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

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## THE CHURCH

### ABIDE IN HIM

Be not too busy with thy work and care  
To look to God, to clasp thy hand in  
His;  
Thou needst not all alone thy burden  
bear.  
Listen and wait, obey, and learn His  
will;  
His love and service all thy life shall fill.  
—Selected.

### TITHES.

I have been shown that many are robbing the Lord in tithes, and as the result His work is being hindered.

How can the beneficent Father continue to make us His stewards, if we grasp all that is placed in our care, selfishly claiming it as our own? All that we have comes from God. He gives to us, that we may be His helping hand to bless others. He requires that we return to Him the tithe. He says it is holy unto the Lord.

God will bear long. He will test and prove all; but the curse will surely follow the selfish transgressor. God knows the heart. Every thought and every purpose is open to His eye. He says, "Them that honor Me I will honor." He knows whom to bless, and who deserves the curse. He makes no mistakes. Angels are keeping a record of all our works. When we rob God of the tithe, we also rob ourselves; for we lose the heav-

enly treasure. We deprive ourselves of the blessing of God, which is promised to those who deal honestly with Him. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." God's ministers should not fail to warn the people, showing from the Bible the result of withholding the tithe.

When men realize that they are not their own, that they are bought with a price, and are therefore the Lord's property, and all they have is simply intrusted to them as His stewards, they will, with cheerful heart, render to God the things that are His, and there will be no occasion to urge or beg for the tithe. All will realize that they are not proprietors, but stewards, and will know that they must give an account of their Lord's money.

But few feel remorse of soul because they are daily robbing God. There must be deeper convictions on this subject. The conscience must be aroused, and the matter receive earnest attention; for an account must be rendered to God in the last day, and His claims must be settled.

The tithe should be consecrated to God. His requirements come first. We are not doing His will if we consecrate to Him what is left after all our wants have been supplied. Before any part of our income is consumed, we should take out and present to Him that portion which He claims as His. When this is done, the remainder will be sanctified and blessed, to our own use. But when we with-

hold that which He says is His, the curse rests upon the whole, and we are recorded in the books of heaven as guilty of robbery. God gives man nine-tenths, but the one-tenth He claims for sacred purposes,—as He has given man six days for his own work, and has reserved the seventh day to Himself.

The tithing system was founded upon a principle which is as enduring as the law of God. It will be a blessing to those who will carry it out to the end of time. Our heavenly Father did not originate the system to enrich Himself, but to be a great blessing to man.

The simplicity of the plan shows the wisdom of God in its arrangement. Everything bearing the divine stamp unites simplicity with utility. Those who return to the Lord the tenth, will find it true that the nine-tenths are worth more to them than the ten-tenths.

God requires no less of His people in these last days than He did of the Jewish nation. He knew the tithing system would be a blessing to all who would heed it. We should be careful not to turn the blessings of God into a curse.

If all the tithes were brought into the storehouse, God's treasury would not be empty. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." When man does his part, God never fails to fulfil His promises. Mrs. E. G. White.

## ORDER IN THE CHURCH

The church of Christ is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:20-22. "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." 1 Cor. 14:33.

The Lord established order in "the church in the wilderness." "Very soon after leaving Egypt they were organized and most thoroughly disciplined. God had in His special providence qualified Moses to stand at the head of the armies of Israel. He had been a mighty warrior to lead the armies of the Egyptians, and in generalship he could not be surpassed by any man."—Gospel Workers, p. 158.

The Lord's plan in establishing order in both Old and New Testament times seems to proceed on the ground expressed by the apostle Paul when instructing Titus, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting." Titus 1:5. This is equivalent to saying, "As you look over the situation you will see the needs of the work, and what is required for its successful management; supply the demand by establishing what is needed."

We read of the order established among the Israelites: "God did not leave His holy tabernacle to be borne, erected, and taken down indiscriminately by any tribe who might choose this office, but persons were chosen who would appreciate the sacredness of the work in which they were engaged."

"The travels of the children of Israel are faithfully described; the deliverance which the Lord wrought for them, their perfect organization and special order, their sin in murmuring against Moses, and thus against God, their transgressions, their rebellions, their punishments, their carcasses strewn in the wilderness because of their unwillingness to submit to God's wise arrangements,—this faithful picture is hung up before

us as a warning, lest we follow their example of disobedience, and fall like them.

"He is as particular now as He was then, and He designs that we should learn lessons of order and organization from the perfect order instituted in the days of Moses for the benefit of the children of Israel."—Gospel Workers, pp. 158-160.

The good counsel given by Jethro, as he saw a necessity for dividing among the people the great burden that rested upon Moses, was recognized by the Lord and the people, as we see by reading Num. 11:16, 17, and Deut. 1:9-19. Jethro said: "This thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

... Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God; and thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens; and let them judge the people at all seasons; and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge; so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee." Ex. 18:18-22.

One of the first points in gospel order established by the apostolic church was in connection with the events immediately following the day of Pentecost: "There arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

Acts 6:1-3. These men were chosen and ordained to take charge of the business affairs of a local church. Such persons, in other portions of the Scripture, are called

deacons. The word "diakonos," rendered "deacon," is defined, "Ministry in the church, deaconship, the office of collecting and distributing alms to the poor, or inquiring into, and relieving, their wants."—Greenfield.

The apostles would have us know "that the head of every man is Christ" (1 Cor. 11:3), that we are to seek to Him in all things for guidance, yet they found it needful to have officers in the church. When writing to Timothy respecting the proper qualifications and selection of such officers, Paul said this was done "that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:14, 15.

Concerning apostolic times we read: "The church was in danger in the apostles' days of being imposed upon and deceived by false teachers. Therefore the brethren chose men who had given good evidence that they were capable of ruling well their own house, and preserving order in their own families, and who could enlighten those who were in darkness. Inquiry was made of God concerning these, and then, according to the mind of the church and the Holy Ghost, they were set apart by the laying on of hands."

"We should take as special measures as they did to secure the peace, harmony, and union of the flock. We have their example, and should follow it."—"Early Writings" (supplement to "Experience and Views"), pp. 15, 16.

To those placed as teachers and leaders in the church, the Lord has said, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that can not be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:7, 8.

J. N. Loughborough.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18.

### GROWTH IN THE MINISTRY

It is necessary that a minister shall continually grow. He can not long stand still. The current will carry him backward. He will lose that power and living interest himself that are needed to call forth the most effective response from his hearers, unless he is gaining new power with new experiences.

There have been many who have accomplished more when young in the work than they have in later years. This should not be so. One reason for this was that, as they studied in preparation to feed others, they were continually gaining new views themselves. This would cause their hearts to burn and their faces to glow as they told what they had learned to others.

It was always fresh and new. Later, with less preparation, they have told the same thing, and the living power was lacking in their own experience, and to the same extent it failed to move the hearts of others.

There is one thing that will ever bring a fresh experience to old and young; that is, to commit to memory one text, or more, on every principal point that you expect to present in your sermon. Connect them in such a way that they will express the sermon. You may need many other texts, "here a little, and there a little," to make plain to dull ears the truths that you would teach, but these will be an inspiration to you.

Perhaps one will say, "I have committed to memory these outlines of sermons, and do not need to do so." You may have done so, but be sure that you can always take others that you have not committed and do the same again. In this way a minister will ever grow. After he has committed to memory a new list of verses embodying the thoughts of a sermon, he will find added power in using those which he has before learned. This is not advising any one to find something new or strange before resting, but to deepen and enrich the experience in the glorious truths that have been the light of all the ages.

Should a man select a certain

list of texts, and then bind himself to them in a sermon?—Certainly not. He should feel free to present as many as the Spirit of God calls to his mind for the occasion. There is one thing, however, that it is well to remember. The Spirit of God does not often call for a large number in one sermon. He says: "Let your discourses be short. Dwell decidedly on a few important points." "Keep decidedly to a few points." "Speak short. Your discourses are generally double the length they should be."—"Special Testimony," No. 7. P. 44.

There is a great liability, if there is self in the heart, of each one getting the idea that his teaching is the exception, and that it calls for the extra time. It is well to remember that "the truth will keep," and "error better be left untold."

A few words will often rouse the heart, when many will weary it.

Clarence Santee.

