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

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## THE CHURCH

### PRAYER

Prayer makes the darkest clouds with-  
draw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,  
Gives exercise to faith and love,  
Brings every blessing from above.

Have you no words? Ah! think again;  
Words flow apace when you complain,  
And fill your fellow-creatures' ears  
With the sad tale of all your cares.

Were half the breath thus vainly spent,  
To heaven in supplication sent,  
Your cheerful song would oftener be,  
"Hear what the Lord has done for me."  
—William Cowper.

### THE NEED OF AGGRESSIVE LABOR

There are many fields of labor which have not yet been entered; but there is not self-sacrificing help enough to fill the places where the people are all ready to listen to the truth and many to receive it. The new fields must be entered, and many will have to go with the expectation of bearing their own expenses. Some of our ministers feel but little disposition to take upon them the burden of the work of God, and labor with the disinterested benevolence which characterized the life of our Lord.

God's ministers should go out, knowing in whom they trust. There is power in Christ and His salvation to make them free men; and unless they are free in Him, they can not build up His church and gather in souls. Those who are not prepared to do this work would better first seek God for

themselves until they receive power from on high.

God is grieved as He sees the lack of self-denial in His servants. Angels stand amazed at this lack of self-denial and perseverance. The life of Christ should be studied more. He is the example. Can the ministers of to-day expect to endure less than the Waldenses and other reformers have endured to carry the truth to those who are lost in deception and sin?

The proclamation of the last message of mercy is intrusted to God's ministers, and He is displeased with those who fail to throw their whole energies into this all-important work. All heaven is grieved as it sees the great lack of devotion to the cause of God. It is time that the watchmen on the walls of Zion understand the responsibility and sacredness of their mission. There is a woe upon them if they fail to perform the work which they themselves acknowledge God has given into their hands.

When they are unfaithful in their work, they endanger the cause of truth, and expose it to the ridicule of the enemy. Souls are everywhere perishing because those who have been appointed as shepherds of the flock are not all laborers together with God. They are neglecting the very work that should be done.

Why are those set apart for the work of the ministry placed on committees and boards? Why are they called upon to attend so many business meetings at a great distance from their fields of labor? Why are not business matters placed in the hands of business

men? The ministers have not been set apart to do this work. The finances of the cause should be properly managed. Managing ability is to be brought into the work. But ministers are set apart for another line of work.

Ministers are not to be called hither and thither to attend board meetings to decide common business questions. This has been done in the past, but it is not the work in which the Lord wishes them to engage. Let men who have not been set apart to the sacred work of the ministry take the management of financial matters. Too many financial burdens have been placed upon the ministers. When this is done, the great gospel commission is neglected. God looks upon this as a dishonor to His name.

The Lord's great vineyard demands from His servants that which it has not yet received,—earnest, persevering labor for souls. The ministry is becoming weak and feeble, and under its tame service the churches also are becoming weak. The ministers have but little to show in the conversion of souls as a result of their labors. These things are depriving God of the glory which belongs to Him. The truth is not carried into the barren places of the earth. God calls for workers who will be producers as well as consumers.

There is a world to be warned. Ministers should be engaged in earnest work to open new fields, and in personal labor for souls, and not hovering over the churches which have already received great light and many advantages.

Sept. 9, 1901. Ellen G. White.

## THE CHURCH

## CHURCH AUTHORITY.

"These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority." Titus 2:15. "Rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth." Titus 1:13, 14.

The rebuking here spoken of by the apostle does not give license to sharp words proceeding from the carnal heart, but in using the truth of God in exposing errors. In Paul's solemn charge to the ministry he refers to the rebuking in these words: "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." 2 Tim. 4:1, 2.

The Lord has given us excellent instruction as to how brother should deal with brother: "With tender compassion should brother deal with brother. Delicately should he deal with feelings. It is the nicest and most important work that ever yet was done to touch the wrongs of another. With the deepest humility should a brother do this, considering his own weakness, lest he also should be tempted.

"Do you feel when a brother errs that you could give your life to save him? If you feel thus, you can approach him and affect his heart; you are just the one to visit that brother."—Testimonies for the Church, vol. 1, p. 166.

"Frequently the truth and facts are to be plainly spoken to the erring, to make them see and feel their error, that they may reform. But this should ever be done with pitying tenderness, not with harshness or severity, but considering one's own weakness, lest he also be tempted."—Id., vol. 3, p. 93.

"The Lord would teach His servants a lesson of great carefulness in all their moves. 'Let both grow together.' Do not forcibly pull up the tares, lest in rooting them up, the precious blades will become loosened. Both ministers and church-members should be very cautious lest they get a zeal not

according to knowledge. There is danger of doing too much to cure difficulties in the church, which, if let alone, will frequently work their own cure. It is bad policy to take hold of matters in any church prematurely."—Id., pp. 113, 114.

"Men and women who, with their different organizations, are brought together in church capacity, have peculiarities and faults. As these are developed, they will require reproof. If those who are placed in important positions never reproofed, never rebuked, there would soon be a demoralized condition of things that would greatly dishonor God. But how shall the reproof be given? Let the apostle answer: 'With all long-suffering and doctrine.' Principle should be brought to bear upon the one who needs reproof; but never should the wrongs of God's people be passed by indifferently."—Id., p. 359.

"God has invested His church with special authority and power, which no one can be justified in disregarding; for in so doing he despises the voice of God."—Id., p. 417.

"Christ gives power to the voice of the church. 'Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' No such thing is countenanced as one man's starting out on his own individual responsibility, and advocating what view he chooses irrespective of the judgment of the church. God has bestowed the highest power under heaven upon His church. It is the voice of God in His united people in church capacity which is to be respected."—Id., pp. 450, 451.

"To neglect or despise those whom God has appointed to lead out and to bear responsibilities connected with His work and with the advancement and spread of the truth, is to reject the means which God has appointed for the help, encouragement, and strength of His people. To pass these by and think your light must come through no other channel than directly from God, places you in a position where you are liable to deception, and to be overthrown."—Id., pp. 218, 219.

"The world's Redeemer has invested great power with His church. He states the rules to be

applied in case of trial with its members. After He has given explicit directions as to the course to be pursued, He says, 'Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever [in church discipline] ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.' Thus even the heavenly authority ratifies the discipline of the church in regard to its members, when the Bible rule has been followed."—Id., p. 428.

"While ministers preach the plain, cutting truth, they must let the truth do the cutting and hewing, and not do it themselves. They should lay the ax, the truths of God's Word, at the root of the tree, and something will be accomplished. Pour out the testimony just as straight as it is found in the Word of God, with a heart full of the warming, quickening influence of His Spirit, all in tenderness, yearning for souls, and the work among God's people will be effectual."—Id., vol. 1, p. 383.

Of Christ as our Pattern we read: "He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul. He did not censure human weakness. He fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, but tears were in His voice as He uttered His scathing rebukes. He wept over Jerusalem, the city He loved, that refused to receive Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. They rejected Him, the Saviour, but He regarded them with pitying tenderness, and sorrow so deep that it broke His heart. Every soul was precious in His eyes. While He always bore Himself with divine dignity, He bowed with tenderest regard to every member of the family of God. In all men He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save."—Desire of Ages, chapter 37, par. 12.

J. N. Loughborough.

"If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Prov. 2:3, 4.

# THE FIELD

## THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

The first steps for the division of the California Conference were taken at the Oakland camp-meeting, where a committee of five persons, —Elders Santee, Owen, Healey, Knox, and Brother Truman Sterling, —was appointed by the conference to look after and plan the work in Southern California until the camp-meeting at Los Angeles. A committee of three, consisting of Wm. Healey, M. H. Brown, and J. J. Ireland, was also chosen to divide the assets of the conference and tract society.

This committee reported, recommending that the assets of the conference should be divided, one-fifth to the Southern California Conference and four-fifths to the Northern California Conference.

The first business meeting was held on the camp-ground at Los Angeles, Aug. 9, 1901. Elder W. T. Knox was chosen temporary chairman, Elder R. S. Owen as temporary secretary. A motion was passed indorsing the action of the California Conference at the Oakland camp-meeting. The following committee was chosen to frame a constitution: W. M. Healey, R. S. Owen, C. Santee, W. T. Knox, and L. O. Johnson.

At a subsequent meeting this committee reported as follows:—

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME.

This Conference shall be known as the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

### ARTICLE II

#### TERRITORY.

This Conference shall embrace all that portion of California lying south of the summits of the Tehachapi and Santa Ynez Mountain ranges.

### ARTICLE III

#### OBJECT.

To constitute a representative body of said people in said ter-

ritory, and to secure a systematic and united effort to disseminate the light of the everlasting gospel.

### ARTICLE IV

#### MEMBERSHIP.

This shall embrace all the members in good standing in all the churches of Seventh-day Adventists in the above-described territory.

