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To set before our readers the matter of church organization and church regulations, as first presented to our people, we will present the conference address on the subject, which was the result of the Bible class of ministers, spoken of in our last article. The address is as follows:—

"The subject of organization having been referred to us by the late General Conference, with the request that we hold a Bible class thereon, and address you through the 'Review,' we have accordingly had the subject under investigation, and submit the following thoughts for your consideration:—

"Of the necessity of church organization, at this late period in the discussion of the subject, it is unnecessary for us to speak. That division of the subject which has been especially referred to us embraces the following points: (1) Manner of organizing a church; (2) officers and their duties; (3) the reception of members; and (4) letters of commendation.

"Where bodies of believers are brought out on the truth in new places, we would not recommend the immediate formation of a church. In such cases let a leader be appointed (this can perhaps best be done by the evangelist when he

raises up the church), and let social meetings be continued till such time as the individuals become thoroughly acquainted with each other, and ascertain with whom they can have fellowship, and who are qualified for the important duties of officers of the church. As to the particular manner of organizing a church, when the proper time comes, we shall be allowed to avail ourselves of the experience of several ministers, who have already adopted the following plan, and testify that it works well:—

"Let the minister request all those who propose to enter into church order to stand upon their feet, till it is ascertained whether perfect fellowship exists among them. If it does not, let those between whom the difficulty lies immediately retire and confer together, in order to arrive at an understanding. If this can not be arrived at, we know of no better way but that the accused should remain outside until the church is prepared to take action in his or her case.* It having been ascertained who are prepared to enter into church fellowship, let their names be attached to the following church covenant:—

"We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together as a church, taking the name of Sev-

*This form was soon changed, and a list of names was written, each one inspecting and marking a cross against any name they questioned, such name being treated as above. Still later others have adopted the plan of talking out the grounds of church-fellowship, then taking three or five who endorsed the principles, and who were in fellowship as a nucleus, and voting in the others one by one as they endorsed the principles, and declared themselves in fellowship with those already received.

enth-day Adventists, covenanting to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ.'

"The members being thus enrolled, they are prepared for the election of church officers. The following classes of rulers and officers of the Christian church are brought to view in the New Testament: Apostles, evangelists, elders, bishops, pastors, and deacons. These we would divide into two great classes, those who hold their office by virtue of an especial call from God and those selected by the church, the former embracing apostles and evangelists, and the latter, elders, bishops, pastors, and deacons.

"1. Apostles.—Apostle is from the word 'apostolos,' and signifies one sent forth, a messenger. It is used to designate in a preeminent sense the twelve apostles sent out by Christ; but it can not be confined to them nor to that age.

"(a) It can not be confined to the twelve. Christ was called an apostle. Heb. 3:1. Paul and Barnabas were called apostles. Acts 14:4, 14. Titus and other brethren were called messengers (Greek, apostles). 2 Cor. 8:22, 23. (The word 'of' in verse 23 is from the original 'uper,' and signifies about, concerning.) Epaphroditus was called a messenger (Greek, apostle). Phil. 2:25. Here we have at least four apostles besides the twelve, all living in the same age with them, which shows that the idea of perpetuating just twelve apostles in the church, as the Mormons and Irvingites hold, is unscriptural and absurd.

"(b) They can not be confined to the times covered by the New Testament record. First, the definition of the word 'apostle' being 'one sent out,' it follows that any one especially sent out of God in any age to proclaim His truth is in that sense an apostle. We think it more especially applicable to those who are called of God to lead out in any new truth or reform, such, for instance, as Luther, Melancthon, Wesley, and William Miller. Second, the Scriptures also show that apostles are to be perpetuated in the church. Eph. 4:1-13: 'And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith.' This testimony shows that the office of apostles runs coextensive with that of pastors and teachers, and other spiritual gifts, and is to last till the church, the body of Christ, all come into the unity of the faith.

"2. Evangelists.—This term is from the Greek 'Evangelistes,' and is thus defined by Robinson: 'Properly, a messenger of good tidings. In the New Testament, an evangelist, a preacher of the gospel, not fixed in any place, but traveling as a missionary to preach the gospel and establish churches. See Acts 21:8; Eph 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5.'