## THE FIELD

### AMONG THE CONFERENCES

Tuesday evening, August 6, in company with Elder McClure, I left San Francisco to attend the camp-meeting at Los Angeles. This meeting has been quite fully reported in previous numbers of the "Recorder." My intention was to remain at this meeting for the first days only, and to leave as soon as the conference was organized, as a meeting had been appointed for Utah at the same date, August 8-18. The organization of the conference was completed Monday, the 12th, but other interests of the meeting seemed to demand my presence until its close. This, and a council meeting in Oakland in the interests of the sanitarium in Los Angeles, rendered it impossible for me to meet with the brethren in their meetings at Bountiful, Utah, and Bozeman, Montana. The brethren present at these meetings have reported an excellent interest and profitable meetings at both places.

Leaving Oakland again August 21, after a number of delays, caused by forest fires, burning of snow-

sheds, and railroad accidents of different kinds, I reached Missoula, Montana, late Saturday night, having spent the Sabbath with the church at Butte. The meeting at Missoula will long be remembered by me as one of the most enjoyable meetings I have ever attended, much of the blessing of the Lord attending the work of all the laborers. The brethren returned to their homes with courage renewed and their faith strengthened, and there was a good interest in the town to hear more of the truths presented.

The four days intervening between the close of the Missoula meeting and the beginning of the meeting at Seattle were taken advantage of to visit the Spokane Sanitarium and the Walla Walla College. The sanitarium in Spokane has been enjoying a good degree of prosperity. Much of the time their facilities have been entirely inadequate for the demands made upon them. Early in the year steps were taken to provide more room and better facilities. When I visited them, September 1, I found their new building of something over twenty rooms well under way, and those in charge were hoping to be able to occupy it inside of sixty days. This building provides for offices, treatment rooms, class rooms, and apartments for the patients, and will, with their present building, give them over forty rooms, besides the cottages they are now renting. I found Dr. Leadworth, with the regular medical work and the down-town offices, extremely busy, but he has found relief from many of his former cares by the placing of the business management of the institution upon Brother S. A. Anderson. I believe that this is a very promising field for the sanitarium, and, with proper care upon the part of the brethren, and with the blessing of the Lord, we may expect to see great results from the institution that has been planted at this place.

I was fortunate to be able to visit College Place at this time, being there September 3 and 4, during which time the college opened its doors to students for the new year. This was an earlier date than in

former years, which may partially account for the fact that the attendance was not as large as ordinarily; but, later on, when the work in the orchards is over, a decided increase in attendance was expected. I was pleased to meet Elder Breed here. I found him busy planning for, and putting into execution, aggressive work on various lines. The work for "Christ's Object Lessons" has not been at all satisfactory to the brethren, and another earnest effort will at once be put forth in behalf of this book for the relief of the college.

I reached Seattle September 5, in time for the opening meeting. The camp was pitched in a thickly settled portion of the town. Besides Elder Loughborough and myself, there were present Elder C. N. Martin, of California; Elders Decker, Ward, Nellis, and Cole, of the North Pacific Conference, and S. C. Osborne, from the Pacific Press. A good work was accomplished at this meeting for our people, especially for the young. Sinners were converted to Christ and backsliders reclaimed.

The North Pacific Conference Committee is planning for a strong and united effort on the part of all their laborers in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" during the next three months.

A visit to the Portland Sanitarium revealed a very satisfactory condition in that institution, except for the lack of room and proper facilities. Like the Spokane Sanitarium, they are taxed to their utmost.

Thursday, September 19, had been appointed for the opening of the camp-meeting at Weiser, Idaho, but the people were slow in gathering. By Sabbath there were probably seventy-five or eighty present, with but little evidence of any interest in the town, which might probably be accounted for by the stormy and threatening weather. While this meeting did not prove to be all that had been hoped for, yet it was greatly enjoyed by those present, and good was accomplished. Elders Loughborough, Breed, Martin, and Sharp, besides the writer, were present, also Brother

Osborne, in the interests of the publishing work.

From September 26 to October 6 was spent with the laborers in Utah, the churches in Ogden, Provo, and Salt Lake City being visited. Notwithstanding the difficulties of this hard field, I found the workers all of good courage and planning for an active campaign in Salt Lake City this winter. At present meetings are being held at Wood's Cross and Farmington, between Ogden and Salt Lake City. Brother and Sister Fries are working hard in the Salt Lake Mission, and are meeting with some encouragement. While in Utah I met Brother Boeker, of the St. Helena Sanitarium Food Company, who was visiting the state to arrange for the sale of the food company's goods. He has secured a very desirable store room in a good location in Salt Lake City, and by this time the store is probably open and transacting business. With the three or four trained nurses already there, I believe our health work will be called to the attention of the public in such a manner that soon there will be a demand for other lines. W. T. Knox.

#### AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters: In returning to this country for a few months, one thought has been uppermost in my mind constantly, What can I say, what can I do, to turn the hearts of our people towards the millions of India? Much has been said and written of the horrors of the famine and the desolations of the plague in India, and our people on the coast have done nobly in contributing of their means to relieve the fearful distress. But I want to appeal to you again in behalf of a far worse famine than the "rice famine" can ever be,—a famine for hearing the Word of the Lord.

With a population four times that of the entire United States, we have a corps of about a dozen workers proclaiming the third angel's message in India. While we are praying and believing that

God will send forth more laborers into the harvest, yet we can never hope to be able to have individual workers to send to all these millions. Our only hope of reaching them is through reading matter. Of late we have been making a special effort to get out literature, small tracts, for free distribution, on the coming of the Lord and kindred subjects, in the vernaculars of India, and we hope within the next year to scatter them like the leaves of autumn throughout the country. Thus far we have been able to make only a beginning in one of the many languages of that country. We have a few tracts in the Bengali, a language spoken by over 40,000,000 people, but we have to be so careful in distributing them, lest one be wasted!

As I have gone through village after village distributing these tracts, I never saw people more eager to read. Time after time I have seen men at work in their shops drop everything and never stop reading until they finished the tract. The message of the soon coming of Christ stirs the people of India as nothing else seems to do. And why is it?—Simply because it is the message due to the world at the present time, and we owe it to the people of India.

But so often as I have been distributing in one language, some one has come to me and asked for reading matter in another tongue. As one poor man said to me when I had to tell him I had nothing he could read: "Memsahib, don't you know there are millions of people in India who only know my language? What are you going to do for us?"

What are we going to do for them? Are there not many of our brethren and sisters on the Pacific Coast who would like to have a part in this work? For \$5.00 we can print 5,000 tracts in any of the languages of India. If you can not go to India yourself, would you not like to be the means of scattering 1,000, or 3,000, or 5,000 tracts on the coming of the Lord among India's millions?

Let any upon whom God lays the burden to assist in this work send in their contribution without

delay to the missionary secretary, W. V. Sample, 301 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Cal.

Yours in His service,  
Georgia A. Burrus.

### SKAGWAY, ALASKA

[The following paragraphs are extracts from a private letter.]

I thought it might be of interest to you to know the amount of literature distributed by us, which is as follows:—

Periodicals distributed, 1,680; pages given away, 24,284; pages loaned, 4,707; yearly subscriptions taken, 6; Bible-readings given, 14; letters written, 32; "Christ's Object Lessons" sold, 1.

This is for ten quarters, and, of course, is not nearly as large as it should be. But you know we are both wage-earners, and what we do must be done outside of our regular work and house cares.

In the Y. M. C. A. library we have placed a full set of our bound books, and a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" given to the Presbyterian and Baptist ministers and the secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., respectively.

In addition to this I have had a class of bright young people in the union Sunday-school for nearly two years, where many opportunities are given for sowing seeds of truth, as well as at the weekly teachers' meeting.

I find there is a growing interest in favor of our methods of treating the sick, and I am often called upon to give treatments.

This field is so different from most fields, in that the population is so shifting! Most of those who come are here for the purpose of getting rich as quickly as possible and returning to their homes. But we know that, if the seed is sown here in faith, the Lord of the harvest will have a loving care over it, and ripen it in other fields.

We find many earnest Christians among the other denominations, with whom it is a pleasure to associate, and whom we fully expect to see accept the truth when the time of real testing comes.

There is not much encouragement for work among the natives.