### ARTICLE V

#### MEETINGS.

Meetings of this Conference shall be held annually at such time as the Executive Committee shall determine and designate, for the purpose of electing officers and for the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the Conference. Notice of such annual meeting shall be published, at least two weeks prior to such meeting, in one or more of the denominational papers in general circulation in said Conference.

### ARTICLE VI

#### REPRESENTATION.

The members of the Executive Committee, and all ordained ministers in the employ of this Conference, shall be delegates at large, and each church shall be entitled to one delegate, and to one additional delegate for each twenty-five members thereof.

### ARTICLE VII

#### QUORUM.

A majority of the delegates enrolled at any session shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of seven, including the President as chairman, all of which shall be elected at each annual meeting, and shall hold office until their successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. The duty of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be such as usually pertains to such offices.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee (1) to designate the time and place of holding the annual Conference at least two weeks before the holding thereof; (2) to call special meetings and conferences whenever in their judgment it shall be needful, upon the same notice as required for an annual Conference; (3) to take the general supervision of all labor performed within the Conference; (4) to appoint eight persons who have not been in the employ of the Conference during any part of the preceding year, who, together with themselves, shall constitute an Auditing Committee, to examine and settle all accounts which are presented to the Conference at the close of each conference year; (5) to appoint an Auditor when the services of the Pacific Union Conference Auditor are not available; (6) to appoint such superintendents and secretaries as may be necessary to carry forward the various departments of the work in this Conference; (7) to fill all vacancies which may occur in the offices, in the interim between the sessions of the Conference.

### ARTICLE IX

#### CHURCHES.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of each church in this Conference to render faithful support to the Conference work by the prompt payment of its tithes and other funds to the Conference Treasurer.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each church through its Clerk to make a written report every quarter to the Conference Secretary of its standing, its additions and losses, the amount of its tithes, and number of members of its Sabbath-school.

Sec. 3. When any church or scattered brethren desire labor in their vicinity, their call should be made to the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE X

#### FUNDS.

The funds of the Conference shall consist of the tithes paid by the various churches, companies, and individuals in the Conference, and such other funds as belong to the Conference work.

## ARTICLE XI

## LABORERS.

Section 1. Credentials and licenses shall be granted by the Conference at its regular sessions to all its appointed laborers, and during the intervals between the sessions by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the laborers in the employ of the Conference to send a report to the Secretary of the Conference each quarter of the labor performed during the quarter, with all the receipts and expenditures; also to send a yearly report of the same at the close of the Conference year.

## ARTICLE XII

## AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any of the regular meetings of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that such an amendment shall not conflict with the Constitution of the Pacific Union Conference, nor with that of the General Conference.

The Nominating Committee was chosen by the members of each church naming one of its number as a member of the committee, with W. T. Knox as chairman. The committee consisted of H. L. Rawson, Mrs. R. O. Chaffee, J. H. Cummings, C. D. Chapman, B. P. Passons, John Hart, John Asker, J. J. Parker, Wm. Potts, T. S. Whitelock, R. A. Prickett, S. B. Everett, and J. M. Prime.

This committee brought in the following names for officers, who were elected: President, Clarence Santee; Secretary, C. A. Pedicord; Treasurer, Belle P. Baker; Executive Committee, Clarence Santee, Wm. Healey, R. S. Owen, T. S. Whitelock, M. C. Morgan, Truman Sterling, and F. B. Moran.

The following were some of the resolutions passed during the Conference:—

That the Conference year close with December 31.

That the Sabbath-school, missionary, and church-school work be conducted as departments of the Conference.

That we recognize the general principles operative in our medical-missionary, sanitarium, and health-

food work, and that these lines of work in this Conference sustain the same relation to the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association that is sustained by these same lines of work to the Association in the Conference in the northern part of the state.

That, in view of the fact that we have one of the best fields in the world for sanitarium work, and that our present facilities are entirely inadequate to meet the demands, therefore we urge the California Missionary and Benevolent Association to take immediate steps to enlarge the work, and to secure proper buildings and facilities in Southern California to carry forward the same, and that we pledge our hearty cooperation and support.

Licenses and credentials were granted as follows:—

Ministerial credentials: Clarence Santee, Wm. Healey, R. S. Owen, G. Rauleder.

Ministerial licenses: T. S. Whitelock, C. A. Pedicord, S. T. Hare, C. E. Knight, J. L. McElhaney, R. W. Miller.

Missionary licenses: Mrs. L. M. Parsons, Mrs. Deborah Knight, Mrs. M. E. Hoyt, William Yarnell, H. L. Rawson, Otis Fisher.

C. A. Pedicord, Sec.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 25, 1901.

## THE MISSOULA, MONT., CAMP-MEETING

A small but very profitable camp-meeting was held at Missoula, Mont., beginning August 23 and closing September 1. The grounds were in the town of Missoula, on the banks of the beautiful Rattlesnake River, in a grove of cottonwoods. The grounds proved to be very much sought after by campers passing through the country, and as a result we were always favored with the presence of a number of families on the grounds not of our faith. Some of these were interested enough to remain through the entire meeting, and with the people from Missoula, gave us a good attendance from the outside.

The interest was very encouraging, and it was decided to put forth a special effort to develop the interest in the place. The tent will be kept on the grounds as long as may seem profitable, and then taken to

another part of the town, or a hall will be secured.

There is at the present a church at this place, but it is now some years since work of this character has been bestowed upon the field, and good results are expected.

Our own people seemed to thoroughly enjoy the meetings and eagerly drank in all the truths presented. Many were of that class of whom it is said they "hunger and thirst after righteousness." Six were baptized with Christ in the waters of the Rattlesnake in the presence of the entire camp and a number from the city.

The laborers present were Elders J. N. Loughborough, W. B. White, Brother Kollin Quinn, and the writer. The bountiful measure of the Spirit of God attended the laborers in all their work during the meetings, which were almost entirely given over to the spiritual interests of the people.

It was decided to take steps at once to establish an intermediate school at Bozeman, and as soon as possible place it upon an industrial basis.

W. T. Knox.

## LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

It was our privilege to be connected with the work at this place from the 1st of July, when we pitched the tent, until September 1, when it was taken down. Lewistown is a place of about 1,200 inhabitants, who are mostly miners and stockmen. It is about 125 miles from the Great Northern Railway and about 65 miles from the Montana Railway, and is reached by stage or private conveyance.

The first thing we did was to canvass for the "Signs," taking three months' subscriptions. Forty-one papers were delivered each week into the homes of the people; besides, the hotels, barber shops, and saloons were also furnished with a copy of the paper each week. We found it necessary to put handbills into each home twice, and besides these we had three leaflets printed, which we also placed in every house. One of these leaflets was filled with evidences of the soon coming of Christ, the second with the sanctuary and 2,300 days, and the third with Sabbath truths. In thus meeting the people nearly every

week, we found those who were interested, and who were ready to accept God's message for this generation. Some ten or more expressed themselves as willing to obey God, while others are interested, and we hope in time will obey. Four were baptized.

We left the work there with Brother Stewart Kind, who was with us during the summer, and who is to remain there for a while to bind off the work. We are on our way to Honolulu, our new field of labor, and go in the courage of the Lord.

J. H. Behrens.

the building aside from painting and papering. A little further effort will raise this also. We will begin work on the building next week. All work will be gratis.

The building will be 22x34 feet and a 14-foot wall, with a 4x12 annex at the rear, into which we will sink the rostrum to save room in the auditorium. Seating capacity will be about one hundred.

We are of good courage in the work of God, and trust that we are remembered at the throne of grace by our fellow-workers here and there.

F. M. Burg,  
Geo. E. Squire.

Therefore, We recommend that our state and local tract societies, Sabbath-schools, churches, and individuals dealing with the same, work upon the cash basis.

3. Whereas, In times past the state secretary has not been able to always give desired information in regard to the status of this mission field.

Therefore, We recommend that every church make it their business to report the condition of their church to the state secretary once a quarter, blanks for that purpose to be furnished by the mission field. Also that every church do their utmost to report the names and addresses of isolated Sabbath-keepers living in this mission field.

4. Whereas, The Lord has spoken to us that we should take up the work of disposing of the work "Christ's Object Lessons," for the benefit it would be to the schools in relieving them of debt, to us as individuals, and to the people who buy the book,

Therefore, We recommend that each church decide upon a time for the canvass and delivery of the book in their territory, the state secretary being informed of said territory, and that isolated persons arrange with the state secretary as to territory, time of canvass and delivery.

5. Whereas, There is need of systematic study of the message and the field in which the message is to be given,

Therefore, We recommend that our churches take up the Berean studies, adapting them especially to the needs of the young people.

