing to God. Each individual see to it that everything is made right between him and his fellow-men, and between him and his God; that *all our tithes* are in "the storehouse." As churches, finish up the work in the church, and send all reports and remittances promptly to the Conference offices, so the conference can send its reports and remittances on the union, on time.

THE YEAR 1928

From present indications and the "sure word of prophecy" we will have only a few more years. So let every person and every church, anew consecrate themselves to God and His work. Begin the first day of the New Year, that no time may be lost. The liberties of God's command-keeping people are endangered. Let us work, watch, and pray, that we may be kept from mistakes, and made strong

to do the right, that God may be glorified in His people.

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Finding the Wanderers

Recently while canvassing for "Bible Readings" with Brother Gerhart a lady said, "I have that book" almost before we had gotten a real start in the description. Just a few more sentences and she said "I have 'Steps to Christ' also." Still another phrase or two and she said, "Yes, and I have 'Daniel and the Revelation.'" Let it be remembered that we had not as yet told her we were Seventh-day Adventists.

After naming one or two other of our books in her library (though yet in ignorance as to our identity) and praising them all very highly she said, "But there is one book that I would like very much to get though I have forgotten the name of it. A canvasser showed it to me sixteen years ago." she then described "Great Controversy." The next morning we called with a prospectus which she recognized, and of course we took her order. What a magnificent description that colporteur of sixteen long years ago must have given, to so impress this lady.

It was then my "turn" to spend the day with Brother Kesselmeyer, and ere long we had a truly inspiring experience.

Shortly before noon we were met at the door with the phrase so well known to colporteurs, "too busy." but before we had started out that morning we had asked for divine aid in gaining admittance and in finding honest souls so we knew that if God had a message for that home its doors would open for us. Soon we were inside and talking to three very interested people, the lady of the house, her grown daughter, and her aged mother. Truly the spirit was present, for all were deeply moved by the canvass, tears flowing from the grandmother's eyes.

However they were very poor and could not buy the large book, though the old lady purchased the new deluxe edition of "Steps to Christ" while the daughter took a twenty-five cent book. We left with a hearty handshake all

around, and each invoked God's blessing on the other.

At noon, as we were passing the home again, we were surprised to see the lady who had been "too busy" to see us. out trimming the rose bushes. By her desultory manner of snipping—a little here and a little there—we could see that she was not interested in her task, but was probably waiting for someone.

And sure enough, as we drew opposite she said, "you men are Adventists aren't you?" When we had told her that we were, she poured out the story of her backsliding six years before. She and four children had all been Adventists, regularly attending Sabbath-school and church, but a new influence came into the home, causing them to grow careless. The daughter had now joined us, and we spoke of the lateness of the hour—the need of a reconsecration. At this point "Grandma" came out, asking if we were "holding a street meeting."

From this family we learned that the lady who had bought the "Great Controversy" that morning had also been deeply interested in the truth at one time. Hence the numerous Adventist books.

The beautiful climax to this experience will come when these dear souls renew their stand for God. They were very grateful to Brother Kesselmeyer when he offered to drive over and take them to church as opportunity permitted.

Dear reader, will you not join us in prayer that not only these, but many other precious souls may be won by our earnest, self-sacrificing, God-fearing colporteurs?

And will you not prayerfully consider joining our forces? Precious blessings are the lot of the soul-winner.

L. L. GRAND PRE.

Interested

It may interest the readers of the RECORDER to know of experiences that I had in the Harvest Ingathering a few days ago. Another brother and I went out to the southwest corner of Los Angeles and started in soliciting in a well-to-do neighborhood and after three hours and more of hard work collected between us \$2.55.

The most interesting part of the day's work was in talking to a few who came to the door. Just about noon I came to a fine big two-story house that indicated prosperity. I rang the door-bell and

the little peep-hole in the large front door opened and a refined, intelligent looking lady asked me what I wanted. I made my business known and proceeded to show the Harvest Ingathering paper. But she soon cut me short with the statement that she was not situated so that she could give me a contribution much as she would like to do so. I replied that it made no difference at all but that I wanted her to see the paper; and I proceeded with my canvass.