They are a low class, and have become so contaminated from their association with worse white men that it seems an almost hopeless task to try to do anything for them. The Catholic Church and the Salvation Army are about all that appeal to them in a religious way, the first because it gives them nothing to do, and the second because of its noise and display.

There is a blessing that comes from being alone with God, and if our people could only realize, for one week, the joy and comfort that comes from getting out into places where the truth is not known, and letting their light shine, they would not be content to remain congregated in large churches in careless indifference.

Mrs. Dora E. Henton.  
Sept. 22, 1901.

### BISBEE, ARIZONA

This is a mining camp of about 6,000 inhabitants, full of sin, infidelity, and backsliding. Some are ready to listen to the truth, but very few are ready to leave all and follow the Lord. We hold both Sabbath and Sunday-school.

The town is in a narrow canyon about five miles long, with several little spur canyons. The mountains are quite steep. Most of the houses are built on the mountain-side, with stairs to go up to them. Yesterday we visited a sister, and went up only 116 stairs.

We hold Sabbath-school in one end of town and Sunday-school in the other. We have between twenty-five and thirty Bible readers, several of whom are keeping the Sabbath.

The miners work night and day, having three eight-hour shifts, consequently one-third of them are asleep all the time, so in some places we have to change shifts when the men change. In other places we are compelled to stop the readings for one or two months, because the interest is not so good and the work goes slowly. Our schools are also crippled in the same way, some not being able to attend for months at a time.

We need your prayers, that we may be given great wisdom to know just how to conduct the work

in the right way, so as to reach as many as possible.

C. D. M. Williams,  
Mrs. C. D. M. Williams.  
Sept. 21, 1901.

### CANVASSING IN HAWAII

When I left Oakland for home, I brought with me about \$50 worth of books. We have disposed of most of these in our visiting and Bible work. Sister Healey, who distributed the first literature on present truth in these islands, has been doing some good work selling "Great Nations." She met with a serious accident a few days ago, while at work, in which one of her legs was broken. She is doing nicely, and bears her affliction very patiently. The day before the misfortune came to her, she sold twelve books in one hour, Sister Healey is in her seventy-fifth year, but she does not want to be excused from active service.

Brother DaSilva has been giving most of his time to canvassing for some time past, and has met with very encouraging results. He has taken nearly sixty orders for the Portuguese paper, over eighty for "Good Health," besides a few for several other papers. He is using fifty copies of the "Signs" each week, selling and delivering on short subscriptions. I hope our people will make use of the Portuguese paper where there are any of these people. They like it very much, and are quite willing to pay for it.

I have tried to stick by the contract we all entered into at the California camp-meeting, and have carried some of the printed truth with me everywhere I have been called. I have had many interesting experiences, and have planted some seeds of truth that would have remained between the covers of the book if I had not had it with me.

We have felt very anxious to get the truth to the people scattered over the island. This is nearly impossible without some kind of a conveyance. A few days ago Brother Lyle kindly gave us his horse and cart to use for the day, and my wife and I left home before seven o'clock in the morning.

During the day we drove twenty-five miles, canvassing at the Honolulu plantation and at a small town. The Lord blessed and prospered us. Although the houses were much scattered, and we had to do a great deal of running about, we sold and took orders for \$15.15 worth of books. We used "Christ's Object Lessons" and small books. The people received us kindly, and we had many opportunities to tell them of the soon-coming Saviour. The coming week we intend to canvass three plantations and a settlement. This will finish up the territory on this side of the island.

I had the means for purchasing a tent to use in the islands before leaving California, but it was so late in the season before we could arrange for the work that we were afraid that the rains would interfere. I have been sorry since returning that I did not bring the tent, as the season has been delightful for two months. I think Brother Carey would have stayed to help if we had brought the tent. We will do all we can with the books and take up the tent work as soon as the rainy season is over.

B. L. Howe.

290 D Karratti Lane, Honolulu,  
H. T.

#### FARMINGTON, UTAH

I commenced work in this state the first of May, and have been working with Brother Charles Nelson. After visiting and holding some meetings in Logan, Cache Valley, in the northern part of Utah, we baptized one and organized a church of twelve members. The present membership is fifteen. We have also held two tent-meetings in the same valley, one in Hyde Park and one in Smithfield. The attendance at Hyde Park was fair. Two commenced keeping the Sabbath and one was baptized and united with the church at Logan. Meetings had been held at Smithfield before we came there. Some became interested, but no visible results are yet manifest.

About the first of August we went to Bountiful, ten miles north

of Salt Lake City, to attend the camp-meeting. Meetings were held every evening in the large tent for five weeks. The outside attendance was good, and a few have commenced keeping the Sabbath. Since closing the effort at Bountiful, we moved the tent to this place. We have held meetings here a little over a week, and the people are turning out well.

We hope and pray that there will be some of the people of Utah who will receive the third angel's message.

A. G. Christiansen.

Sept. 24, 1901.

#### A NOBLE WORK

While at Tacoma, Wash., I visited the Woolsey Home, where orphan children and unfortunate women are taken in and cared for. Many of the children are babies who have to be fed milk from a bottle. They had twenty-eight in all when I was there. The home is kept by Sister Woolsey and her daughter Bessie, who look to the Lord to supply their wants, and He does not disappoint them. They go to the Lord in prayer for what they need, and it is wonderful how the Lord moves upon the hearts of different people to supply them.

The night I went home with them, Sister Woolsey remarked that she only had money enough to pay her car fare home from church. She did not know where the next money was coming from, but was sure it would come from some source. By morning she had received a check for \$15. I had read of institutions being run on faith, but this was the first one I had seen.

It did my soul good to see those little children assemble for worship in a quiet and orderly manner, and take such a deep interest in it. They employ a Seventh-day Adventist school-teacher, and thus they are taught the ways of truth and righteousness continually.

If more such work was being done, there would be more souls saved in the kingdom of God.

S. C. Osborne.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

### MONTEREY

I have now been in Monterey over three weeks. Brother D. A. Parsons and wife have been here over two weeks. We are thankful to report that the Lord has blessed the work, and some persons of deep Christian experience have been led to take a firm stand on the truth. The number is not large, but the experience and religious connections of some who have come in are such that there is every indication that the work will extend through their influence. In view of this the success is greater than appears. The object is partly to build up the church here, and, to do this, the meetings are held within reach of a comparatively small population. So our attendance has been small. Conditions and results have justified this course, so far as we can judge, and the interest is extending.

Brother and Sister Parsons are giving faithful service. Personally I wish to say to all my friends in this and other conferences that my heart is fixed trusting in the Lord.

D. T. Fero.

September 22.

### SANTA ROSA, CAL.

This is the name of a thriving little town in beautiful Sonoma Valley. To many it is familiar as at one time being the center of the work of the denomination on the Pacific Coast. It was here that our people built the first house of worship west of the Rockies. Years ago there was a debate held here between Elder W. M. Healey and the president of the Christian college of this place. The results are still fresh in the minds of some, as a grand triumph of the principles of truth and righteousness, on which our work rests, over the spirit of misrepresentation, misinterpretation, and error that is ever striving to pervert the right way of the Lord.

How often the Lord would have gathered the people of this

place is shown by repeated camp-meetings, lecture courses, and personal house-to-house work. But the great majority would not hear. Still His long-suffering is not exhausted. He still entreats. How like our God!

The Master is blessing His faithful people who are holding up the light here. He has enabled them to recently complete a neat, comfortable addition to the church for school purposes. Miss Lela M. King has been engaged as teacher, and a church school was opened Monday, September 30. We hope for good results in this line.

Just what my hands will find to do here, the future will develop. I will trust in the Lord with all my heart, and lean not unto my own understanding. In all my ways I will acknowledge Him, and He shall direct my paths. Pray for us and the work at this place.

Henry Scott.

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#### GUERNEVILLE, CAL.

We have just closed our tent effort at Guerneville. On the 14th instant we buried five precious souls in baptism in the Russian River, and Sunday, the 22d instant, we baptized two more. Twelve grown persons have signed a covenant, and expressed a desire for church organization. We hope to organize there soon. There is one more person who is keeping the Sabbath, and who will probably soon unite in church fellowship with the company there.

