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"THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD SPAKE OFTEN ONE TO ANOTHER."

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THE CHURCH

TRUE MISSIONARY WORK

God has a special work for His servants to do in the preparation of a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. This work is to commence in our own hearts. We need the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

We are to ask ourselves the question, "How is it with my soul?" A healthy soul in a healthy body makes a man or woman more precious than gold or silver, even as the Lord said, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir."

Grand and ennobling truths have been given us. By the precious economy of grace, the exhibition of divine love, God strives to produce love in human beings. As we look unto Jesus, beholding the glorious spectacle of the love and tenderness of God, there springs up in our hearts a desire to engage in active service for the Master. The riches of the grace of Christ are without limit. They are sufficient to fill every heart with wisdom and sanctified judgment, creating an atmos-

phere of grace, real and enjoyable.

Christ's work is to take the things of God and show them to men. Heaven is brought into the home by our eating the bread of life, receiving and practising Christ's words. Thus we are to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. "The flesh profiteth nothing," He said, "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." The Word of God is life, eternal life, to the receiver. As the human elements in the soul are softened and subdued by the lessons of Christ, the great love wherewith He hath loved us fills the mind with gratitude, which finds expression in thanksgiving and praise. His Word is to be an active element in the family circle. When its influence is diffused through the household, it not only reveals Christ in the home, but its bright rays extend to the neighborhood. When the heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit, the gratitude which springs up must find expression. Loving sympathy is manifested in word and action.

One who believes in Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour is to be a co-worker with Him, bound up with His heart of infinite love, cooperating with Him in works of self-denial and benevolence. Christ has withdrawn Himself from the earth, but His followers are still left in the world. And they are to give in word and action, and in their unselfish benevolence, a representation of Christ's love. They are to be the means, by practising self-denial and bearing the cross, of implanting the principles of love in the hearts

of those who are unacquainted with the Saviour by experimental knowledge.

Upon all who believe, God has placed the burden of raising up churches. The express purpose of the church is to educate men and women to use their intrusted capabilities for the benefit of the world, to employ the means God has lent, for His glory. He has made human beings His stewards. They are to employ His intrusted talents in building up His work and enlarging His kingdom. Our churches, large and small, are not to be treated in such a way that they will be helplessly dependent upon ministerial aid. The members are to be so established in the faith that they will have an intelligent knowledge of true missionary work. They are to follow Christ's example, ministering to those around them. Faithfully they are to fulfil the vows made at their baptism, the vow that they will practise the lessons taught in the life of Christ. They are to work together to keep alive in the church the principles of self-denial and self-sacrifice, which Christ, His divinity clothed with humanity, followed in His work as a missionary. It is imparting the knowledge of Christ's love and tenderness that gives efficiency to all missionary operations.

The Lord Jesus desires the members of His church to be an army of workers, laboring for Him according to their varied capabilities, and carrying out the principles of self-denial and self-sacrifice, preserving that love for God which drew them away from the world,

and which will draw them together. The work is to be one grand, harmonious whole in Christ Jesus. The faith which works by love and purifies the soul is the holy, uplifting, sanctifying agency which is to soften and subdue jarring human nature.

With grace in their hearts, believers are to work the works of Christ, placing themselves, soul, body, and spirit on His side, as His human hand, to impart His love to those who are out of the fold. Believers are to associate together in Christian fellowship, regarding one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord. They are to love one another as Christ loved them. They are to be lights for God, shining in the church and in the world, receiving grace for grace, as they impart to others. Thus they are constantly kept in spiritual nearness to God. They reflect the image of Christ.

Let not our ministers expend so much time and energy in laboring for those who know the truth. Let them instead seek for those outside the fold. When our churches fulfil the duty resting upon them, they will be living, working agencies for the Master. Then we shall see the missionary work, in all its branches, evangelical and medical, broadening and deepening at every point of its progress, because of the inflowing of hundreds and thousands of streams, until the whole earth is covered as the waters cover the sea. Our ministers are displeasing God by the feebleness of their efforts to let the truth shine forth to the world. Nothing so strengthens the churches as to see the work progressing in other portions of the vineyard. When the ministers understand the great blessing to be derived from laboring for those who know not the truth, they will leave the churches, after impressing upon them the importance of devising plans and methods whereby they can do within their borders the same kind of work that the ministers of the gospel are doing in the regions beyond.

All can labor for the salvation of those who are out of the ark of safety. When church members stand pledged to the service of God, pledged to do missionary work; when they take hold of the work un-

selfishly, because they love the souls for whom Christ died, and are desirous of uniting with the Great Missionary, He will come very near to them to instruct them. Life is full of opportunities for the practical missionary. Every man, woman, and child can sow each day the seeds of kind words and unselfish deeds. The world is not a playground where we are to amuse ourselves; it is a school in which we are to study earnestly and thoroughly the lessons given in the Word of God. There we may learn how to receive and how to impart. There we may learn how to seek for souls in the highways and byways of life. If those who engage so earnestly in the games of this world would strive as earnestly for the crown of life which fadeth not away, what victories they would gain! They would become true missionaries, and would see how much could be done to relieve suffering humanity. What a blessing this would be! What we need is practical education. When ministers and people practise the lessons Christ has given in His Word, they will become Christ-like in character.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE CHURCH

The word "church," occurring in the New Testament, is from the Greek word "*ekklesia*." Greenfield in his lexicon says the word is derived from the word "*ekkaleo*, meaning to convoke," and may refer to any public assembly. In Acts 7:38 this term is applied to the "church in the wilderness." In Acts 19:32, 39, the same term is used of an assembly, without reference to its religious character. The word "*ekklesia*" is used with special reference to a Christian church or association in Matt. 16:18; 18:17; Acts 8:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Tim. 3:15; Philemon 2, and many other places. The word used for "the general assembly" in heaven (Heb. 12:23) is "*paneguris*," while that in the same scripture for the Lord's church is "*ekklesia*."

The church of God is represented by a building, formed of solid material, permanently and properly compacted together. In the Ephesian letter Paul writes: "Now,

therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:19-22.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the foundation of this building in these words: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste." Isa. 28:16. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, says, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.

Of the church built upon this foundation we read: "Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby; if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe He is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner." 1 Peter 2:1-7.

"The church is built upon Christ as its foundation; it is to obey Christ as its head. It is not to depend upon men, nor be controlled by men. Many claim that a position of trust in the church gives them authority to dictate what other men shall believe and what they shall do. This claim God does not sanction. The Saviour declares, 'All ye are brethren.' All are exposed to temptation, and are liable to err. Upon no finite being can we depend for

guidance. The rock on which is the living presence of Christ in the church. On this the weakest may depend, and those who think themselves strongest will prove to be the weakest unless they make Christ their efficiency. 'Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm.' The Lord 'is the Rock, His work is perfect.' 'Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.'—"*Desire of Ages*," p. 491.

"Our Redeemer is a 'tried stone.' The experiment has been made, the great test has been applied, and with perfect success. In Him is fulfilled all the purpose of God for the saving of a lost world. Never was a foundation subject to so severe a trial and test as was this 'tried stone.' The Lord Jehovah knew what this foundation could sustain. The sins of the whole world could be piled upon it."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Review of March 19, 1895.*

Christ is "the head of the body, the church." Col. 1:17. So close is His connection with those who are truly His that He recognizes their sufferings as His own. See Heb. 4:15; Col. 1:24; Phil. 3:10. Our true fellowship with one another is our union with the Father and Son. The word of the Lord by the apostle John says: "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ. . . . If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:3-7.

The Lord assures us that "the church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprov'd, warn'd, and counseled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme affection."—*Testimony, in Review and Herald, September 5, 1893.*

Again we read: "Every believer should be whole-hearted in his attachment to the church. Its prosperity should be his first interest, and unless he feels under sacred obligations to make his connection with the church a benefit to it in preference to himself, it can do far better without him. It is in the

power of all to do something for the cause of God. There are those who spend a large amount for needless luxuries; they gratify their appetites, but feel it a great tax to contribute means to sustain the church. They are willing to receive all the benefits of its privileges, but they prefer to leave others to pay the bills. Those who really feel a deep interest in the advancement of the cause will not hesitate to invest money in the enterprise whenever and wherever it is needed. They should also feel it a solemn duty to illustrate in their character the teachings of Christ, being at peace with one another, and moving in perfect harmony as an individual whole."—"*Testimony for the Church*," Vol. IV, p. 18.