In the course of my remarks I said that we were called Adventists because we believed in the soon coming of Christ to this world. Immediately she opened the door and invited me in and said, "I want to talk with you about that." She then asked me, after I was seated if I believed in the personal, visible coming of Christ. I replied that I certainly did. She said, "So do I, but there are few who will regard you as altogether sane if you begin to discuss such a question. Ask questions of ministers or laymen and they give evasive answers or evade the subject altogether. I am glad to find someone who believes as I do." I then asked her what church she belonged to and she replied that she belonged to no church. But on further inquiry I found that she believed all the fundamentals of the gospel.

I then returned to the second advent and gave a lengthy study from the Bible on that theme and she followed me intelligently and with great pleasure. I never felt more definitely led by the Spirit of God in giving a study than I did then.

As I left her I gave her a copy of the paper and assured her that I would send her some literature, which I did yesterday, several copies of *Present Truth* on the topics that I knew would interest her, some tracts, and a copy of the *Signs*. I have sent her name and address to the conference office, and hope to pay her another visit accompanied by Mrs. Munson. It was a most interesting and joyful experience.

Another lady also living in and owning a fine house came to the door and when I made my business known informed me that it was out of the question for her to contribute to missions. Something in my words or appearance seems to have touched her heart for she began to shed tears which came involuntarily. I divined that she was in trouble of some sort so I dropped the canvass and began to speak of the Saviour. I

asked her if she were not a Christian and she said she was. Then I pointed her to the Lamb of God who died for her and who loved her and was eager to answer her prayers. I advised her to take all her troubles to Him in prayer and assured that He would certainly help her for He has a thousand ways of helping us that we know nothing about. She thanked me, and I left. I had forgotten to give her a copy of the paper and after reaching the sidewalk I turned back and left one at her door.

Who knows what may be the result of those two talks? God grant that they may bring peace and rest to those two ladies.

R. W. MUNSON.

Los Angeles Academy Objectives

1. One important objective in *Heathful Living*, which comes from right habits of exercise, sleeping, working, and eating. The school gives physical training and is under medical inspection, which, with other instruction, helps to reach this aim.

2. The teaching of the *fundamental processes* is our second objective, which is secured by the teaching of Mathematics, English, Science, History, etc.

3. Furthermore, studies are given that will help students to become *worthy members of home life*. Such studies are Biology, Cooking, Sewing, Woodwork, Landscape Gardening, etc.

4. Also, *Vocational Education* is held in mind. This school tries to equip the student to find himself and the field of endeavor for which he is best fitted and in which he is most likely to succeed, so that he might be of greatest service in the Lord's work.

5. We may say that the fifth objective of education is to teach students to make *profitable use of spare time*. This objective is secured when the student learns that education is never complete in this world nor in the world to come. The teachers endeavor to establish in the students a love of learning which will prompt the student to attain and achieve for the good of humanity.

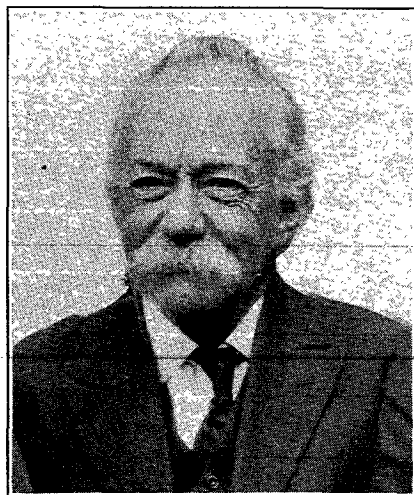
6. Another important objective is *citizenship training*. The academy tries to get the student to do his share as a member of his school, his conference, and the entire world, thus helping

other men and women to swing into line with God's great program for the universe and thus become worthy citizens of the world made new.

7. The greatest and most important objective is *character development and spiritual growth*. This means that ideals must be set up. These great ideals are set up mostly by studying God's Word and through the daily experiences of school life and the association with teachers and students who are Christians and who have these ideals in their own lives.