H. F. Courter.

Peachland post-office, via Sebastopol, Sonoma County, Cal.

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From Buckeye, Cal., the following word has come from Brother W. L. Sims:—

"The Lord is blessing us and giving us some souls for our labor in this place. We expect that six souls will obey the Sabbath commandment next Sabbath, and we are in hope of several others. Pray for us, that we may be able to establish them in the truth as it is in Christ."

#### NOTES.

W. G. Bond, who was obliged to return home on account of sickness, has returned to the tent work near Angel's Camp, California.

E. J. Hibbard and his family have arrived from the east and located at Healdsburg. He has been chosen Bible teacher in the college.

All should remember the Berean reading circle studies, and begin them at once. If faithfully carried on, they will prove a great blessing to the cause.

The second Sabbath reading for October is in the "Review" of October 1. It should be read in every church at the Sabbath service, Oct. 12, 1901.

J. W. McCord is to attend Healdsburg College for a time, in order to secure a better preparation for the work. He has desired to do this for some time.

Pastor Isaac Morrison and wife have begun their work in Sacramento, and Brother Henry Scott has located for a time in Santa Rosa, to look after the work there and at Sebastopol.

The work at Vallejo is being looked after by F. R. Shaeffer and wife and Florence Mendenhall. It is hoped that a church may be organized there soon and the work put on a permanent basis.

The canvassers' institute will begin in San Francisco Tuesday, October 15. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn how to canvass, by doing as well as by having the benefit of practical instruction from brethren of experience in the work.

A warehouse for the storage of conference property, such as tents, etc., has been erected in Oakland, on the north side of 34th Street, between West and Market. It is 30 by 70 feet, with 14 feet studding, thus being high enough for storage in the loft. It has ample capacity for all the property of the conference.

Evelyn M. Riley, who has labored so earnestly and perseveringly in behalf of the missionary work, both home and foreign, has taken up the work of teaching in a private family, in order to be self-supporting. She goes from the office with the sympathies and prayers of her fellow-laborers. All correspondence concerning the work which has been heretofore addressed to her should be sent to the missionary secretary, W. V. Sample, 301 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Cal.

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#### HELP FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSONS

"Christ's Object Lessons" will be found of great value in the study of the present series of Sabbath-school lessons, and we hope our California brethren and sisters will not fail to use it. There are copies in the care of the leaders of some of the larger churches that ought to be turned into money for the college debt as soon as possible, and here is presented one avenue for the reduction of the stock on hand.

No doubt many will have a deeper appreciation of the book when they study it systematically in connection with the Sabbath-school lessons, and will be able to sell many more copies where they thought the work for the book had been completed. When we wish to interest others in any particular thing, we must become filled with an interest in it ourselves; so let us use the present series of Sabbath-school lessons as a stepping-stone to that thorough acquaintance with "Christ's Object Lessons" that will enable us to sell the number required to raise the college debt. A large work to that end ought to be done from the present time to the end of the year. If the members of all our churches in the state will consider this matter seriously, and act, we will see a great work done, and the Lord will not fail to add His rich blessing to the same.

Sec. of Cal. Tract Society.

### INCREASING WORK

The last mail from Honolulu brought a request from Sister Lena Howe, librarian of the tract society in that place, to increase their club of "Signs" again by twenty-five copies. This is an encouraging item to us, as it has been only about a month since we received her order to double the number of copies by adding fifty. How many of our local tract societies in the states are doing as well for "our pioneer missionary paper"? In looking over the list for the state of California, we notice some changes that are not altogether the most encouraging, as some of the clubs have dropped off and others have been reduced in number of copies instead of increased. Brethren, let us not forget the splendid opportunity the Lord has given for effective missionary effort in establishing the "Signs of the Times." We ought to use it every week, one and all. Not only our neighbors and friends are unacquainted with the valuable matter which it presents in every issue, but many of us who are supposed to know what it contains are missing the feasts of good things ourselves. Let those of us who are behind in these matters reform and do what we should for our pioneer missionary paper.

We hope that our California librarians who may read this will consider the matter of an increase in their "Signs" club, and if perchance there are any who do not have the paper for use in their missionary work, we hope they will soon realize what they are missing and order a supply.

Sec. Cal. Tract Society.

### TRUST FUNDS

RECEIPTS DURING AUGUST, 1901.

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| Epworth League Literature Fund .....       | \$ 29 49 |
| India Tract Fund.....                      | 2 00     |
| Sydney Sanitarium Fund..                   | 13 50    |
| Christiania Pub. House Fund .....          | 59 68    |
| Foreign Mission Offerings                  | 79 64    |
| Healdsburg College Fund.                   | 251 15   |
| Home of the Friendless Building Fund ..... | 60 00    |
| Jos. Leininger Home Fund                   | 31 16    |
| California Tract Society.                  |          |

### CALIFORNIA TITHE

RECEIVED DURING SEPTEMBER.

Alameda, \$25.32; Chico, \$6.05; Eureka, \$58; Grass Valley, \$5.00; Healdsburg, \$16.66; Lockwood, \$6.67; Lodi, \$11.79; Morganhill, \$31.15; Napa, \$2.00; Placerville, \$3.90; Paso Robles, \$18; Redding, \$4.00; Sacramento, \$12.60; St. Helena, \$200; San Jose, \$156.63; Santa Rosa, \$6.67; Stockton, \$2.50; Selma, \$5.00; Sebastopol, \$69.83; San Francisco, \$615.20; Tulare, \$32.15; Ukiah, \$5.75; Vacaville, \$34.93; personal, \$79.15; total, \$1,408.95.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

The brethren at Nordhoff have not yet presented the Sabbath truth, but one has accepted the truth, and others are listening with deep interest. The opposition of the "holiness" people has been bitter.

The tent is now pitched at the Soldiers' Home, between Los Angeles and Santa Monica, and Brethren Hare and Thurston are commencing a series of meetings. We ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters, that these old veterans, who are many hundreds in number, may be led to weigh the truth with unprejudiced minds. With many it will be the last hope, as they are rapidly dying off with old age.

The Los Angeles church-school building will be inclosed before this will reach its readers. It is 40 by 28 feet, with a first and second floor. This will accommodate the children nicely. We are glad that the church will not be used this winter for school purposes.

The managers of the Santa Ana Bank, at Santa Ana, have promised to fit rooms in a building that they control, free of charge, for our church-school; that is, they will cut a double doorway to connect rooms for the school.

There are quite a number of our youth who are preparing to attend Healdsburg College this winter.

Clarence Santee.

## SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

### TRUST IN HIM

When thy way is hedged about,  
And no path leads on and out,  
Then's thy time to rise and fly  
Trustingly to God, and cry,  
Jesus, Shepherd, go before;  
Open Thou the closed door."

—Selected.

### SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Perhaps the time has come when something should be said through the "Recorder" concerning the organization of young people, young people's meetings, young people's work, etc. We have been more burdened with a desire to come in personal touch with the young people, and help them in their battles for truth and right, than we have to see societies or companies hastily organized; so we have had little to say or urge in this direction. In the meantime we have endeavored to get in touch with all the young people of the California Conference, and in every way possible to aid them in their efforts to prepare themselves for a life of usefulness to the cause of God.

Numerous letters have been received asking for suggestions concerning organization, the conducting of the meetings, etc. We will venture to offer a few suggestions here, which we hope will be received as such, and not be taken as a strict rule of action.

#### I. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

We deem it best to here state the plans being followed out in the San Francisco church, together with suggestions of certain plans which are just now being set in operation. Our organization here consists of two branches, senior and junior, all under fourteen attending the junior meeting, and all over fourteen the senior. The plan of organization recently adopted is extremely simple. Both the senior and junior companies elect a president, vice-president,



and a secretary and treasurer. One person can usually fill the office both of secretary and treasurer; but this is a matter which can be adjusted according to local conditions. The church council (which in San Francisco consists of all church officers and Sabbath-school officers) appoints an advisory committee to act as council with the officers of both young people's organizations; and this body (officers of the young people's society and advisory committee appointed by the church) constitutes the executive side of the young people's work. Our meetings are occupied solely with missionary topics, and conducted for the purpose of promoting the missionary spirit, thus developing missionaries among the young people during the week. Business, committees, formalities, all these things are left out of the Sabbath meeting. Our work is thus going forward with very little machinery to consume the time and energies of those interested in it.