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The reason for the organization of the Pacific Union Conference is partially set forth in Article II of its constitution, which reads: "The object of this conference shall be to unify and extend the work of the everlasting gospel throughout this conference and the mission field of the world." As this is the object of the conference, the reason for its organization evidently is that unification and extension of the work of the everlasting gospel in this conference and the mission field of the world may be more effectually carried forward than it has been in the past.

It is not so very many years since a few men were able to comprehend the scope of the work and direct in its management in all its branches and in all the regions to which the message had gone, but during the last twenty or twenty-five years the work has made wonderful progress. To a certain extent the Advent message has circled the earth. Its outposts are found in almost every country, both north and south of the equator. Our institutional work has been increased to a wonderful extent. The astonishment with which we view the growth of the work is great, and we can readily see that for years it has outgrown the management of any few men located at Battle Creek or any other center. The astonishment

we have felt, as we have witnessed the development of the work, has been exceeded by our feeling of impotency as the many openings of God's providences are placed before us—opening doors on every hand—urgent calls for help and light from every quarter.

All this has made the reorganization of our work imperative. A reorganization is necessitated that will not only enable those in the different sections of the great harvest-field to carry the responsibilities of the work for that particular field, but will also result in the development of men to carry responsibilities, a lack of which has retarded the message more than anything else. The work of the General Conference and its committee has, therefore, been materially modified. It still continues the center and principal factor in this great work of God in the earth. Under its direction the large portion of the unorganized field still remains. But in order to meet the present conditions, and also to relieve the officers of the General Conference, the United States has been organized into six union conferences, of which the Pacific Union is one. The territory is much the same as pertained to District 6, with addition of Arizona and Hawaii Territories. All questions of general interest in this field, the exchange of laborers, mission work within our own borders, etc., will be questions for the Pacific Union Conference to handle instead of referring them to Battle Creek, with the frequently attending loss of time and sometimes of opportunity that has, to some extent, characterized the work in the past.

It is hoped that, by this division of responsibilities, our mission fields will be much more rapidly and economically developed, the funds more understandingly, and therefore more judiciously, expended, and the forces placed to better advantage.

We can take up this work with courage, knowing that it is founded upon the principles of God's government. If the reorganization begins where it should, with the individual, we may look for success. If all realize that the work is theirs, under God, and that through them individually He designs to bring

to a successful issue the great conflict of the ages, and that we are indeed "priests of the Most High," then we may look for great things from our God, and His rich blessings will attend the institutions and conferences with which we are connected.

W. T. KNOX.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Article I

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Article II

OBJECT.

The object of this Conference shall be to unify and extend the work of the everlasting gospel throughout this Conference and the mission fields of the world.

Article III

TERRITORY.

This Conference shall comprise the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Nevada, the Province of British Columbia, the Territory of Alaska, and such other territory as may hereafter come under its supervision.

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I. This Conference shall be composed of such local conferences as are, or may be, organized in any part of its territory, said conferences having been accepted by vote of the Union Conference.

SEC. 2. The voters of said Conference shall be the duly accredited delegates from the local conferences, members of the Pacific Union Conference, and such laborers of the Pacific Union Conference as shall receive delegates' credentials from the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3. Each local conference and mission field shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this Conference without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred church members in the conference. Such delegates shall be elected by the local conference, or appointed by its Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. That the three great

branches of our work—the educational, medical, and publishing—shall each be entitled to three delegates in sessions of the Conference, such delegates to be chosen by the Executive Committee of the Union Conference.

Article V

OFFICERS.

SECTION I. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and an Executive Committee of nine, of which the President of the Union Conference, and the president of each local conference in the union, shall be members.

SEC. 2. The officers not otherwise provided for shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Conference, and shall hold their offices for the term of two years, or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

Article VI

SESSIONS.

SECTION I. This Conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about two years, at such date and place as the Executive Committee shall designate, by a notice published in the *Review and Herald* and in the *Signs of the Times*, at least three weeks before the date of the meeting.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee may call extra sessions, if occasion requires, by a like notice, and the transactions of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

Article VII

TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS.

The voters of this Conference shall, at each regular session, elect the board of management of such institutions and enterprises as are, and may be, connected with this organization, in accordance with the acts governing the same; and this Conference shall employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and other persons as may be necessary to effectually carry on its work.

Article VIII

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the voters present at any ses-

sion, provided, that, if it be proposed to amend the Constitution at a special session, notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the call for such special sessions.

THE FIELD

MONTANA

This is the youngest organized body in the Pacific Union Conference, having been organized three years ago, with 12 churches and 335 members. There are now something over 400 in the state who love the present truth. The tithe last year amounted to \$6,073.58, and book sales to \$2,834.72. There was sent to missions \$614.21. At present there are ten active laborers in the field, three ordained ministers, four licentiates, and three with missionary license. There are three tents in the field this summer, located at Dillon, Bozeman, and Lewiston. These are having a fair attendance, and we hope for fruit unto eternal life. Three camp-meetings will be held in the conference this season, viz.:—

Bozeman, Aug. 13-19.

Missoula, Aug. 23 to Sept. 1.

Twin Bridges, Sept. 5-11.

These are not very large meetings, but to a small conference mean much after all. Our state office is in Helena, the capital of the state, where we have a combined tract society office and health food store. From this store were sold foods last year amounting to \$1,072.33. Montana is the third state in size in the Union, but only has a population of 243,289, according to the last census. The operating of the work in this field is very expensive, as distances are great and freight and passenger rates high. The cost of living, too, is about one-third greater than in the east. Montana has a good climate, times are reasonably good, and there are many, many fields which have never heard the present truth. An excellent degree of union and love exists among the laborers, and the people generally, we believe, are pressing onward and upward. Pray for this young

conference, that the Word may run and be glorified, and the mind and purpose of God be met in this field.

W. B. WHITE.

sponded to the light. But "the waters are troubled, the angel is here," and we hope to see many respond to their convictions.

C. J. COLE.

July 19.

GLENWOOD, WASHINGTON

I left Oakland, California, July 1, and came up here on the 5th. There are a great many Scandinavians in this conference, in different places, and most of them have had but little chance to become acquainted with the message for today. I can truly say that I have a burden for this people that something should be done for them, but I am sorry to say that my health and strength are not all that I could wish for to do such pioneer work as is required up here. I am, however, glad to do what I can, even if I shall fall right at my post of duty.

I do pray that the Lord will raise up young men to go out into the field, out in the country places, and go from house to house, speaking the word of God to them that sit in darkness. I trust that He Himself will move upon the hearts of young men to take upon them this spirit of work, for there is a great deal of it that must be accomplished before the end shall come.

Brother Wouekar, a Danish brother is here with me, and we expect a Swedish brother also in a day or two to help in the work before us.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all whose hearts are in the work.

J. F. HANSEN.

July 16, 1901.

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BROWNSVILLE, OREGON

The above place is situated about 90 miles south of Portland. The population is about 700, but, owing to the failure of the woolen mills, many are moving out.

Brother Geo. Petit and myself pitched a tent here June 18. There are six strong churches. From the beginning we have had a strong tide to stem. The attendance has averaged from forty to sixty, occasionally more.

But one soul as yet has re-

SHELTON, WASHINGTON

Shortly after the camp-meeting at Portland, myself and family, in company with Brother Geo. E. Squires and wife, came to this place to hold a tent meeting.

Our meeting opened June 13. We began our work with some degree of hope as to its outcome, for it seemed evident that the Lord had directed in many ways. Our attendance was not large at first, but, after about a week, it increased steadily, and became more settled and regular. Several began to give evidence of becoming interested. Then, just at that point, when the interest of the people was arousing, but before it became deeply settled, the Fourth, with all its excitement, came on, and for several evenings so took the attention of the people that, to a large degree, a letting-go followed. Now we are working to arouse the interest again. We have not succeeded largely as yet, although some are showing an interest that is encouraging to us.

I have started a Bible class, or study, at the tent, holding it on three afternoons of each week. This is doing good. And, aside from this and our evening meetings, we are doing all we can in the homes of the people, reading, talking, and praying with them, and also leaving reading matter in their hands. We think that, with the Sabbath-keepers whom we found when we came to Shelton, and what we hope to see developed by our work here, we shall be able to establish something of a permanent character in this place. It will take time and diligent work, but "perseverance will persevere." Our courage is good, for we know in whom we trust.