"We come now to the second class, those appointed by the church, namely, elders, bishops, pastors, and deacons.

"1. Elders.—This office is also expressed by the words 'bishop,' 'pastor,' and 'overseer.' To show that these are interchangeable terms for the same thing, we refer, first, to Titus 1:5, 7, 'For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee;' 'for a bishop must be blameless,' etc. The word 'elder,' in verse 5, is from 'presbuteros,' and signifies, primarily, according to Robinson, 'an elder person, a senior; as an officer of the church, it signifies the elders

of the Christian churches, presbyters, to whom was committed the direction and government of individual churches; properly the same as 'episkopos,' which see. The word rendered 'bishop,' in verse 7, is from this word 'episkopos,' and is defined by the same author as follows: 'In the New Testament spoken of officers of the primitive churches, an overseer, superintendent. This was originally simply the common Greek name of office, equivalent to "presbuteros," which latter was a Jewish term.' That elders and bishops are identical, is also shown from Acts 20:17, 28. The word 'elders,' in verse 17, is from 'presbuteros,' and the word 'overseers,' in verse 28, is from 'episkopos' (bishops). The term 'pastor' is from 'poimen,' and signifies literally a herdsman, a shepherd, specially a pastor, a teacher, a spiritual guide of a particular church. The definition of this term shows that it signifies the same as 'presbuteros' (elder), and 'episkopos' (bishop), a local office confined to a particular church.

"2. Deacons.—This term is from the Greek 'diakonos,' and is defined to signify primarily a waiter, an attendant, a servant; usually derived from 'dia' and 'konis,' one dusty from running; an officer in the primitive church; one who had charge of the alms and money of the church, an overseer of the sick and poor, an almoner. Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8, 12; Acts 6:1-6; also of a female, 'e diakonos,' who had charge of the female sick and poor. Rom. 16:1."

(Address to be continued in next number.)

J. N. Loughborough.

He who hath led, will lead
All through the wilderness;
He who hath fed, will feed;
He who hath blessed, will bless;
He who hath heard thy cry,
Will never close His ear;
He who hath marked thy faintest sigh,
Will not forget thy tear.
He loveth always, faileth never;
So rest on Him, to-day, forever!
—Selected.

"O that thou hadst harkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Isa. 48:18.

THE FIELD

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of prayer is in the past. Its blessings and opportunities have been within our reach. The complete results will be known only in eternity; but whatever they may be, whether loss or gain to us, will have depended entirely upon us, the children, and not upon our Father, for "if ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him!" Forth from Him there is ever flowing a great stream of blessing,—His Spirit, power, and life,—and into the fulness of its current He longs to see every child of men cast himself. All the blessings of the universe, all the fulness of Christ, are ours. They have been freely bestowed upon Christ, for us, for He "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ." Having freely given them to us, He longs to have us fully receive them.

It was my lot to be present in three or four places during the appointed season, and in all places much of the presence and blessing of God were enjoyed. The first days of the meeting were spent with the San Jose church. The attendance here was fair. The brethren entered heartily into the services. There was an earnest seeking after God, with the result that there was much joy realized in His presence. An evening with the Oakland church was enjoyed before leaving for Portland and College Place. At Portland, both with the church and sanitarium family, I was permitted to unite in this precious season during its closing days, but I was not here long enough to see the real results of the meetings, as I was obliged to be in College Place in time for an appointment for December 30. I was glad to reach College Place in time to take some part in the stirring revival that was in progress among the students and

church-members. Sinners were seeking the Lord and finding Him, and among the church-members there was a turning to Him with fulness of heart. More than a score had been baptized before I reached the college, and the work was still continuing.

Brethren, shall we not continue to press the battle against sin and come into closer touch with the living God? The blessings of this season should be to us but the beginning of a new experience, filled with the power and life of Christ, that will ever increase, until the message of God's mercy shall go to the uttermost parts of the earth with a power that will lighten it with the glory of God.

W. T. Knox.

COLLEGE PLACE, WASH.

The most of the month of December I was at the college, in College Place, Washington. The enrolment of the school was reported as 190. During the school days, for four weeks, the opening hour was given to me to talk to the students. The Spirit of God, its operation and gifts, and the development of the great second advent movement in the world, were among the principal studies with the students. The interest in these studies seemed to deepen from day to day. Besides these lessons, I gave some Sabbath-day discourses and talks in other meetings.