## 2. MEETINGS.

Two extremes are to be avoided, that of having the older people manage the meetings entirely, and the other extreme of placing them entirely in the hands of the young and inexperienced. Arrangements should rather be made so as to give the young people an opportunity to gain experience in these lines, to learn to bear responsibility, and at the same time be assisted in the work by those of more experience and matured judgment. Thus the young people's meeting can be kept upon a high spiritual plane, and so conducted as to constantly promote a missionary spirit, instead of degenerating into formal services, called to order, conducted, and dismissed, after the manner of a young people's society or club. Topics for consideration are found in the "Youth's Instructor." Much might be said concerning the young people's meeting, but this we will defer until another time.

## 3. HOW SHALL WE START A YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION?

In answering this question, our first suggestion would be, Do not organize the young people for the

purpose of having the organization do the missionary work. First instruct the young people how to work, and inspire them to begin their work, and then let a simple organization or system of cooperation spring into existence for the purpose of helping them in their work. Organization must come from the life, instead of trying to get life from the organization. It seems to us that it would be far better for the young people's work to be carried on as a branch of our church work, rather than seek to add another wheel to our machinery by endeavoring to organize it and conduct it as an entirely separate branch of the work. This would seem to us to be out of harmony with the light that has been given us along the lines of simplifying the machinery of our missionary organizations. Let the Sabbath-school officers arouse and take an interest in the young people. Let them start young people's meetings. Let the young people's work even spread to the Sabbath-school. Let the Sabbath-school become an active agency for the conversion of the young and in preparing them for the Master's service. If the field is ripe for organization, let the Sabbath-school officers counsel with the church officers, and lay plans to begin the work by starting missionary meetings with the young people. Bear in mind that it is of far greater importance to inspire one young man or young woman to go out and do real missionary work than to be able to organize a score into a mere formal society, having merely the name of a missionary organization.

## 4. TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ONE AND ALL.

We desire to secure your names, all of you who are between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five. We desire to correspond with you, and in every possible way help you. We earnestly request parents, church officers, and the young people themselves, to assist us in securing the names of youth between the ages above mentioned. So if you know of any whose names have not been sent, please send them at once, and let us all pray the Lord's blessings to rest upon our young people.

Concerning the young people's work we will have more to say at another time.

W. S. Sadler.

1219 Buchanan Street, S. F.

## PRAYER

Prayer is the plea of a penitent heart and the golden key that unlocks heaven. No window or door in the celestial city, be it ever so securely barred, is proof against the prayer of the humblest saint. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38, 39. Jesus has perfected a plan whereby all who desire may have access to the throne of God. All may know that every petition offered from an honest heart reaches heaven. Many of our young people become discouraged because they do not know this fact. They say: "I prayed for such and such a thing, and the Lord did not grant my request. Therefore I know my prayer was not heard." That does not necessarily prove that such is the case. Could our eyes be opened to behold the divine plans of God, we would clearly see that it was not best for a loving Father to give us the desire of our hearts.

In 2 Kings, twentieth chapter, we have the record of Hezekiah's sickness. He was told to set his house in order, and prepare for death. He thought the Lord was in too big a hurry to dispose of such a faithful man as he was; so, with bitter weeping and prayer, he begged for just fifteen years more. The request was granted, and all went peacefully until he died. But during the fifteen years Manasseh was born, and, at the age of twelve, after his father's death, began to reign in Israel. The reign of this king was so bad, and the people followed him to such an extent, that the Lord said: "I will forsake the remnant of Mine inheritance. They shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies." God saw all this, and knew it was

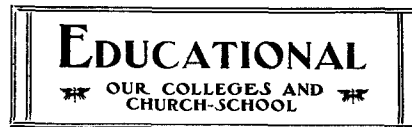
best for Hezekiah to die, but Hezekiah, not being able to look into the future, naturally wanted to live; and, as a result, we see Israel led astray by his wicked son. This illustrates the importance of being sure we know the will of God, and are willing to leave the answering of our prayers in His hands, knowing that He doeth all things well.

We know that the prayers of Jesus, as He prayed three times in the garden of Gethsemane, were heard. That innocent Soul, on whom rested the sins of the whole world, and who, in that terrible night of agony, sweat great drops of blood, was heard by a loving Father, and an angel was sent to strengthen Him. Yet His request, that the awful cup might pass from Him, was not granted, and well for us it was not; for, had it been, our doom would have been sealed. Still, that model prayer was answered, for, as His voice rose in supplication, we hear the following words, "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Thus the prayer to God was answered, not in favor of His beloved Son, but in favor of a rebellious people. In this was manifested the love of God. "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Jer. 31:3. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son" (John 3:16) to redeem a race of rebels.

Then let us believe in the Lord, "for without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." What we need is more confidence in our heavenly Father, and a better knowledge of His wonderful watch-care over us every moment of our lives. "Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Ps. 121:4. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." 2 Chron. 16:9. Jesus knows all about our trials and the temptations to which we are subjected, and He says to us, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. Every cry from His needy brothers and sisters reaches

that heart that was touched by the feelings of our infirmities. He knoweth our frame, and is doing all that can be done to restore us to perfect happiness. "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." Oh, blessed fact, He heareth us, and knows just how to impart the blessings of heaven to the needy ones! Then, as young people, let us ask in faith, and then trust an all-wise God for the answer.

T. S. Whitelock, M. D.



### THE HEALDSBURG INSTITUTE

The teachers' institute began with a good attendance on the afternoon of August 26, and continued to increase in numbers and interest during the entire three weeks. The daily attendance averaged about forty. Of this number thirty were there to prepare to teach in church-schools. Most of the college teachers were present, and thus the needs of the field were brought before them in a manner that will better enable them to plan and execute their work of training teachers.

The day was divided into three periods. The morning session was given to practical church-school work; the afternoon and evening sessions were given to the discussion of the principles of Christian education.

A goodly number from the neighboring churches united with us on Sabbath and Sunday, September 7 and 8. At these meetings the Spirit of the Lord was present in a marked degree, so that all were made to realize the importance of the church-school work. Sunday afternoon a most solemn appeal was made by Sister White to both teachers and parents to cooperate with God in the education and training of the children.

The bulk of the time was given to the discussion of three leading subjects: First, the place the Bible should occupy in all our schools. It was plainly seen that the Bible

should be the text-book in all grades. The beauty, variety, and appropriateness of the Bible as a reading book in all grades was very forcibly illustrated in the daily reading class.

Second, the importance of the study of the works of God was placed in its true light. "While the Bible should hold the first place in the education of children and youth, the book of nature is next in importance." Our teachers go forth to their work with a determination to make the Bible the text-book and to give the study of God in nature its assigned place.

Third, thoroughness in the common branches was most strongly emphasized, so that all caught the spirit and resolved to spare neither time nor energy in laying the foundation sure and deep.

A new order of things is expected in the educational work, and we hope and pray that our parents will study the Word of God and the Testimonies as never before, that they may be prepared to cooperate with the teachers in giving the children and youth a good, thorough Christian education.

A course of reading was adopted by the teachers for their own improvement, which will appear in a future number of the "Recorder."

E. S. Ballenger.

An institute for church-school teachers, canvassers, and other workers, began at Santa Ana, Cal., the 16th ultimo. Between fifteen and twenty were in regular attendance.

A large number from the neighboring companies came in to attend the institute Sabbath and Sunday, September 21 and 22.

The Southern California Conference has thirteen organized churches, and they will have eleven church-schools this fall. What conference can make a better showing? Reader, have you a church-school in your church? If not, why not?

## MEDICAL MISSIONARY

### THE COLLEGE NURSES' TRAINING COURSE

For a number of years our attention has been called to the importance of the medical missionary work in connection with the promulgation of the third angel's message. The following quotation is from a testimony dated Sept. 16, 1892: "I could wish there were one hundred nurses in training where there is one. It ought to be thus. Both men and women can be much more useful as medical missionaries than as missionaries without the medical education. I am more and more impressed with the fact that a more decided testimony must be borne upon this subject, that more direct efforts must be made to interest the proper persons, setting before them the advantages that every missionary will have in understanding how to treat those who are diseased in body, as well as to minister to sin-sick souls. This double ministration will give the laborer together with God access to homes, and will enable him to reach all classes of society."