We ask the prayers of the laborers and our people throughout this union conference for this interest, that honest souls may be won to the truth.

F. M. BURG.

AMITY, OREGON

A few days after our good camp-meeting at Portland, Oregon, Brother C. E. Shafer and myself started for our field of labor. This, according to the best accounts, was a very hard one, it being in the heart of the Willamette Valley, where the different denominations have long been established, and can well be designated by the three P's—Proud, Popular, and Prejudiced.

We opened our meeting June 21, and have continued nearly every evening since, with preaching at 2:30 P. M. on Sundays. Of late our congregations have fallen off, on account of haying and the early harvest; yet there are some who appear interested. One man and his married daughter, who have been in a backslidden condition, have again taken their stand, and we hope for others. We long for more of the Spirit of God, and desire the prayers of His people.

R. D. BENHAM,
C. E. SHAFER.

July 16, 1901.

WINLOCK, WASHINGTON

This is a sawmill town among the hills. We pitched our tents and began work June 14. The people have been very friendly from the first, and though no great interest has been shown, some are beginning to hope that we may be able to reach some of their friends who are not saved.

A father called on us yesterday—a man of 80 years. We invited him to eat cherries with us. He said he was full already, and then he told us his troubles while the tears ran down his cheeks. None of his boys were Christians. He confessed that his own church could not reach them, and asked us to try.

The promise is, "Nations shall come to thy light." How we ought to prize the light we have!

Though almost every effort has been made to stop our work, still we have a fair audience of interested listeners, and we hope for good results.

J. J. W. CLARK,
N. H. GRAVES.

July 16, 1901.

UTAH MISSION FIELD

If ever there was a people who needed the regenerating influence of the truths of the third angel's message, it is the people who dwell in this land of superstition and dead formalism.

Educated as they are to believe in the unlimited power of the priesthood to dictate the terms of salvation and impart through the imposition of hands the actual essence of the Deity, it is not surprising that when the last ceremony is performed by these vice-regents of God, the people settle down in a self-satisfied condition from which it seems impossible to arouse them to a sense of a daily, living, experience with God.

The president of the church, who holds the position of prophet, seer, and revelator, has also had conferred upon him from his predecessors, back to Joseph Smith, the keys of the Melchisedec priesthood, the keys of the Aaronic priesthood, the keys of the gathering of Israel, the keys of the gospel to the dead, the keys of celestial or plural marriage, and the keys of the resurrection.

Truth, however pure and direct, has no virtue in itself. Even the previously-written Word of God is utterly void of all force unless reaffirmed by some latter-day prophet, priest, or bishop. Man is thus exalted to the position of absolute dictator over the Word of God. They have, indeed, taken away the keys of knowledge, and most of the spiritually sightless people are following these blind guides to destruction.

Brethren Christianson and Nelson have been laboring with some degree of success in the northern part of the state. Two series of meetings have been held. A few have been interested in these meetings, and one honest soul has fully identified herself with our people, and others seem hopeful. Special meetings have been held with the Provo church, and several have recently been baptized and united with the church at that place.

Elder A. J. Osborne has been doing hard, faithful work in Salt Lake City, and the church there has been steadily growing in numbers and spiritual strength. Their great need at present is a church build-

ing, with room for a church-school. We trust the Lord may open up the way to erect such a building in the near future.

At present a series of meetings is in progress about ten miles out of Salt Lake City, at Centerville. This is almost a solid Mormon community, and the home of B. H. Roberts, of national repute.

There has been a deep interest on the part of some, and the people for miles around have been stirred. One family have expressed themselves as ready to walk in the light. We expect to hold our camp-meeting two miles from this place, at Bountiful, August 8-18. Those coming from the north will take the Oregon Short Line, and stop at Wood's Cross, the nearest railroad station. Those coming from the south will transfer to the dummy line, and stop at Bountiful. Elder Knox, president of Pacific Union Conference, and Elder J. N. Loughborough will be present at this meeting.

W. A. ALWAY
Superintendent.



PLANS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE WORK

The following recommendations for the extension of the work in the Pacific Union Conference were adopted by the executive committee of the Sabbath-school department.

We recommend:—

1. That the local conferences, as far as practicable, shall discontinue state Sabbath-school secretaries, and that all our correspondence with the schools be carried on by the secretary of the Sabbath-school department of the Pacific Union Conference.

2. That each local conference shall appoint a field secretary who shall have special charge of the Sabbath-school and church-school work in the conference, said field secretary to receive full statistical reports of the work of the schools through the Union Conference secretary.

3. That the secretaries of our

local Sabbath-schools be requested to purchase their supplies through their church librarians.

4. That the secretaries of the local schools turn over the donations to the church librarians, to be remitted to the state treasurer.

5. That suitable persons be chosen in each conference to take charge of the young people's work, and of the Berean work.

C. R. K.

ONE SABBATH-SCHOOL

Although I came into the meeting two minutes before time, they were singing. I did not see any one leading, but I saw everybody singing. I supposed it was some special service, and so took my seat, and waited for the superintendent to make an appearance. None appeared, but one brother, who sat near the front, got up, and, at the close of the song, said, "Let us pray." I had been accustomed to Sabbath-school prayers where everything in general was spoken of; but I was not accustomed to the kind of prayer which I then heard. He told the Lord of the fact that there were some in the school who were not yet converted. He pleaded that something might be found in the lesson of that day that would convince them of their lost condition. He also remembered the few strangers who had come in, and asked that they also might receive the blessing which those belonging to the school had come to receive. He mentioned a point or two in the lesson, and asked that these points might be impressed upon every heart. There were other things included, although the prayer was short, but these are the ones that specially appealed to me.

After the prayer, the same brother arose and told the school the reason why three or four of the members were absent. He also told them of one young man who had dropped out of the school, whom he had visited, and with whom he had a special season of prayer. He asked them all to remember this young man, as he was about to leave home. He spoke of one brother who had met with an accident. He sat down, and there was a song. After this the teachers proceeded with their work.

My lesson was not well prepared, but I had been accustomed to the teacher taking most of the time, and so thought I would get along without any special display of ignorance. However, that teacher was not of that kind. Instead of a sermonette, there came questions. The questions were on the text, too. I soon found out that the rest of the class had prepared for the questions, and seemed to enjoy it, even if I did not. However, I made up my mind that if I came to that school the next Sabbath, I would have the lesson.

At the close of the recitation, the different classes came together, and one of the teachers arose and asked a few questions, especially of the younger members. I remember one series of questions was on the subject of the atonement, and how the high priest offered an atonement for himself and family before attempting to atone for the people. The idea was made very clear that it was absolutely necessary for the high priest to first become perfectly cleansed before he could do that important work for the congregation. The children were asked, "How, then, can you help your playmates?" Of course there could be but one answer, and that was that they must first have the blood of Jesus to pardon *their* sins.

At the close of this little service, another teacher got up, and asked questions—it could not be called a review—of the older members. I remember one of the points mentioned by this teacher was how the people left the sanctuary at the close of the day of atonement? Of course they all realized that they went away free from sin. Then the teacher emphasized the fact that these people must have been a grateful people, indeed. They must have felt a renewed determination to remain cleansed. We all saw this point clearly; but then the question was put, "Is it not our privilege to-day to have the same experience as they?" This made the whole service seem full of significance, and all of us realized it.

Then the brother who had led in prayer, and who I had just begun to realize was the superintendent, got up and asked if there were not some present who desired to go away free from sin, even as did

those Israelites of old. Several gladly took this privilege of expressing themselves. One of the congregation was then asked to lead in prayer, to the end that this might be true, not only of those who had expressed a special desire for it, but on the part of the school as a whole.

The school was closed, and, as I went out, one of the strangers said to me, "They call that a Sabbath-school, but to me it is a revival service." Now, whether or not I actually attended such a school as this, or simply desire to, I leave with you to determine.

H. H. HALL.

THE REAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The real young people's work is the work which the young people ought to be doing for others, and not the work which others are trying to do for the young people. The less our youth work for the salvation of lost souls, the more some one will have to work for them; on the other hand, the more earnestly our young people engage in sincere effort to really help those who know not the Lord Jesus, the less the effort that will have to be put forth to keep them near the Lord.

PRACTICAL, CHRISTIAN, SOUL-SAVING WORK.