It was voted that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each church in the mission field, and also to the "Pacific Union Recorder." The names of the superintendent and executive board as appointed by the Pacific Union Conference Committee were read and sustained, with the understanding that the appointment was in force until the general meeting of the Union Conference, next March.

In accordance with the general idea regarding Sabbath-school associations, our state association disbanded, voting the funds on hand toward defraying the expense incurred in purchasing a tent for field work.

Elder A. J. Osborne was elected

## NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE

### CEDAR HOME, WASH.

Elder J. F. Hansen, Brother Walleker, and the writer are at present working in Cedar Home. We have been here only about a week, but find the interest good. The people are mostly Swedish farmers, and are not so prejudiced as city people often are.

There is a Swedish-Methodist Church here, yet the minister and many of his church-members attend our meetings.

May the Lord help them all to decide for the truth. We ask the prayers of our brothers and sisters in all parts of the field that the message may be presented in clearness and power.

John A. Roos.

Aug. 21, 1901.

### SHELTON, WASHINGTON

We are still at work in this field. While we have not seen what we have desired in the way of people taking hold of the truth, yet we are sure that the seed has not been sown in vain. We are thankful for the few who have received the message, and we think we can hope in God for others. The Lord's leading has been so evident that we are very hopeful in Him.

We expect to have a neat little church building ready for dedication here before many weeks, and free from any debt. The lot has been bought, and in as good a location as we could have got anywhere in town for twice the money.

Enough money is now at our command to pay for all material in

## THE UTAH MISSION

In connection with the Utah camp-meeting, at Bountiful, plans for the work in this field were considered.

The report of the Utah Tract Society showed plainly that there was room for much greater work in the canvassing line than had been done heretofore; also that something decided needed to be done in regard to the indebtedness of the society. The report of the treasurer of the mission field showed the necessity of an increase in the payment of tithes, to enable the work to go forward. We were told that we were now a responsible mission field, that what work was done in Utah was to be done by ourselves. We would be aided by the counsel and appropriations of the Pacific Union Conference; but as those appropriations would necessarily be limited, all the members in Utah should put forth efforts to come as nearly as possible up to a self-sustaining basis.

The following, presented by the committee on plans and resolutions, were discussed and adopted:—

1. Whereas, The tract work has proved a valuable means of bringing the knowledge of present truth before the people,

Therefore, We would recommend that our churches adopt the plan of loaning tracts systematically, using the envelopes prepared for such work.

2. Whereas, The credit system has resulted in loss, embarrassment, and discouragement to our local and state tract societies, as well as to individuals,

as Sabbath-school field secretary, and A. Whitehead as secretary and treasurer both of the Utah tract society and mission field. An interesting report from our colporters was given. Much perplexity was felt because of our financial condition, it being stated that, calculating from our former work as a basis, we would probably be short about \$1,000 this coming year. Questions were asked by the brethren in regard to the colporter work as compared with canvassing. After much talking, the following motion was made and passed:—

That we dispense with the use of colporter wagon and team, also with the colporters' work until we can have them operate where we can not reach the people by railroad.

On Sunday morning, the 18th, the brethren and sisters present desired the superintendent of the mission field to request the Pacific Union Conference to furnish a special city worker for the purpose of making a special effort in Salt Lake City and Ogden the coming winter.

A large portion of the campers remained only until the 15th, but on the whole the camp-meeting was profitable to all.

Alfred Whitehead.

### THE UTAH CAMP-MEETING

Although it was not my privilege to attend all the meeting held at Bountiful, Utah, I gladly speak of some of its features which were of encouragement to me.

The meeting was held in a beautiful locust-tree grove at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains, about ten miles north of Salt Lake City. About 100 were encamped on the ground, out of a membership of 175.

The meeting on Sabbath forenoon was one of the most remarkable I ever attended. After the Sabbath-school Elder Alway spoke of the absolute necessity of a more thorough consecration to God, and then invited the audience to speak for themselves. Different ones then spoke of their trials, difficulties, encouragements, discouragements, their hopes and fears, and their determinations for the future. This meeting continued until after 2 P. M., and during the whole time the powers of good and evil seemed

to be struggling for the mastery; but praise to Him who always giveth the victory, the powers of good overcame, and some precious souls were relieved and strengthened. The power of the Living Testimony will hereafter be manifested in the Utah field as never before, because all saw the need of it.

An excellent missionary meeting was conducted in the afternoon by Elder A. J. Osborne. Elder Loughborough preached in the evening on the signs which show the nearness of the end. A large audience of Mormon friends gave good attention. He spoke again Sunday evening to the largest audience ever gathered in Utah to listen to a Seventh-day Adventist sermon. He took up the rise and progress of the Advent movement, and spoke with power. I never saw better attention. The other evening services were all given to the presentation of doctrinal truths, in which the people from the town seemed interested.

A series of meetings for parents was held by Elder Alway, which seemed to be much appreciated.

A number of meetings were held with the young people, the burden of which was to seek for more power to save souls and to arrange for systematic Bible study.

Missionary work with books, tracts, and periodicals was carefully considered, and there seemed a determination on the part of all to do everything possible to hasten the coming of Him whom we all so much desire to see.

H. H. Hall.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

#### SAN JOSE, CAL.

We have taken down the tent at San Jose and moved it to Hollister. The results here have not been large, but we are very thankful for what the Lord has wrought. Some have decided to obey the truth, and have given their hearts to the Lord. Others who had some knowledge of the message but were halting have decided to commit themselves fully to the Lord, and those of our brethren who have been able to attend the meetings have been blessed.

As a company we have been united, and as we have together studied the precious plan of salvation and sought the Lord, we have received rich personal blessings that have given us more courage and strength for the work.

Brother Morton, and Brother Miller and wife, and Sister Oakes, will labor with the tent at Hollister, while Brother Parsons and wife will join me in holding meetings in Monterey in a hall. Sister Thorne will remain in San Jose for a time to follow up the work.

D. T. Fero.

San Jose, August 23, 1901.

### THE EUREKA, CAL., MEETING

The camp-meeting held in Eureka was well attended, and from the opening it could be seen and felt that the power of God was present to do a work which men can not do. The second Sabbath of the meeting witnessed nineteen dear souls follow their Lord into the watery grave. Among those baptized was the child of tender years, the youth, those of middle age, and the man of gray hair, with dim eye and unsteady step. What a glorious message is this, gleaned from every age, tongue, and color!

Elder J. O. Corliss was in attendance during the first part of the meeting, and gave some timely sermons and valuable counsel.

Elder Gardner, Brother Marchus, and some of the brethren residing in that part, arranged the camp very nicely, and it was apparent that careful thought and hard work had been put forth in preparing the grounds.

A local committee, of which Elder Gardner was chairman, was elected to have an oversight of the interests of the cause in that part of the state. This local committee was chosen from the several churches in Humboldt County, and also represents the sanitarium work there, Dr. Dail being elected secretary of said committee.

Nearly forty dollars in lumber was donated by those not of our faith, and the cash collections were something over forty dollars. Considerably over one hundred dollars worth of books were sold, and quite a number of subscriptions

for our periodicals were taken.

Brethren S. C. Osborne and Albrecht were in attendance and helped the good work along in stirring up the book work, and other ways. Professor Derby, of Healdsburg College, assisted in the young people's meetings, the Sabbath-school work, and the public meetings.

Considerable money in pledges was paid, and while on the encampment the Eureka church had a meeting and took decided measures toward the liquidation of the indebtedness on their church building. This is as it should be, and may the Holy Spirit stir up every company and church to do their utmost in wiping out all church debts in the entire conference.

The interest to hear the truth on the part of the people in the city was so great that meetings were to continue every night after the camp-meeting proper closed, and quite a number of the campers decided to stay and do what they could to assist in making the meeting a success. In behalf of the churches of Humboldt County, I solicit your prayers for the success of the work among them.

H. G. Thurston.

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**ANGELS CAMP, CALIFORNIA**

After leaving the Oakland camp-meeting, we spent a few days in and around Stockton visiting and binding off the work which we had begun with some, so that the seed sown would not die out until we could return and carry it farther.

We then came to this place, according to the recommendation of the conference committee, and found it very difficult to find a suitable location for our tent. In fact, there was no place in the resident portion of the town to be had, so we had to go up on top of the hill to set up the tent.

This is a mining town of from 4,000 to 5,000 inhabitants, built in and on either side of a cañon without respect to regularity, the houses being erected on every available spot. Traveling is very difficult, as one is either going up or down steep hills wherever he goes.

The weather, for some time after our arrival, was very warm, and considerable sickness prevailed. So,

taking all things into consideration, we did not look for much of an attendance, and were not disappointed in not having our tent crowded.

There were some encouraging features from the very beginning, however, and some have decided to obey the truth, among whom is the wife of the Congregationalist minister, and he himself is very friendly and attends our meetings quite regularly.