In response to this appeal hundreds of people have entered the medical missionary work, and yet there is room for a vast army. In fact, we should be a people of medical missionaries. The commission of the Lord, "Heal the sick, and preach the gospel," applies personally to every one of us.

Not every one is adapted to become a physician or a trained nurse, but all should know how to give simple treatments and what to do in case of emergency, and what advice to give for the preservation of health.

The managers of Healdsburg College, realizing this necessity, have established a six months course for the training of nurses, which is not intended to take the place of the sanitarium training course, but rather to prepare students for it, and to fit missionary workers, canvassers, and Bible-workers, so that they may be able to render efficient help in the lines

of simple treatments to those who may need it.

In the training of missionary workers at our sanitarium, there has been recognized in the past a great lack, because many of the workers were of an immature age and not thoroughly converted to the principles of the reforms that accompany the advent message, the result being that, while many of these have become efficient nurses, comparatively few of them have been of value to the cause. Recognizing this, a movement has been inaugurated to have the preliminary training given at Healdsburg College, where the medical work may be combined with a thorough study of the Bible. It is hoped that the raising of the standard by the sanitarium will be an encouragement to many young people to take this preliminary course at Healdsburg College, with a view to beginning the nurse's work at a more mature age, with a training which will fit them for taking up the work with the third angel's message after completing the nurses' course.

The sanitarium has two training classes beginning each year, one in July and one in December, and it will be the purpose of the college to so arrange their schedules that those taking a preparatory nurses' course with the college will be able to begin the second year of the nurses' course at the sanitarium. Students who now enter at the college, and are proficient in their work, will be admitted to the second-year work at the sanitarium the first of next July. In order to enter the nurses' training class with a view to taking up the sanitarium work, students must have completed the eighth grade work.

A briefer course of nursing will be given those in the advanced classes of the college, so that all who go out into the work will have a knowledge of the simple principles of treatment.

G. H. Heald.

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"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman, that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

### HEALTHFUL LIVING

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

God has always been intensely interested in the health of His people, but at no time in the history of the world has He done more, or said more, to bring His people back to the true paths than in our own time. We are about to experience the awful scenes attending the pouring out of the seven last plagues. "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee." Ps. 91:7. In order for God to protect us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, or the destruction that wasteth at noonday, He must have our cooperation. When He speaks, all matters of difference ought to be settled. Obedience to God's Word links us to the powers of heaven.

No demon dares to face the Word of God. Sickness, sorrow, and pain are banished at His command. When He speaks, all nature stands still to listen, and with convulsions and rent garments hastens to do His bidding. The rocks that have been hid in earth's bosom come forth, and the proud wave with a mighty roar sweeps over the land. The thunder's crash gives back but a faint echo of His voice and the lightning's flash but a dim shadow of His eye. Yet the omnipotent God, the One possessing all power and might, is our Father, and will talk to us as a loving father talks to his child. "Thine ear shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isa. 30:21.

Obedience to God's Word always brings sure results. We may not see the results immediately, but God in due time will surely work them out. Some say, "I have tried some of the principles of healthful living, but received no benefit." Well, how long did you try them?—"Oh, two or three days, possibly a week!" How long has it taken you to reach your present condition?—"About twenty or thirty years." Now, can you honestly expect to undo in three days,

or even a week, what you have been twenty or thirty years bringing on yourself?

Often we do not stop to reason, and forget about the seed we have been sowing for many years, some of which has matured several times, and with an hundredfold increase has again been scattered by the winds of time. Could our eyes be opened to behold the harvest, it would appall our very souls. Yet we expect, by some short cut invented by man, to escape the reaping. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap; for he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6:7, 8. There is but one way to stop the harvest of sin, and that way is to quit sowing. "They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same." Job 4:8. The ground that brings forth thistles and thorns, when properly prepared will bring forth an abundant harvest of choice grain. So the Lord commands us to prepare the soil. "Sow to yourselves in righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground [turn under the foul weeds]; for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon us." We should not expect the Lord to work a miracle in our behalf when we go on year after year disregarding His Word. There must be action on our part. This action on our part should come, not from hearing some agitator of health reform, who suddenly appears in our churches or camp-meetings, but from an earnest searching of God's Word, with all selfishness and preconceived opinions laid aside.

Much harm has been done to the cause of health reform, and also to the members of our churches, by agitators who scarcely knew the first principles of true reform. When we know all the Lord has told us through the Holy Spirit, and what men of sound judgment and medical learning have written, then we can safely listen to a novice. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Rev. 3:13. Had we listened to God, how different would be our reaping to-day! We

would see the Gentiles coming to our light, and kings to the brightness of our rising. "Oh that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Isa. 48:18.

T. S. Whitelock, M. D.

## CANVASSING AND MISSIONARY WORK

### "WITNESSES."

"And ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Acts 1:8.

Witnesses for Jesus in a world of sin:

What do those around us know, through us, of Him?

Witnesses for Jesus, conqueror o'er the grave;

Since He rose triumphant, He from death can save.

Witnesses for Jesus of the Spirit's power, Rich to help and comfort every day and hour.

Witnesses for Jesus of His precious blood,

As we journey onward to our rest above.

Witnesses for Jesus with our earthly store;

All upon His altar—Jesus asks no more.

Witnesses for Jesus till He comes to reign

O'er the world in glory, where He once was slain.

—E. M. Exton.

### THE BOOK WORK IN THE NORTH- WEST

The Seattle camp-meeting was not well attended by our people, yet we had a good meeting. We had one public meeting, at the 10:30 hour, in behalf of the canvassing work, then daily meeting with those that were interested in that line of work.

One or two who have had a good and successful experience in this work in the past will take it up again, as well as several new ones.

Brother H. E. Loop, who has been out of the work for some time, has again entered the field, with good success, taking over \$100 worth of orders the first week. He is now determined to stick to

the work, and will be a source of strength and encouragement to others.

I expect to see a good work done in this conference this fall. I visited with our people at Olympia, Tacoma, Whatcom, and Seattle. I was pleased to meet and become acquainted with so many of the people of this conference.

I visited a few places on the way to the Weiser, Idaho, camp-meeting, in the Upper Columbia Conference. This was a small meeting, yet all seemed to enjoy the meetings and draw nearer to the Lord. A lively interest was taken in the missionary work, and I feel sure that a good number of books, tracts, and papers will be placed in the homes of the people as a result of this meeting. I was pleased to form the acquaintance of our people in that part of the Union Conference.

The Lord is blessing the canvassing work all over the broad field covered by the Pacific Union Conference. What we need is more earnest, consecrated laborers, both old and young. All can do something by the blessing of the Lord.

Brother Atkinson, of Fernando, Cal., who is seventy years old, came to me the last evening of the Los Angeles camp-meeting, and said he felt as though he ought to do something to help spread the truth, and wanted to know if I thought he could canvass. I said, "Yes." He went at once and bought a prospectus for "Controversy" and one for "The House We Live In," and his first week, which was not a full one, he took six orders for "Controversy," fifteen for "House," and nine for "Object Lessons." It would do you good to read his letter and see how he enjoys the work. This ought to put to shame younger persons who are doing nothing to advance the cause of God.

A brother eighty years old has started out in the colporter work in the Upper Columbia Conference.

The Lord is calling for more laborers, both old and young, and will there not be a good response to his call, and many go out and give this message to the people? A large number of books can be sold for holiday presents if some

one will take them to the people. The fall is fast slipping away, and you should get to work at once. Many who think they can not do anything can sell a large number of books, if they will just get out and try. Do take hold, brethren and sisters, and do all you can.

S. C. Osborne,  
Traveling Missionary, P. U. Con.

**THE BOOK WORK.**

**CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE**

REPORT FOR THREE WEEKS ENDING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1901.

**CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.**

|                                    | Hours. | Orders. | Value   |
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| George Cary, San Jose.....         | 10     |         | \$12 50 |
| H. A. Rue, Woodland.....20         | 28     |         | 34 00   |
| Wm. Harmon, Yerington,<br>Nev..... | 8      |         | 10 00   |

**HERALDS OF THE MORNING.**

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| George Cary, San Jose ..... | 20 |  | 28 00 |
| Ellen Fox, Eureka.....      | 3  |  | 4 25  |
| Wm. Harmon.....             | 21 |  | 28 75 |

**HOME HANDBOOK.**

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| Horace Munn, Oroville.....        | 10 |   | 45 00 |
| Mrs. A. E. Munn,<br>Oroville..... | 12 | 4 | 18 00 |

**COMING KING AND BIBLE-READINGS.**

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| Mrs. S. Ellyson, Upper<br>Lake..... | 24 | 21 | 29 50 |
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**STEPS TO CHRIST.**

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| Polydor Novak .....                    | 19 |   | 14 25 |
| Mrs. R. C. Embree, St.<br>Helena ..... | 19 | 5 | 3 10  |

**LADIES' GUIDE.**

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

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| Sarah Stem.....   | 70 | 78 | 52 45 |
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Total sales.....189 232 \$350 65

**HOW SHALL WE LABOR**

**SOME SUGGESTIONS.**

It is an undisputed fact that there are correct and incorrect methods of laboring for others, and that those who go out to present the truth, to labor for God, should adopt the very best methods. A method that is employed successfully by one person may not be suitable for another individual to follow. Yet this difference in

methods should not hinder us from receiving instruction from one another, or from any successful worker. Our Saviour, when He was upon earth, taught His disciples how to labor, spending some three years with them. So we who are His representatives here in the earth may be able to receive much instruction from those who are making a success of the work, by studying their methods. Our Saviour will be able to guide our minds in the proper channel, and we shall be able to adapt the methods of labor which the experience of others, as well as our own, demonstrates will be successful.

Instruction has been given in this department, which says that the printed page is destined to exert a wide influence for the extension of the everlasting gospel in the earth. Hence the question with us should be, How can it be circulated? For it is admitted by all that literature, however good, is of no importance unless circulated and read. Our publishing houses may have warehouses stocked with the words of salvation, yet it will shed no light upon God's great plan of salvation unless it is placed where people can read it.

There are a number of lines of circulating literature, as follows: Periodicals, books, and tracts. The periodical work may be divided into several classes, such as loaning, selling, and giving away papers.

In this issue we will devote some space to the consideration of selling the "Signs of the Times," which is our missionary paper. It is acknowledged by all that a person is much more interested in that which he buys than in that which is loaned or given to him. For this reason better results are seen in placing our literature in this manner, as the tendency is to read that which has been purchased.

Of all classes of literature that we have to circulate, the weekly periodical publication filled with choice selections of gospel reading matter, and coming fresh from the press, is given the most cordial welcome. Literature which has such influence as this should have a wide circulation, and every reader should seek in some manner to assist. A sister, who has had

an extensive experience in introducing the "Signs" by the subscription plan, delivering the papers herself each week, tells in this paper some of her methods of work. We trust that our readers will carefully study these thoughts. It will be noticed that she touches a point that at once enlists the sympathy of the people, which, once gained, is everything.

Reader, carefully study the experience given by Sister Press, and see if you can not employ a similar method, and thus interest thousands who have not given the message a careful hearing. I.

**THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS  
WITH THE "SIGNS"**

First of all, entire consecration to God. Before starting out, instead of asking God to open the way, I ask Him to give me wisdom to walk in the ways already opened, for I believe at the present time ways are standing open in every direction, waiting for us to cooperate with God in rescuing the perishing. After I have made my requests, I know they have been granted, and I go out with the full determination of succeeding in the face of all difficulty.

With self entirely out of sight, and the Christ-life shining, I meet the people with Christian boldness, that can not be looked out of countenance, and they recognize it. I present to them a Christian Help Band card, which outlines the work in which I am engaged. I do not lose any time in letting them know that I am, from the very depths of my soul, intensely interested in fallen humanity, that I would go down to the very depths to rescue a soul, regardless of creed or nationality. At once all prejudice is broken down, and argument can not enter. At this point I exhibit the "Signs," by calling attention to the beautiful illustration in the first-page article, assuring them of the well-written articles pertaining to the signs of the times in which we are now living. I also call attention to the home circle department, and that this is a sixteen-page paper, laden with good, pure, clean literature. I then call attention to the "Health Journal," as

being a great and grand educator in healthful living. I am very particular to show them the cooking department. I hold the unfolded "Signs," together with the "Journal," telling them that the two can be had for ten cents. I do not have to give a canvass to more than one out of every fifteen, because the first impression made upon their minds with the Christian-help work sells the "Signs" and "Journal."

To this they respond heartily, saying: "You are manifesting the true Christian spirit, and anything aside from this is not Christian. I will gladly take your papers."

It is indeed touching to the hearts of the people to see my earnestness and faithfulness, going from house to house, giving all of my spare time to searching out the destitute and needy, helping them, and getting others interested in them. I will just mention one family. The mother was sick, with two little girls, who were destitute of food and clothing. The physician, who volunteered to treat any poor for whom I might request his services, took her case. His testimony was that her greatest trouble was a lack of proper food. After I had canvassed the neighborhood, that family was clothed and fed, until the mother is now strong and well, without medicine. That is only one instance. Many hearts have been made glad the same way. My three years' experience has caused me, more than once, to wish my whole life had been devoted to this work.

The best method that I know for selling the "Signs" is to let it accompany Christian-help work. One poor family in a neighborhood will enable me to sell "Signs" and books far and near, because it gives me an opportunity to gain the confidence of the people.

Judging from my own experience, it is a most excellent plan to work up a regular route in the neighborhood in which one lives, taking four weeks' subscriptions, which cost only fifteen cents. I have succeeded in working up a route of forty-eight, quite a number of whom give me five cents for each paper. I devote a part of every Wednesday to my regular route, the remaining

time selling extra papers. Wednesday, September 18, I worked six hours and sold sixty-two "Signs," ten "Pacific Health Journals," and three books. Just before finishing my route, I slipped and fell on the stone sidewalk, and broke my shoulder, but God saved my life. A dear sister, who had been my companion selling "Signs" in days gone by, volunteered to finish the route. She came back to me with her face all shining, and said: "You have lovely people in your route. It made my heart glad to meet them, and I am going to work up a route in my neighborhood, and see if I can find such nice people." That is one of the blessings that will grow out of my broken shoulder. Praise the Lord for that.

I have worked 140 hours since the camp-meeting in June, 1901, and have sold 1,277 "Signs," 14 German papers, 112 "Pacific Health Journals," 22 books, taken 10 subscriptions, and found 12 Bible readers. All this is the fruit of the Christian-help work.

Mrs. Phebe Press.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 20.

### CANVASSING IN ARIZONA

We have nothing but an encouraging report to make. We are continually confronted with evidences that the guiding hand of our great Captain is directing our course and crowning our efforts with success.

Since our last report \$321.80 worth of orders have been taken, at times about \$60 worth, or even more than that, being taken in one day. The harvest truly is white. It certainly is a source of extreme pleasure to the God-fearing canvasser, as he unfolds the grand and glittering truths contained in those heaven-inspired works, "The Desire of Ages" and "Christ's Object Lessons," to observe how readily the sin-parched soul drinks them in. If you can not appreciate this as being really the case, hesitating brother or sister, just launch out for yourself into the field of activity with some one of these good books. Take a "lay off" from your usual vocations.

Go out into the byways and hedges for a few weeks, and canvass, and thus share in getting the last message of mercy to the dying world. If you do this, there will come rushing into your life blessings which only the worker together with Christ can experience, and doubtless other souls will be saved in the glorious kingdom above on account of your efforts.

We have just completed a very successful delivery. Out of orders amounting to \$266.80, only six were lost.

While one of us was retracing the road already traveled, to deliver the books ordered, the other made a four days' tour of Verde Valley. This is a long, narrow valley, through the center of which flows a beautiful little river known by the same name.

A narrow strip of land on either side of the river is made very productive by its life-giving waters.

As we look at the beautiful fields of alfalfa, the thrifty orchards and vineyards, away out here in the midst of a barren desert, and realize that it is only the water of this stream which produces the contrast, oh, we long to be the means in the hand of God of administering to the many souls all around us, which are vastly more barren than even these arid wastes, the life-giving waters, of which, if a man drink, he shall never thirst!