Life-saving effort is the greatest and grandest work young men and young women can engage in. What a barren experience to look forward to a life of money-making, fame-seeking, or selfish ease and gratification!

Souls for whom Christ died are perishing in darkness all about us. Has the Spirit of God touched your heart and spoken to your conscience? Have you heard the voice of heaven calling to you, asking, "Why stand ye here idle? Go work in My vineyard *to-day*"? There is a work for the young to do that can not be done by the older members of the church. We may secure counsel and help from those of larger experience, and then, in humility and by the grace of God, let us go forth in the name of the Lord of hosts to fight the good fight of faith.

Do you want to get into the

Lord's work? If you do, then go to work for your fellow-men to-day, right now, right where you are. Don't wait for anything. Do what your hand finds to do, with all your might.

The salvation of your own soul is the credentials of heaven that you have been called to carry the glad tidings of salvation to others; the fact that your sins are forgiven is a commission for you to proclaim forgiveness and remission of sins to others in the name of the Lord Jesus.

If you are planning to attend school, all well and good. If you are desirous of preparing yourself for medical missionary work or any other branch of the organized work of the third angel's message, all well, but I beseech you not to overlook your opportunity and privilege of *working for God to-day*.

If you are daily neglecting to perform the work heaven sends you to do right where you are to-day, would you any assurance that you would not neglect your sacred responsibilities if you were a minister, an editor, a doctor, or a nurse?

May the Lord help us to be earnest and faithful even in the smallest details of our daily life.

I truly believe there is a work for every Seventh-day Adventist youth to do, and I earnestly desire to help one and all in every way I possibly can to find this their work and make a complete and glorious success of it.

W. S. SADLER.

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BEREAN BIBLE STUDY

"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."

In all God's dealings with His people there have been no fixed or arbitrary rules to bring salvation or to cause destruction. Instead, the Lord has placed before mankind certain principles of truth which are beautiful, attractive, and powerful, and invites us to make them ours. The responsibility of accepting them, and, by so doing, of finding the salvation they contain, or of neglecting or rejecting them, and thus finding only condemnation and death, is left entirely with man.

God saves or destroys according to the choice of each individual.

As with the physical life, so with the spiritual. Life is perpetuated, not by an arbitrary decree of the Almighty, but by our own choice. Were we to stop eating and drinking, and exercising and resting in turn, we would soon cease to exist. We choose to partake of nourishment, we choose to labor, we choose to rest, and the *result* is, we live. When the real principles of truth governing the physical being are faithfully observed, there is a delightful continuation of life. God is pleased to uphold us, because we are pleased to obey nature's laws, or, better speaking, *His laws in nature*.

Now, the Christian life is after the same order. The food, the drink, the labor, the rest, are all provided by our Father, and if we will eat, and otherwise choose to carry out the great principles of the law—the life—of God, we shall live, and nothing can hinder. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. . . . *This do, and thou shalt live.*"

No amount of scourging or penance, of bodily or mental torture, will supply the place of food. The *life is in the food*. To go without the food is to deprive one's self of life. And in the service of God in purely spiritual matters, the food, which is so abundantly provided, must be eaten, or death necessarily results. Prayers and tears, and struggles and fastings can, of themselves alone, in nowise benefit any child of God. He must *eat* or die.

It is plain, therefore, that the one great truth for God's people *now* to consider and put into practise with all the heart is this: God's Word is to be studied prayerfully, carefully, faithfully, energetically, and regularly, every day.

Seventh-day Adventists are a very busy people. This is right. The times demand diligence. The farmer, to "abide with God," must be earnest in his business; the mother, too, must put in long and faithful hours; the mechanic must allow nothing to hinder him from being foremost among his fellow-tradesmen; and the student should

labor to stand at the head of his class. But all should remember that the Word of God is to take the precedence of all else, because it contains the elements of success for every life calling. The part of every business in life is the study of the Word. "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." Where this is the case, the every-day duties, instead of causing the children of God to grow cold and backslide, will lead them into the very fulness of the warmth and pleasure of the grace of Christ.

We are living on the threshold of great and solemn events. The darkest chapters of earth's history are just opening. Satan is now working with all power to deceive and destroy. The time of trouble is nearly here. Things in heaven and things on earth, all demand that we become acquainted with the truth of God, that we may stand. *This is our day of opportunity.* God wants every one of His people fortified by the truths of the great Advent message. And He promises to teach all. "They shall be all taught of God." "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." When "the test comes to every soul, there will be apostasies. Some will prove to be traitors, heady, high-minded, and self-sufficient, and will turn away from the truth, making shipwreck of faith. Why?—Because they did not live 'by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' They did not dig deep, and make their foundation sure."

God forbid that this shall be the experience of any who read these lines. May they rather be among those who are described as follows: "When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's Word their rule of life will be revealed. . . . The true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity."

Dear brethren and sisters of the Pacific Union Conference, let us awake and lay fast hold upon the truths for this time. Let us now see to it that we so eat and drink at our Father's table, so work and rest in Him, that the result may be

life,—life to us here and hereafter. God has said it, and it is true, that even the kingdom "is not earned, nor is it received through an arbitrary bestowal. *It is the result of character.* The crown and the throne are the tokens of a condition attained."

The study of God's Word should now be taken up in every family of Seventh-day Adventists. Says the Lord, concerning 2 Tim. 2:7, 15, "This charge to Timothy is to be an educating power *in every family.*" God has specially led His people out to make provision whereby all could be assisted in carrying on this work systematically and successfully; this provision is the Berean circle and its lessons.

In view of the solemn times in which we live, in view of the urgent need of God's chosen people, in view of the great good that has *already* been accomplished by the Berean work, in view of the fact that in about one month from now the lessons will again be put before us for our edification, is it not important that all at once make preparation for taking up the studies? It certainly is. Begin now to plan your work so that you may daily and regularly have a part in these grand studies.

Perhaps it may be wise to state that the original design was that these lessons be a fireside work. It is neither necessary nor best, as a rule (though there may be exceptions) to make the circle large. Are there children in the family? Let each one be provided with a Bible, and each have a place and part in the work, while the father or mother or other older members of the family lead in the study. Are you alone? Invite, if possible, some friend to join you. But wherever you are, and whatever your circumstances, take up the work, and be determined to know God's will.

The lessons will appear as formerly in our church paper, the *Review*.

Any questions relative to the study will be gladly answered if you will write to Mrs. Carrie R. King, 1059 Castro St., Oakland, Cal.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom." "He shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that

spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

C. L. TAYLOR.



COLLEGE AND CHURCH-SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

A teachers' institute for the Walla Walla College District will be held at College Place, beginning August 12, and continuing three weeks. Let all church-school teachers and those who are planning to enter this line of work make a note of this, and lay their plans to attend. Arrangements have been made whereby all teachers in attendance will receive their board and room free; and those teachers who are engaged to teach church-schools the coming year will have their traveling expenses paid one way by the conference from which they come, except those in Montana and perhaps some of the most distant mission fields.

This will be one of the most instructive and important gatherings we have ever held here. Great and rapid changes are now coming into the educational work as well as other lines, and no teacher can afford to miss this opportunity. Elder A. T. Jones will be present during the entire time, and will give important instruction to the teachers. We also expect Professors Cady and Ballenger, of Healdsburg. Any one desiring information will address the writer.

E. L. STEWART.

College Place, Washington.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Walla Walla College opens September 4, 1901. The prospect never was better for a full school than during the present time.

REFORMS IN OUR SCHOOL WORK.

Many changes have been made during the last ten years in our school work, but just at this time

greater and more changes than ever are being wrought.

AGE DOES NOT MAKE ERROR TRUTH.

"It is most difficult to practise right principles after having been so long accustomed to the practises of the world, but reforms must be entered into with heart and soul and will. Errors may be hoary with age, but age does not make error truth, nor truth error. Altogether too long have the old customs and habits been followed. The Lord would now have every idea that is false put away from teachers and students."—*Unpublished Testimonies*.

This is why it is so difficult to make changes from long-established customs; but these changes are coming into our school work, and will finally place them upon correct principles. Let none be discouraged though progress in reform seems to be made slowly. Let every Seventh-day Adventist rally to the support of our schools.

THE COMMON BRANCHES.

"If teachers were receiving light and wisdom from the divine Teacher, the *common, essential* branches of education would be more thoroughly taught, and the Word of God would be honored and esteemed as the bread sent down from heaven, which sustains all spiritual life, binding the human agent with Christ in God."—*Special Testimonies on Education*, pp. 164, 165.