The last week at the college was the week of prayer. Elder Breed gave the readings, and led in the meetings during the first three days of the week. The professors of the school conducted the readings and special services the last of the week. My morning lessons were continued on the school days of the week of prayer, and the readings and special services were held in the evenings.

Revival work began with the first of the readings. Inquiry meetings were held for a half hour or more before each evening's reading, and unconverted students, young men and women, began to give themselves to the Lord's service. The last reading,

Sabbath, the 28th, was given by Elder Decker. At the close of this service, twenty-three of the students were baptized in the baptistry near the college building.

In the meeting held in the college chapel on the evening after the Sabbath, it was evident that the interest was spreading through the community, for the room was filled to the doors. It was decided to continue the six o'clock P. M. inquiry meetings through another week. Another baptism of students was to take place at the quarterly meeting, January 4. In the afternoon social meeting of December 28, about 150 spirited testimonies were borne in one hour. Sometimes as many as 30 would be on their feet at once, waiting their opportunity to speak forth their praises to the Lord for the good work wrought in them. I thank the Lord for the precious seasons enjoyed at the college. May the Lord still guide in the work there, is the prayer of

J. N. Loughborough.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

The week which was dedicated to prayer has brought new life and vigor to our people at this place, both among Americans and Mexicans. At our first meeting humbleness and contrition of heart were manifest. Self and selfish interests were put away, and new experiences were gained through faith in Jesus. A realizing sense of the importance of these times was deeply impressed upon all of our minds by the several readings. The tenor of prayer and testimony during the whole season was for a life nearer God, and consecration for service.

Our last meeting, Sabbath, December 28, was a union meeting of Americans, Mexicans, and Chinese. It was a blessed time. Although the prayers and testimonies were given in different languages, yet we all understood the language of the Spirit. One young man, with whom we had labored much, claimed the victory through Christ, and now starts out this new year with new life and experiences in the Master's service. We all

praise God for the manifestation of His power toward us.

W. L. Black.

Jan. 2, 1902.

PORTLAND, OREGON

In response to a call from the conference committee, I came from Shelton, Washington, November 19, to work in a pastoral way in connection with the church in East Portland. At the time of leaving Shelton, we had just finished the building of a neat house of worship. The house was dedicated November 17, with no indebtedness standing against it.

We baptized six precious souls there, and organized a church of seventeen members. With some reluctance we left that field, and yet the call from here was urgent. From the time of our arrival in Portland, it has been evident that the time was fully due for a work to be done for the church here, and through them for this excellent missionary field.

Encouraging evidences of God's favor have been seen at each step taken thus far. The "forward movement" is beginning in our midst. Personally I feel its reviving influence. God is on the giving hand. Steps forward and higher are being taken by a goodly number here. The results are seen in the Sabbath services, in the missionary meetings, and in the prayer-meetings, as well as in other parts of the work. While some who have been long in the way are dropping into step with the "forward movement," backsliders and those who have never known the good way are coming, too. The work is only begun, however, and we hope in God for a revelation of Himself among us far beyond what we have yet asked or thought.

The week of prayer was a good time for us, starting a wave of awakening which has not receded, but rather is receiving a new impetus daily, and we trust will widen more and more, until the whole church is within its compass.

The week-of-prayer offerings thus far have passed the \$310 mark. And yet it seems as though we have not sacrificed.

I feel to rejoice at the concert of voices we are now hearing, proclaiming with ever-increasing clearness the good news of the coming King. I am seeking for a more perfect yielding of all for the advancement of this glorious work. "Onward, forward," is our Lord's command.

F. M. Burg.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN MONTANA

God has visited His people in Montana during this important occasion, as indicated by the following reports:—

MISSOULA

Brother Peter Wall, the elder, writes as follows: "Daily meetings were held in our church, and all seemed much strengthened and encouraged. Our members expressed themselves as having received much from the Lord, and a determination seemed to be in every heart to press nearer to God and be more faithful in His work. The readings seemed to be highly appreciated, and an earnest desire was manifested in seeking the Lord. The annual offering amounted to about \$60."