We have moved our tent to another part of the place, in what is called Altaville, and the interest seems more marked than at the first place, although the attendance is not large. We are now presenting the testing truths of the message, and have reason to believe that some will take hold.

Our corps of workers who came here were Brethren J. W. McCord, W. G. Bond, and the writer. My wife, who is also with us, has rendered valuable assistance in music lines.

The climate proved too severe for Brother Bond, who was taken down with fever, and had to leave the field for treatment, but expects to return soon. The outlook seems to grow more encouraging every day, and, with the blessing of the Lord, we expect to see much good accomplished.

J. S. Harmon.

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**SANITARIUM, CAL.**

It is now only a little more than three weeks since my arrival here, but already the Sanitarium has come to be home, and the large family of physicians, nurses, and other helpers as brothers and sisters.

Thus far it has seemed best to do little and study much. The workers here are very busy, and to know just how to plan to meet the needs of all requires great wisdom. Indeed, the Lord must specially guide where the interests of so many are involved, and where the work of different departments is so closely linked and intertwined.

However, there is everything to call for gratitude and courage. Considered as a whole, the family is a noble one. A spirit of willingness and good cheer is everywhere present, and in the lives of a great majority there is manifested a sincere desire to be true to God and His work. It has seemed to me that I

have never met a more promising class of young people, nor have I found anywhere a better spirit of cooperation.

At the present time a special effort is being made by the management to place the spiritual work of the institution upon a more systematic basis, whereby it will be possible to keep in touch with every worker. The sentiment prevails that all, from the highest to the lowest, stand in need of the assistance which each one is able to render, and that he who is not drinking in the real spirit of the work in which he is engaged, is unable to fill the place given him of God.

At a recent meeting of the helpers it was therefore voted unanimously to encourage the family spirit, and to make the hour of morning worship the hour of the day. Already the blessed results of so doing are visible.

In all lines there are about 115 now connected with the Sanitarium family. Of this number nearly fifty are in the nurses' training classes.

In all sincerity the workers here ask the brethren and sisters to pray that the Lord's will may be done in this place. Certainly it is time to expect great things at the hand of our Father. He hears prayer. In Him our confidence is placed, and we are sure that we shall never be confounded.

C. L. Taylor.

Sept. 1, 1901.

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**VALLEJO, CAL.**

This is a city of some eight thousand inhabitants. Commercially it depends almost entirely on the Mare Island Navy Yards, which are just across the straits west of town. The waters of Napa Creek find their way through these straits into San Pablo Bay, just where the waters of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers enter.

Religiously the place is strongly Catholic. Morally it is a good deal like its sister Sodom. For every twenty homes there is a saloon, with all its evil concomitants. It is a place with an unenviable reputation for disease, not because of its climate, but on account of the intemperate, dissolute habits of its denizens. As might be expected, fatalities, tragedies,

and crimes are frequent. The latter go unrebuked to an alarming extent.

Amid such environments the company who came here after the Oakland camp-meeting have been endeavoring to let the light of truth shine. So far as the reception of the light is concerned, we have found the place more like the cities of the plain than like Nineveh. Still there are evidences that the moral darkness has been penetrated to some extent. Two precious souls have taken their stand for the truth, and some twenty others are more or less interested. These are reading our literature, receiving Bible-readings, or attending the meetings. For this evidence of God's blessing, we are deeply grateful.

The two months we have been here have been full of rich experiences for the workers. As we have attended the meetings, visited the people at their homes, selling books or papers, holding readings or talking with them concerning the precious light God is now shedding on His Word, our souls have been watered, and we have over and over thanked the Lord for the privilege He has given us of working for and with Him.

We have been a little unsettled at times by members of our company being called to other fields. Elder Martin, who was with us the first four weeks, was called away the latter part of July to attend camp-meetings in the northern conferences of the Pacific Coast. This we regretted. Elder Bagby was requested to take his place. He arrived August 2. We were thankful for his counsel and labors. He remained some sixteen days, when he had to return home. During his stay, Brother and Sister Dillon were called to unite with Brother Sims and wife in an effort near Redding. We have had visits from Elders Wilcox, Tait, St. John, and Brethren Glenn, Sanderson, and others, which we have appreciated. Meetings have been held every evening since we began, June 28, with four exceptions. On Sabbaths and Sundays we have held one or two meetings in the daytime.

In view of the tent soon being removed from Vallejo, we have been looking for a permanent place

of meeting for the little company who shall be left. We have found a very desirable hall which we can have for Sabbath meetings; but, feeling that we should have a place where we could hold meetings during the week, we are still looking for a place that will more fully meet our requirements. A church of about fifteen members will probably be organized here.

Pray for us and the work here.  
The Vallejo Company.

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#### SANTA ROSA AND SEBASTOPOL' CAL.

The interest in these places still continues. One was baptized July 22, three on the 27th, and August 3 two more were baptized. Several others intended to be baptized at the last baptism, but circumstances hindered. Mrs. Morrison continues Sunday-night meetings in Sebastopol, and the attendance is still good. Two persons commenced lately to keep the Sabbath there. Her Bible work continues in Santa Rosa, and one of her readers has lately embraced the truth.

We expect soon to be located in San Luis Obispo County. I am already in that county, and seek the Lord for grace to be faithful, and that His Holy Spirit may use me to lead others to embrace the message. Isaac Morrison.

Paso Robles, Cal.

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#### EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

It has now been more than two weeks since our good camp-meeting closed; yet the good attendance and interest continue unabated. We have now quite thoroughly presented the great plan of salvation through Christ, and such doctrinal truth of the Bible as the coming of the Lord, law and Sabbath, nature of man, life through Christ, conversion, obedience, etc.

We have an average attendance of about two hundred every evening. Last Sunday night a large part of the congregation by a rising vote expressed their belief in the Word and truth as presented.

A goodly number of these have signified their intention to fully unite with us. Some of these have made no profession in the past, but

are starting to serve God for the first time in life—and some come to us from the Baptist Church, some from the Congregational Church, and some from the Methodist Church who desire to walk in the advanced light of God's impelling truth for these last days. And some, unsolicited, have asked to unite with us in church-fellowship. Among these is the mayor's wife, a leading Methodist lady. The Lord has blessed us abundantly in the presentation of the truth here. We are full of faith and courage in the Lord.

Mr. Canright's book has been and is having quite an extensive circulation here, and it was handed us to review publicly. Also we have many questions in regard to the "gifts," and quotations from Mr. Canright's book which are passed in nightly to be answered. We will give attention to these for a few evenings in connection with the consideration of the spirit of prophecy.

Pray for the conversion of souls here.

C. M. Gardner,  
A. S. Marchus.  
Eureka, Cal., August 27.

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#### RED BLUFF, CAL.

The late frost in the spring destroying the fruit crops, and the unusually long hot spell, when the temperature was over 100° every day through July, and till the last week in August, often to 110°, and as high as 114° in the shade, are the subjects that have been mostly considered here of late. There has been quite an exodus of the population to the mountains and seashore, to escape the hot weather. The fruit crop, that usually brought quite a large amount of money into the country, and also furnished quite a number with profitable employment, is a failure, so times will be hard with those whose dependence was along that line.

We have a membership of thirty; about half of these are resident members. We have a very neat church building, nicely seated and lighted by electricity. The population is about 3,000. We are to have a camp-meeting from October 3-13. A nice block of land, free of expense, has been secured for the camp. Although there may not be

a large number of our people present, we expect a good attendance from the town and country.

We are visiting the people, distributing "Signs" and other reading matter, and getting acquainted. I had an interesting talk with the head of one of the business firms, a German, a few days ago. He told me that he studied the Scriptures and catechism until he was eighteen, and was at the head of his class, but he had never attended any church since. He had raised a family of children that were obedient and that he was proud of. He thought that was doing better than many professed Christians had done. He had not very much use for the Bible nor for some who professed to teach it, for the reason that they do not practise what they preach. I told him I find the Bible to be a wonderful book, and that it does not teach all that they say it does. I told him I would like to study the Bible with him some time when he had a spare half hour. He said, "I haven't much spare time, but I will take time to study with you." There was a desire to really know the reality of religion. He is reading "Marshaling the Nations," and "Labor and the Money Power," and the "Signs."

I believe there are many business men, if we could get at them, that have a desire to become acquainted with God and His Word. I pray that the Lord will lead His workers to such, and guide in leading their minds to the pure Fountain of truth.

There are several places where we can hold meetings. Brother Johnson, who accepted the truth at the Oakland camp-meeting, went to his old home in The Bend, eight miles from here, where his mother lives, and has held meetings in, the schoolhouse Sunday evenings, reading the Scriptures and talking to his old associates, with good interest. I held a Bible study with them two weeks ago, and have an appointment for next Sunday. Yesterday I had an appointment at the Dibble Creek schoolhouse, eight miles northwest from here, and found twenty very nice people, who gave the best of attention. They have had no meetings there for years. We left another appointment.