"The common branches of education should be fully and prayerfully taught."

"Children should be educated to *read, write, to understand figures*, to keep their own accounts, when very young. They may go forward, advancing step by step in this knowledge."

"The education given in our schools is one-sided. Students should be given an education that will fit them for successful business life. The *common branches of education should be fully and thoroughly taught*. BOOKKEEPING should be looked upon as of equal importance with *grammar*. This line of study is one of the most important for us in practical life; but few leave our schools with a knowledge of *how to keep books correctly*."

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

The spirit to establish church-schools is spreading among Seventh-day Adventists. There are about thirty church-schools in the Pacific Union Conference. Every one of these proved successful last year. This number should be doubled the coming year. Let all school boards who are wanting teachers, and all churches that want church-schools established, correspond with either the president of the college or the superintendent of the church-schools in your district.

There are two school districts in the Pacific Union Conference,—the Healdsburg College District, comprising the two California Conferences and Arizona; the Walla Walla College District, comprising the North Pacific Conference, Upper Columbia Conference, Montana, Utah Mission Field, and British Columbia.

There are four training-schools in the Pacific Union Conference, located as follows:—

Healdsburg College, Healdsburg, California; Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington; Columbia Academy, Kettle Falls, Washington; and our Chinese school at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

Walla Walla College is putting forth special efforts for thoroughness in the common branches. The commercial department of Walla Walla College is equal to the very best in every particular.

Montana is taking steps to open an industrial training-school. We hope to see this enterprise carried through.

Walla Walla College library is in need of more books. Donations with which to buy books would be very acceptable; specimens also for our college museum are desired. Let our brethren located in different parts of the Pacific Union Conference remember us in this respect, sending us specimens, books, or donations.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Prof. I. C. Colcord and wife, who have had charge of the Columbia Academy for several years, have been called to teach in our Chinese school in Honolulu.

Elder G. W. Colcord and wife, the founders of Milton Academy, which is now Walla Walla College, and Graysville Academy, Tennessee, are visiting friends and relatives in College Place and Milton.

Walla Walla College District has not appointed a church-school superintendent. Let all correspondence in regard to church-schools be directed to the president of the college.

Prof. J. L. Kay is studying Spanish in Portland, Oregon.

Prof. H. E. Hoyt, of Walla Walla College, has been appointed as assistant auditor of the Pacific Union Conference.

Mrs. H. C. Conard has returned from a trip to the east. She brought her two little grandchildren, whose mother died last winter.

A few of our teachers are selling "Christ's Object Lessons."

Walla Walla College debt was decreased by a thousand dollars last week, as a result of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

Dr. I. A. Dunlap is canvassing for health books and "Christ's Object Lessons," at North Yakima.

The students from Walla Walla College who entered the canvassing field this summer are succeeding remarkably well. Some most excellent reports are being sent in.

All but one of those who graduated in the nurses' course at Walla Walla College are now engaged in one of our sanitariums.

PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

TO BE HELD AT COLLEGE PLACE, WASH.

- Principles of Organization...A. T. Jones
- Reading and Spelling.....A. T. Jones
- Nature Study, How to Interest Students, M. E. Cady
- Church-Schools.....E. S. Ballenger
- Industrial Work in Our College, E. L. Stewart
- Importance of the Common Branches, A. T. Jones
- The Relation of Teachers to College Regulations.....J. L. Kay
- Schools of the Prophets.....H. C. Conard

- Relation of Mental to Physical Labor, Dr. I. A. Dunlap
- School Government and Discipline, L. J. Hughes
- Composition.....Frances Ireland
- Church-School Organization...Geo. Petit
- Relation of the Church-School to the College.....Clara Rogers
- Relation of Church-School Teachers to PatronsMinnie Downs
- The Importance of a Thorough Commercial Education.....H. E. Hoyt
- The Relation of the Bible to Other StudiesW. W. Steward
- How to Open a Church-School, Myra Camp
- Improvement of Plants..... L. J. Hughes
- How Shall Our Chapel Exercises Be Made Most Profitable?.....C. D. Hobbs
- Diet and Cookery.....Nellie Clark
- Text-Books for Church-Schools. An open question; five-minute talks by church-school teachers.
- Relation of Teachers to the School: (a) Class Work; (b) Religious Work, Alice Kay

CHURCH-SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO CHURCHES IN HEALDSBURG COLLEGE DISTRICT.

The summer vacation is rapidly passing, and the time will soon come to start our church-schools. Every church should be carefully studying and planning for the education of its children. At the teachers' institute is a splendid opportunity to obtain light and help along this line. Can not each church, especially those which have had or will have a school this coming year, send a member of the church to the teachers' institute? It will certainly prove a great blessing to the church. In this way the church can become better acquainted with the teachers, and help in the selection of the proper teacher for their school.

Have you decided to have a school? Have you made application for a teacher? This should be attended to at once, so that proper teachers may be secured. All our teachers will be at the institute. Send some one to the institute to aid in the selection of just the teacher you need for your school.

Application for teachers should be addressed to the undersigned.

Do you know of any one who should be engaged in teaching one of our church-schools? Do you know of those who should be encouraged to prepare for this line of work? If so, please let us know who they are. We need this year

many more teachers than we have been able to secure.

E. S. BALLENGER,
Superintendent.

TEACHERS' SUMMER INSTITUTE

HEALDSBURG COLLEGE DISTRICT.

The college and church-school teachers will meet for institute work at or near Healdsburg, August 26 to September 13. It is expected that every teacher in the college, and those expecting to teach in our churches during the coming year will be present at this very important gathering.

Elder A. T. Jones, Prof. E. L. Stewart, from Walla Walla College, brethren representing the sanitarium, publishing house, and the field, will be present to give timely and important instruction.

All those recommended for teaching in our church-schools by the educational department committee, will have their transportation paid to and from the institute. Each teacher must provide himself with the necessary bedding. Tents will be furnished free.

We would recommend each church to select one of its members as a delegate to this institute, to study with the teachers the important question of Christian education. We would especially urge this where church-schools are to be started this year.

The board will be placed at as low a rate as possible. All those who expect or desire to attend the institute should address at once Prof. E. S. Ballenger, state superintendent of church-schools, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, California. A program of the institute will appear in the next issue of the RECORDER.

ITEMS

Elder A. T. Jones has recently been chosen president of the Healdsburg College board. He and Prof. E. S. Ballenger are now east attending the teachers' conference at Berrien Springs, Michigan. It is expected that educational work in this district will be greatly revived, as a result of their attendance at this conference.

Prof. J. A. L. Derby is doing field work in the interest of Healdsburg

burg College, during the summer vacation.

President M. E. Cady, of Healdsburg College, is living in Fruitvale, a suburb of Oakland, this summer. He is busily engaged completing his nature-study book, "Parts of His Ways," which is designed to aid parents and teachers in educating the children to see God in His wonderful creations about them. An announcement of the plan, purpose, and scope of the book has been printed, and will be sent free to any one desiring to learn more about this very important line of study.

Let any of our brethren in the Pacific Union Conference put Walla Walla College in correspondence with broom-corn raisers. Address, C. D. Hobbs, College Place, Washington.

* MEDICAL * MISSIONARY

It is designed that this department of the RECORDER be devoted to the interests of the medical missionary work throughout the Pacific Union Conference. As our territory embraces several medical institutions, missions, sanitariums, and training-schools, we should have a very live and interesting department.

When we realize how the Lord has blessed the medical work, given us favor with the people in gaining their confidence, thus opening the way to present the light and truth of not only the gospel of health, but often to live before them the whole gospel, it should cause us to sense the great responsibility that rests upon us in spreading this gospel. The medical work is the channel through which many are reached who would not be in any other way. When people are brought in contact with, and accept, the health principles, they are more ready to believe that we have spiritual knowledge which will be of help to them also. Thus, prejudice is removed, and they are ready to receive the great truths of the third angel's message. If the medical missionary work is the right arm of the gospel work, it must go before, to open

and prepare the way for what is to follow. Unless this object is kept constantly before us, we shall fail to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended. In carrying on this work there are many ways in which we can strengthen and encourage each other, and the reports which may appear in these columns from time to time, should be of interest to all.