The Lord blessed the work in this valley, giving for the four days' work orders to the amount of almost \$80.

After making our delivery in Prescott the first of next week, we expect to go to Skull Valley, about twenty miles distant, where we will spend the time until October 15.

There is a brother and family living here who desire to have some work done, so, besides canvassing, we hope to hold a few meetings and do Bible work, and thus awaken an interest in others to know more of God.

We desire an interest in the prayers of all God's people, for if there ever was a field where the worker needed the power of God and heavenly wisdom, it is here.

J. Ernest Bond,  
Frank S. Bond.

Prescott, Ariz., Sept. 23.

**SELLING "SIGNS"**

When our laborers went to Alaska, a small club of "Signs" was ordered, and immediately on arriving there they commenced to introduce the periodical. Up to August 31 Mrs. Watson and her daughter Rosa had sold 375 copies of the "Signs" and given away but 10 copies. They are now taking 100 copies a week of the paper. May their work continue to grow, and may others who read this item be encouraged to try this method of reaching the people with the truth. I

The teachers' institute at Healdsburg had its closing session Friday morning, September 13. The Spirit of the Lord was very marked in the closing meeting. The teachers, though feeling their need of wisdom beyond their own, were still of good courage, and they go forth to their fields of labor with confidence that God will bless them in their work. There were about forty in attendance during the entire institute. The instruction from the Lord's servant was received with the deepest interest. A number of college board meetings were held during the institute, and many new features were planned for the coming school year. Watch the forthcoming issues of the "Union Recorder" for an explanation of these new plans.

Brother H. H. Brand and wife have been selected by the Mission Board as members of the company of workers that will be sent to China to open up the work in that field of 400,000,000 people. Brother Brand has been asked to spend a few months in the Hawaiian Territory while en route to China.

"Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31.

**"SIGNS OF THE TIMES" AND  
"CHRIST'S OBJECT  
LESSONS"**

During October, November, and December, special agents' rates will be given on "Signs" subscriptions secured by those canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." These rates are 75 cents for new yearly subscriptions. They are also allowed to regular book agents, but not to Conference laborers, who always pay \$1.00 for yearly subscriptions and 60 cents for six months' subscriptions.

If desired, the paper and book may be combined at \$2.25, but neither the book nor the paper should be sold alone for less than the regular rate of \$1.25 for the book and \$1.50 for the paper.

We hope this special agents' privilege will be used in a way that will bring many precious souls to a knowledge of the truth.

"Signs of the Times,"  
Oakland, Cal.

Oct. 4, 1901.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Healdsburg College opened October 9, with a fair attendance.

Please notice the date of your subscription on the address label. Your time may be out.

Elder E. W. Webster writes that the work in Arizona is moving along encouragingly.

Elder W. T. Knox returned to his home in Oakland, Cal., the 7th inst., after an absence of six weeks.

The attendance at the Anglo-Chinese Academy at Honolulu on the opening day was sixty pupils; on the second day, seventy-two.

The St. Helena Sanitarium Food Company is planning to introduce its products in Salt Lake City, Utah, by opening a food store.

**NOTICE.**

Correspondents will please notice that the address of Elder J. H. Behrens, formerly of Great Falls, Montana, is now Honolulu, Hawaiian Territory.

Dr. Albert Carey, whose return from Honolulu was noted in our last issue, has gone to Oregon with the expectation of locating at some point in that state.

Elder J. H. Behrens, of Montana, sailed for Honolulu from Vancouver September 20, on the steamship "Miowera," to take the oversight of the work in the Hawaiian Territory.

An extensive reformation can be carried forward in this Union Conference by each member carrying out the great commission which was given by the Saviour to His disciples. Begin at home, and let the sweet message of salvation extend through the neighborhood.

The "Missionary Review of the World" says that in China there are 1,746 walled cities. Missionaries are only to be found in about 247 of them, leaving 1,500 unoccupied. In only 88 villages and unwallied towns have missionary stations been established.

Members of the San Francisco church say that they find more openings where Bible-readings can be given than can be supplied. "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

The following lines are taken from a communication written by Brother Walter Harper from Granite, Montana: "I am here now busy at work. The Master gives success. I have sought the Lord much for His glorious power and grace in my work. He does hear and answer. To-day here the dear Father gave me twenty-seven orders, valued at \$62."

Sister Georgia A. Burrus, who was for a number of years connected with the Bible work in California, but for the past eight years has been in India working to extend the everlasting gospel to the millions of that land, is now in this state. She is planning to visit as many of the leading California churches as her time will permit, laying before the brethren and sisters the conditions and needs of the great Indian field.

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The brethren throughout the Pacific Union Conference are invited to read the "Open Letter," from Sister Georgia A. Burrus, which appears in this issue. And as you read, consider what you can do to assist in that great field. We wish Sister Burrus would have the time to visit every church in this Union Conference, and lay before you some of her experiences in the vast Indian field, but this is impossible at present. You can, however, help the work with your contributions and your prayers.

Beginning with the next issue of the "Recorder," there will appear a series of articles that will consider the subject of "Missionary Work by Correspondence." In this time of the world's history every talent should be brought into line for extending the gospel to the world in this generation. Missionary work by correspondence will aid this effort, yet it is a line of our work that should be revived in every one of our churches. These articles will be full of suggestions as to how to work. It will be well for the church officers to see that all the members and especially the young people have access to this instruction.

## ANOTHER OPENING

In an interior town there is an opening for two trained nurses, man and wife—plenty of work. They must be thoroughly consecrated and able to assist in the church.

For particulars address J. J. Ireland, 1059 Castro Street, Oakland, Cal.

## THE "PACIFIC HEALTH JOURNAL"

A series of articles entitled "The Warfare against Tuberculosis" will appear in the "Pacific Health Journal," beginning with the November number. This may seem to some a hackneyed subject, but there is no more important problem before the medical world today than the limitation of tuberculosis. Only recently a congress of many of the most brilliant medical men of the world met in London, their entire attention being given to the question of tuberculosis.

The dissemination of knowledge regarding the disease is destined to save many lives. All who desire to do effective medical missionary work, and who wish to protect themselves from the ravages of this disease, should become intelligent on this subject. The articles in the "Health Journal" will give directions for the prevention of the spread of the disease and special hygienic rules for diminishing one's susceptibility to the disease; will tell how to detect tuberculosis in its incipiency, and how to treat tuberculosis in the home; the influence of climate, and the value of consumptive sanatoria will be considered.

Those desiring to secure these valuable articles should subscribe at once, sending 50 cents to "Pacific Health Journal," 1436 Market Street, San Francisco, Cal., or orders may be given through your local tract society.

Sample copy will be sent on application.

## EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE

Opens at Berrien Springs, Mich., October 30. It is the purpose of this school to train men and women for missionary work. Being under the supervision of the General Conference, and working with the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, the object becomes in the highest degree possible of attainment. Excellent opportunities are offered in this institution for students who desire to enter any one of the following departments: Ministerial, evangelistic, canvassing, Christian teaching, preparatory medical missionary, Christian business, and musical.

The calendar, an artistic pamphlet of sixty-five pages, setting forth in clear style the object and aims of the institution, is free upon application.

Address Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

## THE THIRD SABBATH IN OCTOBER

All the churches in the California Conference that have not already done so are requested to take up a collection on the third Sabbath in October for the Leininger Home Fund.

The elder or leader of the church is expected to read the testimony relating to the case of Brother Joseph Leininger on that day, after which all will be given an opportunity to give as the Lord may move upon their hearts. The Lord has spoken, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Isa. 1:19.

M. H. Brown.

## "MIRACLES AND DELUSIONS"

Is the title of a book that has just come from the press of the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

The author is Asa Oscar Tait. In the thirteen chapters the author has aimed to present the teachings of the Word of God on this important subject. The following are the titles of the chapters: "Desire to Know the Mysterious," "Craving for Power," "The Falling Away," "The Times of Refreshing," "Miraculous Workings That Deceive," "Spirit Manifestations," "Oriental Religions," "The Fountain of Life," "Truth, a Shield and Buckler," "Trying the Spirits," "The Science of Christianity," "Victory and Eternal Reward."

Cloth binding, 50 cents; paper covers, 15 cents.

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8.