I visited the Chico church a week ago; stayed over Friday and Sab-

bath. Their membership numbers forty, but only a few reside there. The elder lives fourteen miles distant, and the deacon seven miles away. If some families of our brethren could leave the churches where their help is not so much needed, and could move to such places as Chico and Red Bluff, what a blessing they might be! I also visited the brethren Frank and R. W. Yeoman, and their families, six miles from Oroville. I enjoyed our visit, and was glad to learn that they have secured conveyance so they can meet with the brethren at Oroville every Sabbath, and help conduct the Sabbath-school and services there.

The work in this part of the state has only been begun, and we hope that our coming camp-meeting will be attended by all the members and interested ones that can make it possible to come, and that it may be a blessing to them and to many souls whose attention may be called for the first time to present truth, by having the meeting in their midst.

M. C. Israel.

Sept. 2.

#### NOTES FROM CALIFORNIA

A. S. Kellogg has gone to Eureka to assist C. M. Gardner in the work.

The tent at Vallejo has been taken down and sent to Red Bluff for use at the camp-meeting.

Elder E. J. Hibbard has accepted the call to teach Bible in Healdsburg College. He is expected from the east about October 1.

The meetings at Buckeye, near Redding, conducted by Brethren Sims and Dillon, are well attended and the interest is encouraging.

Elder A. S. Hickox, recently returned from Australia, will begin labor in northern California, probably in Siskiyou County, about October 1.

Henry Scott will continue the work at Vallejo till other help can be provided. Two Bible-workers and a canvasser will remain there for a short time.

The work at Vallejo will be continued, and a church organized as soon as possible. The interest

there is small, but enough have embraced the truth to place the work there on a permanent basis.

The tent effort at Tulare still continues with an encouraging interest. The prospect is good for quite a number of accessions to the cause. Some have already embraced the truth, and many others are interested. The work will be continued.

The tent-meetings at Guerneville are still in progress, with a good prospect of organizing a church there this month. Some who first started to serve the Lord have given up because of opposition, but others have taken their places, and the work is moving forward.

The interest at Eureka is large and encouraging. We would call special attention to the report of Brother Gardner. He has carried a heavy burden in the meetings there, and we deeply regret that help could not be sent him before. We rejoice that Brother Kellogg has now gone to his assistance.

The work in the Santa Clara Valley is moving forward, and although there has been no large interest in the meetings held, some encouraging results were obtained at San Jose. At present D. T. Fero and D. A. Parsons and wife are laboring at Monterey and vicinity, and A. J. Morton and C. N. Miller and wife are holding a tent-meeting at Hollister, with a fair interest.

#### CALIFORNIA TITHE RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST, 1901

Alameda, \$15.02; Chico, \$3.00; Crows Landing, \$5.55; Dows Prairie, \$10; Eureka, \$113.20; Ferndale, \$9.00; Healdsburg, \$39.70; Lockwood, \$17; Lodi, \$13.58; Monterey, \$61; Morganhill, \$11.26; Napa, \$12; Oakland, \$794.71; Placerville, \$3.90; Pepperwood, \$64.35; Redding, \$21.30; Susanville, \$14.15; Sacramento, \$107.65; San Jose, \$112.05; Smith River, \$3.25; Santa Rosa, \$100; Stockton, \$3.00; San Francisco, \$411.20; Tulare, \$24.20; Watsonville, \$7.25; personal, \$46.86; total, \$2,024.18.

## SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

### THE BEST HELP

"What can I do to make our Sabbath-school better?" asks a superintendent. "How shall I get my class interested in the lesson?" asks a teacher. "How may I learn to do efficient work?" asks the inexperienced worker. "What shall we do for our unconverted young people and children?" asks a chorus of voices.

Many persons have tried to answer these questions. Skilful and wise teachers have written many books of methods. Superior to them all is the little volume which has been compiled from the Testimonies relating to Sabbath-school work. What is there said of the object of Sabbath-school work; of the relation of the Sabbath-school to the church; of the duties and qualifications of officers and teachers; of the study of the lesson; of the use of helps in teaching; of the treatment of wayward pupils; of methods and plans of work—all that is there said upon these and other vital topics, reveals the mind of the Spirit of God, and can be followed successfully.

This book should be studied, not merely read. As an aid in this study, a few leading questions on the book are sent out each month to your conference Sabbath-school secretary. It is expected that this worker will provide each school with a copy of the questions which direct in the month's study, and it is suggested that a few minutes of the teachers' meeting might very appropriately be spent in this study. Where this is not practicable, other plans may be devised. We know of no better way to help our schools than to encourage the careful study of this book. If this were done in all our schools, there would be a coming up of the Sabbath-school work such as we have not yet known.

How sad it is that it must be said of us, "There is but little interest manifested to make the most of the light given of God"! It is certainly a poor show of zeal in the service of God when we can pass by un-

heeded, unstudied, perhaps unread, such instruction as is here given us in the Sabbath-school work.

The price of the book places it within reach of every family. It is only 25 cents in cloth binding, and 35 cents in leather. If any school has not been receiving the questions on the book, address the secretary of the Sabbath-school department in your state, or the undersigned, at 705 Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.

### SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

The Sabbath-school work carries with it great and vital issues. It is a work that acquaints each scholar with the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent; therefore it ought to be made intensely interesting. To this end work must be devised for each individual, for without activity there is no true life. God wants His people to be living, active representatives of heaven.

In order to accomplish this, there must be individual cooperation. No Sabbath-school can be run by the superintendent alone, neither can it be run by the superintendent and the officers alone. Each member must have a part, and feel responsible for its success. Work can be arranged so that the talents of all may be developed. The Lord has given us ample material from which to draw lessons full of courage, love, and wisdom.

Some have adopted the plan of omitting the essay part of the secretary's report. This relieves the secretary of the monotonous, burdensome work of writing and reading the report, and leaves him free to assist in the preparation of general work. A good, lively lesson delivered by some member of the school would be far more edifying than the usual essay, telling who prayed, and what songs were sung. It seems well to speak of the attendance and donations, so as to keep up the general interest in both these lines. This, however, can be attended to in a very few minutes.

Non-edifying and superfluous machinery should be eliminated as fast as possible, and in its place something started that will awaken

a general interest. Many talents lie buried, and as we are our brothers' keeper, it is our place to help them dig them up if they will not do it themselves, for all depends on the right use of the talents. Talents are not like seeds, for when hid beneath the soil they simply lie dormant, but if exercised and used constantly they grow brighter, and soon double. Often beautiful thoughts lie hidden in the mind of a backward brother or sister. If such members could be awakened by having something to do, they would be a blessing to the school.

The review is a grand experience, and should not be monopolized by the superintendent or his assistant, but should be given by different members of the school, directed by the superintendent. But says one, "Brother A. and Sister B. are so timid, and are afraid to speak loud enough to be heard, so we get but little when they review." Possibly this is all true, and they make a few blunders in speech. But when will they develop their powers of language if the superintendent or some minister who happens to be present does all the work? Those who are backward need all the help we can possibly give. It is our duty to have confidence in their ability, and assist them—not by criticizing their mistakes—no, not so, but with our prayers. Jesus can develop the jewels when we help one another as He has helped us.

Fault-finding and criticism should not be countenanced. If some one can do the work better than we, praise the Lord for it. If they can not do it as well, praise the Lord for that, for He has revealed a work in which we can pray with and help the one that is behind.

If you can not soar to heaven,  
With an eloquence divine;  
If you can not reach the portal  
Of success in every line;  
If you can not point with rapture  
To a fame that mounts the skies,  
You can lend a hand in helping  
Some poor struggling brother rise.

What we need is more love, that pure, almost-forgotten love, revealed in our blessed Saviour.

When we see the needs of the sinner as He saw them, our hearts will be melted with pity, and we shall be surrounded by an atmosphere into which the sin-sick soul will delight to come.

If some one disagrees with us, and finds fault with our work, we do not need to pay him back in his own coin, but just draw a check on the bank of heaven, calling for a good large amount of love, patience, and forbearance. Present this check with the signature of Jesus and watch the result. When all realize the long-suffering and forbearance of the Lord, their hearts will be touched, and fault-finding and evil speaking will vanish like the morning mist.

Oh, let us become workers together with Jesus, and thereby raise the standard of our schools!