Each institution is a center of light and truth, from which should flow streams of cheer and hope to those about us. Every success gained through Christ should inspire us with a new hope and a more determined effort to carry forward the knowledge which God has given us.

W. R. SIMMONS.

THE SANITARIUMS AS A MISSIONARY FIELD

That our sanitariums present a wide missionary field no one who knows of the thousands who visit them annually, will doubt. Surely there is no place where a greater missionary effort should be put forth than at one of these institutions, for, with many who come, the physical ailments are only a part of their disease, which is the result of sin, grief, or worry, and carelessness in carrying out the laws which God has given us to govern the physical being.

When they are relieved of their physical sufferings, much has been accomplished. For did not the Great Physician, the Master Medical Missionary, go about helping the sick, causing the blind to see, the lame to walk? and many were healed who did not accept Him. So there are hundreds who have visited these institutions for relief who go away and we hear no more of them; yet they have received the light which tells them that God is willing to heal them in soul as well as body. Christ is ever held before them as the great Divine Healer and their Helper in every time of need. The way has been pointed out to them, and many, after months of wandering, may find it. There are those who have found this precious way, accepted it, and gone on their way rejoicing to tell others of the treasure they have found. Not long since, at one of

our sanitariums, a patient, for whom there was no human help, came with her husband. She did not receive physical help, but she found the Saviour and the way to eternal life, and died in the blessed hope of meeting her loved ones, who had found this new life through her, in the better world. She died with the knowledge that "God sent me to the sanitarium to gain a life in which there is no sickness or suffering."

How many there are, who, when they find this new life, rejoice that the affliction has come upon them, that they might learn the way to life eternal. In the busy round of cares they have never stopped to think that God is caring for them every moment, but when they are taken down in sickness, they must rest and their minds go back to the sufferings of the One who died that they might live. Their hearts are touched by the songs of praise, by loving words spoken by those who are tenderly caring for them. They are led to see glimpses of eternal things, and are led to realize that there is hope for them beyond this life.

Some may fall by the way, but there are those who follow on to gain the fulness of hope, faith, and trust. From time to time we receive the good report from many of these, that they are rejoicing on the way, and scattering seeds of sunshine to others. True, there are many that we hear not of, but the seeds are sown, and God will care for the results, and eternity alone will reveal what God has wrought through his faithful stewards.

W. R. SIMMONS.

EVERY HOME A MISSION STATION

The home is the first established institution on this earth, and, in the divine order, it was designed to be the only institution. In man's effort to return to Edenic conditions to get in harmony with God, in reference to diet, dress, and other practises, we should not overlook the work of home reformation; that is, the bringing of the home back to that place which God designed it should occupy.

Sanitariums are grand instrumentalities for disseminating light and truth, and we must have some

of these large institutions to meet conditions found in the world in these last days. But how much greater and grander a work could be accomplished if every Seventh-day Adventist home could be a sanitarium; that is, if each and every one of us would study the health principles sufficiently to thoroughly get hold of them in our own experience, and then put forth intelligent and earnest efforts to enlighten our neighbors and bring them to a knowledge of these life-saving principles.

In this way, the health educational work of our sanitariums would be greatly helped, and thousands would be reached who could never be reached by the rays of light from our institutions. So orphan homes were undoubtedly established in the providence of God, and are enterprises worthy of our hearty sympathy and support. At the same time, it can not be denied that the home institution is the ideal place for the orphan. Let every Seventh-day Adventist home, then, be an orphan's home. It may not be possible for all homes to fill all of these places, but let *your* home do that work which it is best adapted to perform. Some, perhaps, are so situated that they can not take in orphan children. Perhaps these can do another work. Only let each and every one seek God for that wisdom which shall teach them their duty in their own home. It is not recorded in the Bible that the Lord setteth the solitary in orphan's homes, but it does say that "He setteth the solitary in families." Ps. 68:6.

Much more might be said concerning the home as a missionary institution, but space will not permit us to say more at this time. But let every one who reads this, ask himself the question, "Is my home a mission station?"

W. S. SADLER.

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San Francisco.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

THE WORK IN CALIFORNIA

The California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association now has fifteen separate departments and institutions operating under its supervision. A detailed list of the various enterprises is as follows: St. Helena Sanitarium; St. Helena Sanitarium Food Co., with food stores at 1482 Market Street, San Francisco, 46 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, and at San Jose; the San Francisco branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium, at 1436 Market Street; the Los Angeles Sanitarium and Vegetarian Restaurant, at 315 and 317 West Third Street; the Sacramento branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium, at 719½ K Street; the Eureka branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium, at the corner of Third and J Streets; the Honolulu branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium; San Francisco Vegetarian Cafe, at 755 Market Street; the Helping Hand Mission, at 741 Commercial Street; the Union Home, at 971 Howard Street, San Francisco; and the *Pacific Health Journal*. Bread bakeries are also maintained at San Jose and Los Angeles. The officers of the association are Elder A. T. Jones, president; Dr. F. B. Moran, business manager; and E. E. Parlin, secretary and treasurer.

Dr. C. F. Dail and wife are now installed in their place of duty at the Eureka branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium, taking the place of Drs. T. H. Evans and wife, who will make Honolulu their field of labor. Dr. Evans and wife will spend a few months at the Battle Creek Sanitarium and in our institutions in Chicago before proceeding to their new field.

The San Francisco branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium is enlarging its work by providing a limited number of rooms where patients can be permanently cared for. This has been done in response to a very urgent demand for such accommodations on the part of those desiring the rest and treatment, but who could not leave the city.

The importance of San Francisco as a center for our missionary

operations has led to the selection of a committee, to arrange with the institutions already located in that city, for the proper development of plans for the training of missionary workers desirous of securing an actual experience in lines of work that will qualify them for broader fields of usefulness. This committee consists of Elder J. O. Corliss, Elder W. S. Sadler, Dr. Thomas Coolidge, Dr. R. A. Buchanan, and E. G. Fulton.

The establishment of a central home for the workers in San Francisco, at No. 971 Howard Street, is proving of great benefit to the work and workers. Originally designed only for the actual employees, there has been such a general demand for rooms that the place of twelve rooms can not begin to accommodate all who would like to remain at the home. Brother E. G. Fulton, of the Vegetarian Restaurant, is in immediate charge of the business affairs of the home, and applications for information concerning it may be sent to him.

Arrangements have been made by which the *Helping Hand* paper will be discontinued, and the *Life Boat*, published at Chicago, will take its place. Monthly acknowledgment of donations and other matters of general interest to the mission work on this coast will appear in the *Life Boat*.

Another important change in our publications is the removal of the office of publication of the *Pacific Health Journal* to No. 1436 Market Street, San Francisco. This change is made in harmony with the recommendations adopted at the recent meeting of the Pacific Union Conference and of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association. From being the organ of the California institutions, it will now become representative of the entire medical interests on this coast. Beginning with the September number of the journal, San Francisco will be the office of publication, and after that date all business matters relating to the journal should be sent to its new office. Dr. George H. Heald will continue

to act as editor, Elder J. O. Corliss as managing editor, and E. E. Parlin as business manager.

The Sacramento branch, known as the St. Helena Sanitarium Treatment Rooms, is very centrally located, in the Ochsner Building, 719½ K Street, next to the post-office. In the treatments, all hydrotherapeutic measures, massage, Swedish manual, and electricity are applied scientifically by trained nurses and manipulators.

The treatment rooms are open to all reputable physicians, and perfect professional courtesy is observed with all physicians sending patients for treatment. Some of the most tried and prominent physicians are availing themselves of the advantages of the treatments in the care of their patients. The institution is daily making new friends, and the work is steadily growing upon its own merits.

CANVASSING AND MISSIONARY WORK

ARE WE TRUE TO OUR TRUST?

A great and important work has been committed to those who have received the light concerning the first, second, and third angels' messages, of Revelation 14.

The world in general does not understand these messages, and it falls upon us to give them the light which the Lord has so graciously given us. He has blessed us that we might be a blessing. And Jesus says, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." And the prophet Isaiah says, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."

And in Eze. 3:18, we find: "When I say unto the wicked thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." And there are many more texts in the same

line that I might give; but perhaps these are enough to help us to realize to some extent the responsibility that rests upon us as a people. We not only have the work of pointing the common sinner to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, but we are to hold up the law of God before those who make a profession of religion and are living up to all the light they have, and show them wherein they are transgressing one of His commandments. Thus we have to give this truth to all.