R. B. PROUT.

Elder Roderick Sterling Owen



Roderick Sterling Owen was born in Tiskilwah, Ill., Sept. 2, 1852. In 1854 he, with his parents, moved to Iowa. Eight years later they went by ox team to Denver, Colo. Here, at the age of 16 he joined the Methodist Church where he finally became a class leader and later was offered credentials to preach by the Methodist Board. But through study of the Bible and by reading the books, "Man's Nature and Destiny" and "Daniel and the Revelation" he became convinced of the truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists, and was baptized by Elder J. H. Waggoner at Oakland, Calif., in 1883. At this time he was studying law, but gave up his ambition to become a lawyer and instead entered the ministry to which he was ordained soon after joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He was united in marriage with Anna M. Hess at Denver, Colo., April 5, 1881. To this union were born four

children, George W., of San Diego, Miss Allie R., connected with the College of Medical Evangelists, Brownie R., also connected with the College of Medical Evangelists at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, and Mrs. John Broady, of Napa, Calif.

Elder Owen was engaged in ship missionary work in San Francisco for two years. In 1887 he was called to Healdsburg College to teach Bible and History. Later he was elected president of the college, in which capacity he served two years, serving in all at Healdsburg College about ten years. He taught Bible and History in the San Fernando Academy from its founding in 1903 until 1908. At the founding of the College of Medical Evangelists in 1909, he was called there to teach Bible, which position he held until his death, except a period spent in San Diego. He was a profound Bible student, penetrating with more than an ordinary mind into the mysteries of godliness and the plan of salvation and was resorted to by his fellow-laborers for assistance in understanding the Holy Scriptures. In many mission fields, as well as in the homeland are found those who sat at his feet and eagerly drank in the wonderful gospel truths fitting them for their life's work.

One mighty in the Holy Scriptures has fallen and the truths he so ably taught found expression in his daily life. He was loved by all who knew him; and his departure leaves us more determined than ever to be faithful to the gospel trust, that when the voice now stilled by death shall again speak, at the glad resurrection morning, we may be there to help swell the chorus of redeeming love where sad partings shall be no more.

Elder Owen died at Loma Linda, Calif., October 16, 1927. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, and one sister, Mrs. Edward Tre-ganza, of Lemon Grove, Calif.

Funeral services for Elder Owen were held at Redlands and at San Diego. At Redlands, Thursday, October 20, the faculty and students of Loma Linda attended in a body. Many of the faculty members and students from the Los Angeles Division of the school were also present. At this service prayer was offered by Dr. E. H. Risley and the life history was read by Elder A. M. Dart. Elder E. W. Farnsworth preached the

sermon, followed by remarks by Elder G. B. Starr. The benediction was pronounced by Elder O. Montgomery.

The service in San Diego was held Sabbath afternoon, October 22. At this service the life history was read by Dr. T. S. Whitlock. Elders H. C. Lacey H. W. Cotrell, Glenn Calkins, W. M. Healey, Luther Warren, and W. H. Bradley each had a part in the service, the sermon being given by Elder J. A. Burden and Elder A. M. Dart.

Elder W. M. Healey was in charge of the service at the grave. Appropriate music was given at each service.

Obituaries

WHITNEY.—Joseph M. Whitney was born at Towanda, Penn., May 28, 1844, and died at Montebello, Calif., Nov. 18, 1927. Brother Whitney settled in Iowa in 1870 and in 1874 was married to Priscilla Ann Straw whom he survived twelve years. Shortly after their marriage they heard the message of the second coming preached by Elder Kilgore at Nevada, Iowa, and united with our church there, remaining faithful to the end. He led a very active life and was prominent in community affairs serving for some time as Mayor of Nevada. He took an active part in the church, too, and contributed liberally to our work especially helping some of the medical institutions. The closing days of his life were marred by the sad accident resulting in his wife's death. He, too, was sick for his last two years. He leaves to mourn with other relatives and friends, his only daughter Mrs. Clara L. Pelkey of Montebello and her son Irvin Barnhart and family. Elder E. W. Farnsworth, assisted by Elder J. W. Rich and the writer, conducted the funeral services.

EARL R. REYNOLDS.