T. S. Whitelock, M. D.

**AN APPEAL TO OUR YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN. NO. 3**

Let us remember that heaven can dawn within the soul; that it can begin here below; and if we will make right our relationship with God to-day, it is possible for us to begin to enjoy heaven down here. Why should we long to be delivered from this "dark and gloomy world" before our work is done, when the glory of the Lord is to arise upon us and enlighten the whole earth? Rays of light and truth are to go forth from our experience to illumine those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; so, instead of longing to be away from our work here, let us lay hold upon heaven as never before, and bring its brightness and glory down into our souls, and then let it shine out to those who sit in darkness round about us. Let a little sunshine in. And when you have let it in, then do not fail to gain the experience of letting it shine out.

Our salvation is inworked by the Holy Spirit, and we are to work it out by the deeds we perform, by the efforts we put forth to help our fellow-men. The only way we can work for the Lord Jesus Christ is by doing something for our fellow-men. He lives in every man, woman, and child, from the veriest slaves of alcohol, opium, and morphine, down in the very muck and mire of the city's slums, up to the most saintly man and woman on earth. Jesus lives in each and every one, and inasmuch as we do it unto one of the least of these, we

do it unto Him. Then the only way in which we can work for Christ is by working for the lost and needy souls in this world. So every time you do anything to alleviate either physical pain or moral suffering, you have done something for the Lord Jesus Christ.

If we could only appreciate the simplicity of the plan of salvation. Sometimes I think we make it too hard. Let us simply believe and give the Lord Jesus Christ a chance to come into our experience and impart the peace and power and joy of His saving grace. On the cross He said, "It is finished," and your salvation,—the power to save you from sin,—from the guilt of sin and the power of sin, was fully provided for then and there. Do not stagger along in doubt and despair, wondering whether the Lord loves you or not, or whether your sins are forgiven or not; of course they are forgiven.

The plan of salvation is a success. Christ died for you, and your sins are all forgiven. Then do not allow the enemy to bother you about such things any more, but enter into it, and there will come in the wake of your assurance of forgiven sins, a joy and satisfaction which will beam out of your face. It will appear in all your work, and will attract both old and young, so that instead of being influenced by them, you will be able to inspire them to reach higher levels. May God grant that every young man and every young woman who reads these lines may purpose in their hearts now, if never before, to consecrate every faculty of mind, soul, and body to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ; take up the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel, and press forward in the good fight of faith.

It is time for our young people to be enlisting in the army of the Lord. Parents, teachers, and the older members of the church, should be looking into the question of what is to become of our young men and women. Within the last twenty-five years there have been lost to the cause of truth a vast company of workers,—a whole army of young people.

Let us do something for the young people. Of course you will have troubles and difficulties, but it

is a great thing to appreciate in all our troubles that we are fighting for God, with Christ on our side. You will have trouble whichever side you stand on, but it is a grand thing to know that in all your troubles the Lord's hand is overruling everything for good, and that in every effort the enemy makes to defeat you that cloud which shuts off the sunshine now will give forth drops of refreshing rain a few hours hence. So when moral clouds hang over the soul, do not feel that the Sun of Righteousness has gone out forever, never to again shine in your heart, but thank God that in your trials there is a new experience which will draw you nearer heaven, prepare you better to work for fallen humanity, and better qualify you to sympathize with struggling men and women; and, ere long, the drops of the latter rain of the Spirit of God and His sweet ministry will fall from the overshadowing cloud to water and refresh your own soul. When we reach that place—and we can reach it now, it simply requires a decision of the will to reach it—where religion becomes a living reality in our daily life, controlling every thought and impulse, then can we go forth in the name of the Lord of Hosts, to fight battles for truth and righteousness. W. S. Sadler.

1219 Buchanan St.,  
San Francisco.

It was in the night of his poverty and blindness that Milton saw the heavens unclose and breathed immortal airs.—Selected.

When I am stretched beneath the pines,  
When the evening star so brightly shines,  
I laugh at the lore and the pride of man,  
At the sophist school and the learned  
clan;  
For what are they all, in their high conceit,  
When man in the bush with God may meet?

—Emerson.

Not to-morrow, but to-day, calls for the best that is in us. Life is made up of daily performances. The nobler, sweeter, and purer our activities, the better for ourselves and for others.—Selected.

**EDUCATIONAL**  
OUR COLLEGES AND  
CHURCH-SCHOOL

**CANVASSING AND  
MISSIONARY WORK**

**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

The time is rapidly drawing near when Healdsburg College will open for another year's work. School begins October 9, and it is very much to be desired that all students should be in attendance the very first day of the year. Even a few days' tardiness makes it much more difficult for the student to be classified and well started in his work. So plan to reach the college in time to attend the first session.

There may be a number of our young people who have not fully decided as to whether they will attend the school or not this year. Many may be desirous of attending but do not see the way open. Do not give up, but write to us just how things stand, and it may be that we can help you in some way.

One thing more, and it is very important. Each prospective student should give attention to it at the earliest possible moment. We would ask all students who expect to attend school the coming year to send in their name and address immediately to the undersigned. One reason why we make this request is that indications are that the college home will be well filled this year, and all who desire accommodations in the home should send in their applications early. But we desire the names of all, whether they expect to be in the home or not, so that we can better plan for the coming year's work.

M. E. Cady.

"Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. . . . But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." Jer. 9:23, 24.

"People seldom improve when they have no other model than themselves to copy."

**THE BOOK WORK**

**CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE**

REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING  
AUGUST 24, 1901.

**HERALDS OF THE MORNING.**

	Hours.	Orders.	Value.
George Cary, Santa Cruz..	6		\$ 9 00
Mrs. V. Hardy, San Fran- cisco.....	22	5	7 50
Minnie Lanning, S. F.....	17	4	5 50
Ellen Fox, Alliance.....	34	10	13 75
Arthur F. L. Tindall.....	48	7	9 75

**CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.**

R. H. Taylor, Fresno.....	37	17	21 25
Arthur F. L. Tindall, Fresno.....		9	11 25
Mrs. V. Hardy, S. F.....		1	1 25
George Cary, Santa Cruz..		1	1 25
Belle Hickox, Vallejo.....	21		26 25

**BIBLE READINGS.**

Mrs. S. Ellyson, Upper Lake.....	24	8	19 50
T. H. Pearman, Eureka...		1	3 50

**HOME HANDBOOK.**

Horace Munn, Bangor.....	65	8	37 00
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**STEPS TO CHRIST.**

Polydor Novak, Haywards	27		20 25
Total.....	247	125	\$187 00
Miscellaneous sales .....			\$139 00

**UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE**

REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING  
JULY 28.

**HEALTH BOOKS.**

	Hours.	Orders.	Value.
C. H. Allen.....	43	14	\$ 60 75
I. A. Dunlap.....	56	39	172 60
N. R. Steward } W. F. McMahan }			228 90

**DANIEL AND REVELATION.**

William Steele.....	39	15	76 00
J. C. Little.....	32	7	34 50
W. W. Roper.....		134	365 55

**PROPHECIES OF JESUS.**

F. D. Wagner.....	80	38	96 75
L. A. Enoch.....		18	25 00

**CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.**

Floyd Moore.....	33	16	25 75
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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

J. T. Cargill.....		38	22 55
W. M. Fee.....		89	155 85
Total.....	390	327	\$1,264 20

**NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE**

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23,  
1901.

**DANIEL AND REVELATION.**

Hours. Orders. Value.

S. W. Walker, Portland....	35	27	\$64 75
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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

D. Richards, Columbia Co., Oregon....	16	12	16 00
W. H. Coffin, Clackamas County, Oregon.....	54	28	57 75

**HOME HANDBOOK.**

J. W. McFarlane, Marion County, Oregon.....	66	18	58 25
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**HERALDS OF THE MORNING.**

G. B. Collett Lane County, Oregon.....	80	16	21 25
Total.....	251	101	\$218 00
Miscellaneous sales.....			\$24 20

**THE MISSIONARY OFFERINGS**

For nearly two years many of our churches have been following the plan of collecting on each second Sabbath of the month the weekly offerings, or what is commonly known among us as first-day offerings to foreign missions. The request has been made for each member of the church to contribute to the foreign mission fund ten cents or more per week. This ten cents is a small sum to ask for, yet if it can come from 50,000 Sabbath-keepers each week, the income of our mission board would be liberally increased, and the message would be extended into the remote parts of the earth, for as the means would be contributed, men and women would be offering themselves to the Lord, saying, "Here am I, send me."

In connection with the taking of these monthly offerings there has been, in many churches, a special service, which consisted of a study of some mission field in particular, or missionary work in general. These meetings have been a great blessing to the churches, for as the harvest-field has been studied, the brethren have realized that the great commission given them by Christ to "preach the gospel to every creature," has not been carried out by them, because millions of souls are yet in darkness. As these conditions are realized, the sacredness of God's work comes home to the heart.