The subject of the sanctuary is made very plain in "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Great Controversy," also in other works. We have books, tracts, and pamphlets that explain all points of the message, and point the reader to Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Also papers that come from the press each week laden with this last message of mercy, which is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Thus the Lord has caused to be prepared literature whereby this message may be given to the world with great rapidity. And it was designed that this message should be given with haste and rapidity, as is shown by the loud voice of the angels. Tons of books are now piled upon the shelves, and the presses are daily turning out more.

All believe that the Lord had a hand in establishing our publishing houses, and that they should be making books which contain the third angel's message, and that they are doing their part in the message by preparing this literature for the people. Then, dear brethren and sisters, whose part is going *undone*, when this literature lies piled up in our publishing houses, and thousands upon thousands are yet in darkness concerning the light which it contains? It is evident that some are not doing their duty, is it not? And the Testimonies tell us that the canvassing work should be carried on right in connection with the preaching; for the reading matter is needed to help the people to get hold of the truth and become firmly settled in it. They also tell us that "among the people professing present truth, there is not a missionary spirit corresponding to our faith." This is a sad statement, yet it must be true.

As we draw nearer to the end, this message should be given with greater force and energy than it ever has been in the past; but such is not the case. Shall we not awake and bestir ourselves, and ask the Lord to give us a greater burden for souls? Surely we need a deeper consecration to the Lord, that we may sense our responsibilities, and realize that we *are* our brother's keeper, and that we will be held responsible for the souls that are lost because we failed to give them the message of life which the Lord has sent to them. It will be a fearful thing to have the blood of souls clinging to our skirts when our cases are called up in the judgment. But it is a blessed experience to work for their salvation now, while we have a chance.

All must do something; Jesus says He gave to every man His work. None are excused. "Each has a part to act, according to his capacity; and it devolves upon the one who presents the truth, carefully and prayerfully, to learn the ability of all who accept the truth, and then to instruct them and lead them along, step by step, letting them realize the burden of responsibility resting upon them to *do* the work God has for them to do. It should be *urged* upon them again and again, that no one will be able to resist temptation, to *answer* the purpose of God, and live the life of a Christian, unless he shall take up *His* work, be it great or small, and *do* that work with *conscientious fidelity*."—"Gospel Workers," p. 15. Surely this makes it very plain and pointed.

And it is by working that we save our own souls, as well as others. May the Lord stir the hearts of His people that we may do that which He would have us do. Many should enter the canvassing work at once for some of our regular subscription books, others could sell small books and "Object Lessons" around home, and all can take orders for and sell the *Signs of the Times*. More should be done with this excellent paper than is being done. It has been demonstrated that subscriptions can be taken, and that it can be sold from house to house and on the street. Large clubs should be taken for reading racks and to send out to friends and

neighbors. Then there are the tracts that can be had very cheap; as low as one-fourth of a cent each, which should be handed out to our neighbors and sent in letters to our friends. O brethren and sisters, let us arouse and go to work! This work must and will be done. The Word says, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, then shall the end come." If we do not do the work which has been committed to us, the Lord will raise up others for that purpose. And those that do the work are the ones that will receive the reward.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." That mind was a spirit of sacrifice and work. There is health and life in work, but disease and death in inactivity. And we know by the sure word of prophecy that our time for working is very short. Therefore, let us hasten and do what we can before probation closes.

S. C. OSBORNE,
Gen. Agt. P. U. Conf.

INFLUENCE OF THE "SIGNS"

Some time ago one of our young sisters sold a *Signs* to an old gentleman in Los Angeles, who cared for only one article in it, and that was on "Hypnotism."

The canvasser went her way, knowing nothing of the results of her work. A few days ago one of our young sisters, who is a canvasser, called on this man. When he learned her errand, he brought out this copy of the *Signs*, and told her that he could never be thankful enough to the Lord for sending it to him. He bought it because he saw an article on "Hypnotism." He thought that it favored the cultivation of this science. He was infatuated with the subject, and grasped everything that referred to it. By the time that he had read that copy of the *Signs*, his faith in the blessings of the use of this power was shaken, and after reading it carefully again he gave up the whole thing, and now he is ready to warn those who were with him in the study, of the dangers they incur in having anything to do with it.

Do not fail to hand a *Signs* to every person who will read it. It

may be a means of saving a soul from ruin both here and hereafter.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THE BOOK WORK

REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JULY 13.

NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

DANIEL AND REVELATION.

Hours. Orders. Value.

S. W. Walker, Portland
Oregon.....46 25 \$54 50

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

F. Baldwin, Hood Riv'r,
Oregon.....86 42 81 25

HEALTH BOOKS.

Chas. Lengel, Clark Co.,
Wash.....16 4 16 50

Anne Krumm, Wilkeson,
Wash.....46 19 75 00

HERALDS OF THE MORNING.

G. B. Collett, Linn Co.,
Oregon.....37 8 10 25

CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.

Jno. Oster, Portland, Or, 54 17 21 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. H. Coffin, Clack-
amas, Co., Or.....25 22 31 35

Total.....310 137 \$290 10

HELPS sold: S. W. Walker, \$3.25;
F. Baldwin, \$16; Chas. Lengel,
\$2.10; A. E. Krumm, \$1.00; G.
B. Collett, \$4.00; John Oster, 50c;
W. H. Coffin, \$1.35. Total.....\$28 20

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

HERALDS OF THE MORNING.

Hours. Orders. Value.

Mrs. V. Hardy, San Fran-
cisco.....5 2 \$ 3 00

Minnie Lanning, S. F.....5 1 1 50

Geo. Cary, Santa Cruz.....17 25 50

Geo. Sims, Grass Valley.....40 8 12 00

OBJECT LESSONS.

H. A. Rue, Sacramento...52 19 25 00

C. W. Leininger, Sac'to...48 19 28 75

Minnie Lanning, S. F.....3 3 75

Mrs. V. Hardy, S. F.....2 2 50

Jessie Barber, Alameda...16 3 3 75

Marie Barber, Alameda...15 3 3 75

Belle Hickox, Vallejo.....12 8 10 00

R. H. Taylor, Fresno.....40 36 45 00

Arthur Tindall, Fresno...35 20 25 00

H. H. Kennison, Hayw'ds, 40 7 8 75

COMING KING.

H. A. and L. E. Kennison,
Haywards.....4 4 50

Effie M. Thompson, Tra-
ver.....13 19 19 00

H. H. Purington, Truckee, 32 3 4 00

HOME HANDBOOK.

Horace Munn, Honcut.....45 12 57 00

GREAT CONTROVERSY.

H. H. Purington, Truckee, 1 3 00

Arthur Tindall, Fresno ... 1 2 50

Total..... 188 \$288 00

HELPS sold: Mrs. V. Hardy, \$1.50;
Minnie Lanning, 50c; Geo. Sims,
\$2.25; H. A. and L. E. Kennison,
\$9.75; Geo. Cary, \$31.85; Horace
Munn, \$13.10; R. H. Taylor,
\$11.50; Marie Barber, \$2.50; Jes-
sie Barber, \$3.00; H. H. Puring-
ton, 50c; C. W. Leininger, \$23.35;

Homer Rue, \$12.50; Arthur Tin-
dall, \$11.35. Total... ..\$103 65

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

HEALTH BOOKS.

Hours. Orders. Value.

C. H. Allen.....90 30 \$140 25

I. A. Dunlap.....35 130 00

N. R. Steward.....87 61 235 50

J. T. Cargill.....20 5 31 75

DANIEL AND REVELATION.

William Steele.....66 14 112 25

J. C. Little.....24 10 31 25

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

H. W. Buell.....86 47 119 50

F. D. Wagner.....66 43 110 25

L. A. Enoch.....26 14 37 00

Geo. W. Casebeer.....35 9 31 75

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, AND

TWO REPUBLICS.

Wellington Frost.....34 22 74 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. M. Fee.....20 48 75

Total.....534 310 \$1,102 85

AN OPEN LETTER

Having been recently appointed state canvassing agent for California, I take this opportunity to let the brethren and sisters know that I am here and ready for hard work.

The outlook for the canvassing work in this state is encouraging, and if we all work together and pull hard, we shall see the work raised to a higher level than it has ever been in the past. The reports coming in from those in the field are good, and the workers are filled with courage and determination to press on. The testimony borne is, "We have never been sorry that we took up this work." From personal experience I know that there will never be a time in the life of a consecrated worker when he will be sorry that he has been a canvasser, for the blessings of the work are great.