LINDT.—Alice Almeda Forester was born at Marion, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1857, and died in Armona, Calif., Nov. 15, 1927. Sister Lindt's youth was spent in Ohio and Wisconsin where she attended school and received her education. On June 23, 1881, she was married to Henry Lindt at Osseo, Wisconsin. In 1893 Brother and Sister Lindt moved to the state of Washington and settled near Aberdeen. It was while living at Aberdeen in the year 1895 that they accepted this message, Sister Lindt being baptized first and Brother Lindt accepted the truth a few months later under the labors of Elder C. W. Nellis. In 1918 they moved to California locating in Fresno where they were members of the Fresno church. Later on they moved to Armona where they held their membership.

Sister Lindt always rejoiced in this message and in the hope of the soon coming Saviour. She lived the quiet, consistent Christian life and her Christian life was always an inspiration to those who knew her.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, Henry Lindt, her adopted son, Sydney Lindt, who has spent seven years in mission work in

China, also two sisters and two brothers and a large number of friends. The funeral service was conducted in the Armona church by the writer assisted by Brother Mattison. We laid Sister Lindt to rest in the Armona cemetery believing that when the Life-shall come to call from the dusty beds of the earth His faithful children that she will be among them.

E. L. NEFF.

TUNNEL.—Alfred Mason Tunnel second son of Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Tunnell was born at Loma Linda, Calif., June 2, 1925, and died at Norwalk, Calif. Nov. 10, 1927, making his age two years, five months and eight days. Little Buddie, as he was affectionately known, had but a brief life in this vale of tears, yet had endeared himself to all who knew him. His illness was only of a couple of days' duration and his death came as a great shock to the family and friends. His bereaved relatives include beside Dr. and Mrs. Tunnel and his two brothers, his grandparents Elder and Mrs. S. T. Hare and Brother Mason of Loma Linda with many others who miss his happy smile and baby prattle. Words of comfort were spoken from Jer. 31: 16 together with other precious promises.

EARL R. REYNOLDS.

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Pacific Union College Notes

Week of Prayer services at the college were conducted by Elder M. C. Wilcox of Mountain View and Elder William Lewsadder of Vallejo.

Elder J. B. Nelson, of the class of 1922, former field missionary secretary of the California Conference, was a visitor December 11. He is now the director of the Tehauntepec Mission in Mexico, where he will soon return.

Handel's "Messiah" was presented the evening of December 17 by the sanitarium and college oratorio choruses of 135 voices. This was the second annual presentation of the "Messiah."

Seventy-five students volunteered to secure signatures to the petition against Sunday legislation. They will cover territory in Napa and Sonoma counties.

The biology laboratory is being enlarged by the removal of a partition and the addition of a third table to make room for the large enrollment in that department.

Over the Radio

Elder M. L. Rice, president of the Colorado Conference, will discuss the Lankford Sunday Bill Friday night, December 30, over radio station KLZ, Denver, Colorado. He will speak from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock, mountain standard time. This station operates on 297 meters.

A Seventh-day Adventist minister speaks from this station every Friday night at this hour.

The Angels' Song

MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

Peace, peace on earth! O wondrous song,—

Sweet song of angels fair and blest;
 My soul is sick of strife and wrong,
 O sing to me, ye angel throng,
 Your song of peace, and let me rest.

"Peace, peace on earth; good will toward men!"

Bright beam the opening heavens afar;

Methinks I hear that song again,—
 And see the wise men, now as then,
 Follow with joy, the beaming star.

Peace—peace on earth! what song so sweet!

As this that told our Saviour's birth?
 It led the shepherds to His feet,—

O sing to me that song complete,—
 "Good will toward men; peace, peace on earth."

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The election of directors for the ensuing year, the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new by-laws, or such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the members of the Association By order of the Directors.

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Two new thirty-six-page, illustrated large-type booklets have been published for the children. Their titles are: "The Boy Who Killed a Lion," and "Adventures of Joe and Judy." They are the first two numbers of the "Stories for Little Folks" series. These little books contain true stories, and the children will be deeply interested in them. The retail price is ten cents with 50% discount to all who sell them. Our people receive 40% discount on an order for several copies. Order a few copies from your Book and Bible House, and encourage the children to sell them.

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