For the second Sabbath in September an offering is to be taken up in behalf of the Skogsberg Sanitarium, which is a young institution, doing a grand work in Denmark, but it needs to have some assistance in order that it may be enabled to do a still greater work. A special reading will be prepared for this occasion and sent to all the churches. We trust our brethren will realize that there is a blessing in giving to those in need.

Within the boundaries of the Pacific Union Conference there are more than nine thousand Sabbath-keepers. All of you, we believe, are interested in seeing the message extended, and will be ready to contribute something on this second Sabbath for the work in Denmark.

J. J. I.

### THE WORK OF A SINGLE TRACT

The readers of the "Recorder" have, no doubt, noticed the appeal for funds to meet the expenses incurred in the distribution of tracts at the Epworth League Convention. It may be encouraging to learn of some of the results that have already come to us. A few days ago Sister Washington, who is a member of the San Francisco church, and who did what she could to help in the distribution of these tracts, related to me the following incident.

One of her acquaintances, in speaking of the Epworth League Convention, said that she was glad it came to San Francisco, for it resulted in the conversion of either her younger sister or some other relative (I forget just now which); whereupon Sister Washington made inquiry to learn how it happened. Her friend said, "Well, you know they distributed souvenir packages of tracts, and one of these tracts was so sensible and plain that it just captivated her, and she decided to give her heart to God." At this point Sister Washington explained to her friend that these tracts were distributed by the members of our church in this city. It was my privilege to meet this young lady last Sunday evening at the service in the San Francisco church. I asked her this question, "So you have decided to live a Christian life, and give yourself to God, have you?" and, with a bright smiling face, she answered, "Yes, I have."

Dear readers, it may appear in the judgment day that this one soul alone was worth all the effort and expense incurred in scattering this literature; but we have every reason to believe, as is usually the case, that there are still others who have been in one way or another influenced by this effort, and that the word of our Father shall not return unto Him void.

Sister Washington is an elderly woman, and it required no small effort on her part to do this work. I trust the record of this little incident may encourage all who read it to watch carefully for the small openings and the opportunities to give away a tract with a smile and a prayer, opportunities to give a cup of cold water, a handshake, or a sincere, "God bless you." The sunshine of heaven that has shone within our souls we should allow to shine out. Let us not despise the day of small things, for infinite possibilities, even the salvation of a soul, may be bound up in the little we have a chance to do to-day,—now. And all the time let us remember that he who is faithful in that which is small, will by and by be given opportunity to show forth faithfulness in the great things of God throughout the endless ages of eternity.

W. S. Sadler.

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### WORKING FOR OTHERS

#### SOME HELPFUL HINTS.

At the workers' conference held in the San Francisco church on September 2, some valuable points were brought out which may be of interest to readers of the "Recorder." The former pastor, Elder J. O. Corliss, opened with a brief address on a certain matter that is of the first importance if successful work is to be done in our churches. He emphasized the importance of a reform immediate and deep reaching along the line of our attitude toward visitors to our meetings and services.

We should not be content merely with being a worker, but we should constantly be endeavoring to be such workers as will draw people to our churches, our meetings, our truths. Christ said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." So if we do not draw peo-

ple we can not be working as Christ would work if He were here now. To become drawers of men, we must study human nature. This is absolutely essential to success. While we should endeavor to be "all things to all men," it does not mean that we are to use no discrimination in dealing with human minds, but try conscientiously to adapt our method of procedure to suit the case in hand. Some persons are of such a temperament that it will be useless if not positively dangerous to attempt to urge them to obey the truth. We must allow them to lead out, and we follow them up with question and answer, allowing them to ask us questions rather than doing our utmost to impress them with what they do not know. Others must be led out, and some need to be strongly persuaded to obey the truth. Some workers may object to this and say they can not do it. But for these timid souls the Word has this encouragement, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not." James 1:5.

In all our churches there is a lamentable coldness, which needs to be broken up. If our brethren and sisters feel timid in this matter, let them make a real effort to overcome it, and God will help them. It should be the duty of our people to be on the lookout for those who are strangers. Go to them, and, with a smile and cheering word, shake hands with them. Make them feel at ease and at home. In some cases it may be convenient to shake hands with visitors before the service begins. But whether it be done at the commencement or at the close of a service, no such occasion should ever be allowed to pass without this being done. Heart-rending instances have been known of visitors who had almost been won to the truth previously, paying visits to our meetings and having such a chilly reception that they went away feeling that they would never attend that place of worship again.

A pleasant word to a stranger may sometimes result in the dropping of a word that will afford a clew as to the best way to approach the individual. This clew should be carefully and prudently followed up, and much good may result. It

should be remembered that there is no royal road to helping people into the truth. It will never do to rely upon the fact that we do as well as others do. We should not be satisfied until we have done as well as Christ would do if down here. We should not wait for directions as to how and when and where to help people; but we should train ourselves to recognize and utilize opportunities that present themselves. One great trading-house in Australia has as its motto, "As long as we live we will grow," and this might well be adopted by all our churches.

Brother W. S. Sadler took up the line of thought and emphasized the point that the pastor should not be expected to do it all. Ministers, workers, and church-members should alike be alive to every opportunity, small or great, to do something. We should so work as to cause visitors to desire to belong to a church which produces such workers as we are.

Papers had been written by three sisters, and these were now called for. The first was by Sister Brand, who offered some practical suggestions on how to conduct Bible-readings. She observed that the first essential to the Bible-worker who would be successful is a living and constant consecration to the Lord. Then there needs must be a willingness to be used as God sees best. At first, all readings should be simple and easily understood. And it is of great importance that the Bible-reader stop when the people are interested. We should not remain as long as people will ask questions, for they will ask questions as long as we stay, yet all the time perhaps inwardly wondering when the reader will leave. How much better to have the person's hope we will stay longer next time, than stay too long and have them wish we would go, and that we will not remain so long next time we visit them!

Discussion being open, Brother Sadler suggested that it is not wise to spend much time on those evidently not interested, for Satan prefers to have us waste our time on those who will never be saved, than spend our precious moments with those who are eager for truth and light. We should aim at giving food to the hungry, rather than cast pearls before swine.

Sister Shaeffer mentioned the case of a Bible-reader who stayed a considerable time with some one who appeared greatly interested, but who, it was afterwards learned, did not put into practise anything the reader had talked about.

Elder Corliss observed that the first and foremost theme in every reading should be the power of Christ, and with this we should judiciously weave theory and doctrine. Christ should be the center of every Bible-reading. And if persons do not show a disposition to accept the Saviour or obey the truth, spend more time in prayer than in talking. Above all, no Bible-reading is ever complete without a closing prayer that the Spirit will bless what we have said. Time should never be spent in idle talk. When our reading has been given, we should leave.

Brother Sadler remarked that he had found in his experience it is possible to do far more for a soul in five minutes on the knees than in five hours' talking with them.

Brother Shaeffer said that he had found it possible to give Bible-readings even without a Bible. He could occasionally give one on the street, and lead up to the subject from every-day conversation. Strikes afford good opportunity for saying something about the state of the world, the fulfilment of prophecy, etc.

Dr. R. A. Buchanan spoke of never having given a formal reading in his life, but of frequently speaking about the things of God when seeing patients in his office.

A paper was then given by Sister Shaeffer, in which she mentioned the necessity of recognizing that God knows the street and number of honest truth-seeking souls. The most effective way the Lord can reveal Himself in us is by making Himself known in sinful flesh, that is, in ourselves. If we have Christ in us, He can lead us to those who are sitting in darkness, whether by distributing literature or any other means. Undoubtedly, the all-important thing is that the reader have the character of Christ, or it can not be seen. Let the Word be a real, living thing in us, and it will not return unto Him void; it will do its work. The reason that the "common people heard Him gladly" is that He spoke in a lan-

guage easily understood; and so we must likewise speak simply and plainly. Our readings should be clear, concise, and simple.

The necessity of doing what we set out to do was here illustrated by Brother Sadler. He told a story of a young man who went to give a reading on Daniel 2. A few days afterwards, another worker went by mistake to the same house, and mentioned the second chapter of Daniel. "Yes," said the lady, "a young man was here the other evening, and from what he said, I should think it must be very interesting."

Sister Pond next offered some ideas on "How to Get Bible-readers." The following methods had been tried by her with success, and she recommended their use to others: (1) Canvassing for them, individually, from house to house. (2) By tract and "Signs" work. (3) By holding children's classes in any suitable place, in homes, or schools, or churches, and thus making an avenue of approach to parents. (4) By being invited, that is, not asking for invitations, but accepting any opportunity that may be offered. (5) By distributing invitations to services or meetings. A word can usually be said that may lead to an entrance into a family. (6) By seeking for the poor and needy, helping them, and visiting their homes. (7) By speaking to strangers and visitors at meetings and services.

Discussion followed, in which Sister George Miller added that children's meetings might be helped by having sewing meetings, in which mothers are sure to become interested.