I shall be pleased to hear from those who have given in their names as canvassers, and are not now reporting, and from every one who is contemplating taking up the work this season. I also kindly solicit the hearty cooperation of every conference laborer and local church elder. It is only by working hand in hand that we can accomplish in this branch of the Lord's work what He desires to be accomplished. We expect to see this work come up in this state as never before, and may the Lord help us to unite our

efforts and be faithful in giving the last warning message to the world.

P. R. ALBRECHT,
State Agent.

301 San Pablo Ave.,
Oakland, Cal.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On July 11 Elders J. H. Durland and J. M. Cole began tent meetings in Seattle, Wash.

Elder C. N. Martin, of California, has been asked to attend the Coos County, Oregon, camp-meeting.

Tent meetings are being held at Lewiston, Montana, with a fair interest, under the direction of Elder J. H. Behrens.

Brother S. A. Anderson has been connected with the Mount View Sanitarium, Spokane, Wash., as business manager.

Elders W. T. Knox and J. N. Loughborough will attend the Montana camp-meetings at Bozeman and Missoula.

Elder A. S. Kellogg has closed his work at Glennville, Cal., and has been called to take Elder Martin's place at Vallejo, Cal.

One line of business to receive attention at the Los Angeles camp-meeting will be the organizing of a conference for southern California.

Elders J. O. Corliss and H. G. Thurston, and Brethren S. C. Osborne and P. R. Albrecht will attend the Eureka, California, camp-meeting.

Thos. G. Johnson, state agent for Montana, has been called to act as secretary for the tract society. He will continue to look after the field work also.

W. B. Scott, state agent of the North Pacific Conference, reports the outlook for the canvassing work as encouraging, and expects the work to increase.

Prof. W. E. Howell, who has been connected with the Chinese school work in Honolulu, is attending the teachers' institute that is being held at Berrien Springs, in Michigan.

Elder and Mrs. G. A. Snyder, who sailed in June from San Francisco for Australia, reported a very pleasant passage as far as Honolulu, from which point they mailed their report.

At Centerville, Utah, Elder W. A. Alway is conducting a tent meeting. The attendance is good. At Bountiful, which is two miles from Centerville, the camp-meeting for Utah will be held.

In addition to the laborers of the California Conference in southern California, Elders Knox, Wilcox, McClure, and White will attend the Los Angeles camp-meeting in southern California.

A good work is being done by the canvassers in the Upper Columbia Conference. M. F. Hill, the state agent, is full of courage, and is working hard to keep the work going and have it increase in volume.

The demand for our tract publications continues to grow. The Pacific Press Publishing Company say that in one week recently they printed 1,440,000 pages of tracts, mostly of the "Apples of Gold Library."

Brother W. J. Felt, for two years secretary of the Montana Tract Society, has given up his work, and has gone to Iowa. Brother T. G. Johnson, the state canvassing agent, has taken his place as secretary.

From the top of the Rocky Mountains, where acres of snow are still in sight, and where the cool breezes fan the cheek, one looks with pity to the east, where so many are suffering from heat and where the land is parched by drouth.

Prof. H. E. Hoyt, the assistant auditor of the Pacific Union Conference, has been spending some time in Helena, Mont., auditing the books at the state office, and opening a new set of books on the union conference plan of book-keeping.

The brethren in the southern part of the state of California have selected a pleasant location opposite one of the city parks, at 516 Hill Street, Los Angeles, for a tract society office, and have

placed C. A. Pedicord in charge until permanent organization shall be effected. There is a large, dry basement connected with these rooms, where all the conference property can be stored.

P. R. Albrecht, who was formerly state agent in Wisconsin, but who has been working in Arizona the past year on account of his wife's health, has been appointed state agent for the California Conference. He arrived in this city last week, and has begun his work.

Brother Albrecht has had considerable experience, both as a canvasser and as state agent, and knows how to take hold of the work.

The Utah mission field has no state agent, and only two or three canvassers; and one of them, E. N. Fries, has been called to take charge of the Salt Lake City mission at the resignation of Brother Quinn. Some good work has been done in this field, and we expect to see more done in the future.

Will Hanson, an old canvasser from Illinois, has lately entered this territory with the health books, and we expect to see him do well.

Fifty thousand tracts were distributed among the delegates to the international convention of the Epworth League, which was held in San Francisco July 18-21. The tracts were placed in envelopes that had on the outside a neat cut of the Cliff House, Seal Rocks, ocean, and beach.

This work was done by members of the Oakland church.

The envelopes were addressed and delivered to the delegates at their hotels and rooms by members of the San Francisco church.

Over seventy-five thousand extra copies of the "Wealth and War" number of the *Signs of the Times* were sold by July 23.

A good work was done with this number by the Oakland and San Francisco churches.

They were sold from house to house in Oakland, a large part of the city being gone over in this manner.

The church-school children of San Francisco sell five hundred copies of the *Signs* each week. One little boy sells twenty copies every day after school.

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"PACIFIC UNION RECORDER"

During the present year a great many changes have been made in the management of the General Conference work by dividing up the territory into union conferences. When the organization of the Pacific Union Conference was completed, it was thought it would be a help to the union, as well as to the state, conference work in this district if a paper was published to represent all parts of the work which is being carried on. Some of the conference presidents felt that this move would be just the thing, and that on the advent of the union conference organ the local conference papers would cease to be published. This is to be the case with California.

It is the plan of the Union Conference executive committee to publish every other week the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, the first copy of which is in your hands. It is expected that all departments of the work will be represented and advanced by its circulation. Not only will reports be published from the laborers in the larger conferences

but the smaller ones will be given a department, and regular reports will be given of the work in the mission fields where the message is just gaining a foothold. It is hoped that every Seventh-day Adventist will become more closely related to our special work for this time, the evangelization of the world in this generation, through this medium of communication.

With this apology, we appeal to you to become a regular subscriber to this paper. The subscription price is 50 cents a year or 25 cents for six months. For your convenience you will find a subscription receipt blank printed on this page. Please cut out and fill in name and post-office address, and, after inclosing your remittance, mail it to PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, Box 548, Oakland, Cal.

TO NEW FIELDS

The executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference, at its first session, decided that the Alaskan Territory should be entered at once, and asked Elders T. H. Watson and A. M. Dart to go to said field and open up the work. The Spirit of the Lord had already impressed these brethren that it would be well for them to go to more needy fields; hence, as soon as the above request was communicated to them, there was a hearty response from each, "I will go." But a short visit at home was required for them to get ready for the trip, and on July 8 they boarded the train for Seattle. On Monday night, July 15, they expected to sail for Juneau.

THE "SPECIAL SIGNS" OF JULY 24

Those who have been handling the Signs of July 24 say that this is the best paper ever produced for selling from house to house. The reason is that it deals with those questions which are interesting to every one at the present time. It is not only the financial and governing classes, but the laboring people everywhere are interested in the important themes discussed in this paper. It is hoped that every one who can do so will order a supply to circulate in their neighborhood.

The prices are: Single copies, 5 cents; 10 copies, 30 cents; 50 copies, \$1.25; 100 copies, \$2.00. Address your state tract society office for them.

SUNDAY LAWS

From a private letter written by Prof. E. L. Stewart, of Walla Walla College, we are permitted to take the following item:—

"A rigid Sunday law has just been passed for Walla Walla County, Washington, closing all places of merchandise and business, saloons, etc., on Sunday. It does not touch common labor, however, but it strikes our bakery and the stores at College Place; so now we have come face to face with a very important matter. We are all united in our action as to the course we should pursue. We hope and pray that the Lord will turn this to His honor and glory."

CAMP-MEETINGS

Local camp-meetings will be held this fall as follows:—

- UTAH
- Bountiful August 8-18
- MONTANA
- Bozeman August 13-19
- Missoula ... August 23 to Sept. 1
- Twin Bridges . . . September 5-11
- NORTH PACIFIC
- Coos County, Or. August 8-15
- Seattle, Wash. Sept. 5-15
- UPPER COLUMBIA
- Weiser, Idaho ... September 19-29
- CALIFORNIA
- Eureka August 1-11
- Los Angeles August 8-18
- Red Bluff October 3-13

We hope our dear brethren will plan to attend the meetings held in their respective districts.

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