Elder Corliss spoke of the great value of personal testimony. He spoke of the case of an infidel who became a Christian, not through the efforts of the preacher, but whose heart was touched by the unaffected testimony of a colored sister in a prayer-meeting.

Throughout the conference the Spirit of the Lord was present, and we all went home refreshed and strengthened, resolving to put into practise the lessons the Lord had taught us.

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**OUR OPPORTUNITY**

It was about a year ago that we received from the hand of the Lord a special plan for work, which, if carried out, would bring blessings to those who took part in the work and blessings to the institutions. This plan comprehended the "relief of the schools" by "rolling back the reproach" of debt that they now have to contend with, and which has sapped the life from them as it were.

This plan, in few words, was for every Seventh-day Adventist to sell a half dozen or more copies of that valuable book, "Christ's Object Lessons," and turn in the full retail price to help reduce the indebtedness on our schools.

The word of the Lord is: "My brethren, after you have done all you can do in this work for the schools, by sanctified energy and much prayer, you will see the glory of God. When the trial has been fully made, then will come a blessed result."

In California and Upper Columbia Conferences, some work has been done along the line indicated, and those who have taken part in it rejoice at the results. But we have as yet only made a beginning in this great work. The fall season is now here, and it is the time of year when publications of real merit can be placed in the hands of the people with the least effort. So shall we not plan to devote a few days each month to this important work that God has outlined, which can and should be done to roll back the reproach from our schools? We can look forward and see that when this work is accomplished, there will be true cause for rejoicing, but, brethren, we can hasten this time by earnest efforts this fall, which may be the very best time in the history of our work to accomplish this task.

Let the state secretaries plan for it; let the librarians and church elders plan for it; let our members everywhere plan to take hold this fall, beginning with this very month of September, in placing a few copies of this valuable book, "Christ's Object Lessons." God has made us an offer to supply the means to relieve our schools if we will do the work. Brethren, let not this golden opportunity for

service this fall pass unimproved. Those who worked last May in California found a blessing. The same is true of those who labored in the Upper Columbia Conference in November. The result has been debts partially paid.

Reader, you are interested in this work, hence talk to your librarian, or write your state secretary about what you wish to do. I.

**HOLIDAY BOOKS AGAIN**

In the last issue of the "Recorder" attention was called to the fact that we have about reached the time to begin working with our books for a holiday delivery. Considering this work one of importance, I will speak of it again, to keep it fresh in the minds of the brethren.

Concerning the effect of the reading matter generally sold for "holiday presents," I quote from "Manual for Canvassers," pp. 48, 49:—

"The world is deluged with books that might better be consumed rather than circulated. Books upon Indian warfare and similar topics, published and circulated as a money-making scheme, might better never be read. There is a Satanic fascination in these books. The heart-sickening relation of crimes and atrocities has a bewitching power upon many youth, exciting in them the desire to bring themselves into notice, even by the most wicked deeds.

"There are many works more strictly historical whose influence is little better. The enormities, the cruelties, the licentious practises, portrayed in these writings, have acted as leaven in many minds, leading to commission of similar acts. . . . Love stories and frivolous and exciting tales constitute another class of books that is a curse to every reader. The author may attach a good moral, and all through his work may weave religious sentiment, yet in most cases Satan is but clothed in angel robes, the more effectually to deceive and allure. The mind is affected in a great degree by that upon which it feeds. The readers of frivolous, exciting tales become unfitted for the duties lying before them. . . .

"I have been instructed that the

youth are exposed to the greatest peril from improper reading. Satan is constantly leading both the youth and those of mature age to be charmed with worthless stories. Could a large share of the books published be consumed, a plague would be stayed that is doing a fearful work in weakening the mind and corrupting the heart. None are so confirmed in right principles as to be secure from temptation. All this trashy reading should be resolutely discarded."

Can we, to whom is intrusted the carrying of the last message of warning to the world, stand idly by and let Satan carry on his work of poisoning the human mind? I trust that we will meet with a ready response in our call for canvassers for the holiday season, for "this is the very work the Lord wants His people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We can not too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the truth."—Id., p. 6.

P. R. Albrecht,  
California State Agent.

**A NEW BOOK**

Years ago many agents had excellent success and valuable experiences in selling "Marvel of Nations." The author, Elder Uriah Smith, has completed an entirely new edition of this book, and the prospectus for the workers who desire to begin on it can be had from the state tract society secretaries. Great pains have been taken to make this publication what it should be, and it is hoped that many of the agents who were so successful in the past in handling this volume will take hold again and push its sale. The volume will be furnished in two styles of binding, selling at \$1.25 and \$1.50.

The Pacific Press Publishing Company will issue at an early date a pamphlet that will consider the science of Christianity in contrast with the false miracle-working power of the present day.

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Brethren Bond have commenced the canvass of Prescott, Arizona.

The brethren in Arizona are planning for a general meeting in the late fall or early winter.

The first Sabbath in October is the time for the semi-annual offerings for the support of the orphans' homes.

On September 4, Walla Walla College opened, with a fair attendance of students. Many additions are expected during the next month.

After the closing of the Missoula, Montana, camp-meeting, Elders Knox and Loughborough visited Spokane and Walla Walla, en route to Seattle.

Elder G. W. Reaser, with his family, with whom many of our readers are acquainted, expected to reach his field of labor, in Natal, South Africa, August 27.

An interesting class of church-school teachers assembled at Healdsburg for the teachers' institute. Among the instructors are A. T. Jones, W. C. White, and Mrs. E. G. White, besides the college faculty.

The Seattle, Washington, camp-meeting is being held at the corners of Dexter Avenue and Harrison Street. Elders W. T. Knox, J. N. Loughborough, and C. N. Martin are the ministers from abroad who are assisting in the services.

The home of the San Francisco workers is located at 1219 Buchanan Street, which is the present address of the following workers: Elder W. S. Sadler and wife, F. R. Schaeffer and wife, Misses Hannah Mott and Nina Case, M. H. St. John, C. G. Marchus, and William H. Rose.

We regret that the Medical Missionary department is not represented in this number. We presume that our medical workers will have something extra fine for us in the next issue.

S. C. Osborne, the traveling missionary of the Pacific Union Conference, will attend the camp-meeting at Weiser, Idaho. He will be pleased to see one and all who are interested in circulating our literature.

Special attention is called to the article headed "Working for Others," that appears in this issue. It may contain some hints that will assist many of our workers in the churches. Study it carefully.

An invitation is extended to our canvassers to feel free to send in items of experience to the editors of the "Recorder," or to your state agent for transmission. Let the brethren know of your success and failures, so that you may be remembered at the throne of grace.

The work in Europe is taking a much firmer shape. A Union Conference has been organized in Scandinavia, embracing the countries of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland. Another step has been the organization of a German Union Conference, which includes Holland, Austria, and Russia. It is expected that two local conferences will be organized this year,—one in Holland and another in that part of Russia occupied by our brethren. The German Conference has been divided into two conferences. These European local and union conferences have united and organized a conference known as the European General Conference, with the headquarters at London. The Central European Conference will have its headquarters in Paris.

## TENTS

Tents for the Red Bluff, Cal., camp-meeting, Oct. 3-13, 1901, will be rented as follows: 10x12, \$2.50; fly, 50c extra; burlap, 50c extra; 12x17 tents, \$3.50; fly, 75c extra; burlap, 75c extra.

Send your orders early to M. H. Brown, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

## WANTED

Boys from fifteen to twenty years old who cheerfully and promptly obey their parents or guardians. We have places for a few of such. Write to us.

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Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal.

## CAMP-MEETINGS

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

### UPPER COLUMBIA.

Weiser, Idaho.....September 19-29

### CALIFORNIA.

Red Bluff.....October 3-13

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

## TRAINING-SCHOOL FOR MISSIONARY MOTHERS

Probably the best opportunity afforded anywhere for acquiring a practical knowledge of child training is the missionary mothers' course at the Haskell Home, Battle Creek, Michigan. This course includes instruction in all phases of child culture, including feeding and dressing of children, their physical care in health and disease, mental and moral training, what to do in emergencies and in simple diseases, lessons in hydrotherapy, hygienic dressmaking, physical culture, healthful cookery, temperance, missionary work for children in cities, kitchen garden, and a practical experience in the direct control and management of children, which is invaluable.

The plan of the home is unique. The children are not herded together as in many institutions for children, but are divided into family groups, each of which is cared for by a "mother," who sustains the same relation to the children that the natural mother does in her own family. Pupils may be received into the mothers' course at any time. The present is a particularly desirable opportunity for entering this excellent course. Those who desire any further information should correspond with the chairman of the visiting committee, Mrs. E. H. Whitney, Battle Creek, Mich. J. H. Kellogg, M. D.