HELENA

C. J. Bausch, the leader, in speaking of the meetings in Helena, says: "A beautiful spirit seemed to lead in all the exercises of each day, and I must remark that a freedom in both prayer and testimony was the joy of the members. The readings were timely, also applicable for a progressive and prosperous spiritual knowledge of our work and needs now. Many during this season of prayer surely found the Lord as never before. The donations amounted to \$23.25."

MILES CITY

Robert Torrance, the elder, writes the following: "It is the universal testimony of the whole church that there never was a season like it here before. Oh, how I thank God for His Spirit at this time! There was a regular at-

tendance, almost without exception. Perfect harmony and love prevailed, and the Lord came very near at each meeting. The burden of each prayer and testimony was for more of the Spirit of God, that we may be enabled to live the truth at home and abroad. The testimony of many was that they never felt like this before. Oh, pray for us, that in each case the anchor may hold! Our offerings amounted to \$13."

DARBY

Sister Carrie Kyle writes that smallpox has broken out in their community, and has closed the schools and all public places, and that no services were held by them during the week of prayer. The members, however, had their readings at home, which we hope were profitable to all. One family of their little company was quarantined during the week.

BOZEMAN

Russell Rittenhouse writes: "We had a profitable season at Bozeman during the week of prayer. The attendance was good, and all seemed to sense the responsibility of carrying the message to earth's remotest bounds. Hearts were touched and tendered, and all seemed to feel the deep moving of the Spirit of God that was present to convict of sin, and urge us to a deeper consecration in the future. We in a measure realize the responsibility resting upon us, as God's peculiar people, to warn the world of the soon-coming Saviour. The donations were \$32.11."

HAMILTON

David Quinn writes that, as some of their little company went to other churches, no special services were held there. All are of good courage, however, and some new ones are embracing the truth.

STEVENSVILLE

R. N. Barker, church elder, writes that God greatly blessed the church during the season of prayer; and, although at first the meetings seemed to drag, later the power of God came in, and three souls were converted and joined the church, subject to baptism.

All the members seemed greatly encouraged to press onward in the divine life.

These are all the reports that have come in so far; probably more will come in later.

W. B. White.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

The work in this city has many encouraging features, one of which is the almost constant accessions to the church membership. Since the close of our camp-meeting, August 24, thirty persons have united with the church by baptism and two on profession of faith and former baptism. Of these not more than three have been baptized at any one time, so that almost every other Sabbath there have been one or more baptized. It is with difficulty that the people are seated on the Sabbath, our present quarters being too small. There are some who are staying away from the services because they have had trouble in the past in finding seats when they did come.

The church-school is being transferred to the new school building, and that will enable us to take steps to enlarge the auditorium of the church. Just how this shall be done will be the first question to be settled by the officers of the church in the new year.

Beside the Sabbath services, we hold a regular appointment for Sunday night. Almost a year ago we began a verse-by-verse study of the book of Revelation in these Sunday-evening meetings. We are now considering the twenty-first chapter. The interest and attendance have been good all the way through, and we feel assured that the plan of a book study in regular weekly appointments is a good one. The Lord has certainly blessed in this case. There are at the present time a number who are much interested in the themes presented, and we hope to see all of these ere long take a firm stand for the truth.

Above we referred to the new church-school building. This is a frame structure 28x40, and two stories high. The lower story consists of a hall, cloak-room, small recitation room, large school room, and store room. The upper story has large school room, cloak room, screen porch, and two living rooms for the principal of the school.

The building presents a neat appearance on the outside, and is both neat and comfortable within. It stands upon a piece of ground 80 feet by 146 feet. The ground cost in round numbers \$1,100, the building \$1,600, making a total cost of \$2,700. Of this amount \$2,000 has been raised or pledged. The remainder, about \$700, we hope soon to raise.

The school is doing good work, and although it has cost us all a sacrifice to start the school and provide it a home, we all feel to thank God and take courage, and are indeed glad that we have undertaken the matter.

During the week of prayer just passed, we had some excellent meetings. The Spirit of God was present in a marked degree, especially during some of the 2 P. M. prayer-meetings. In fact, all the afternoon prayer-meetings, although lightly attended, were seasons of real refreshing to those who were present.

The donation was small for a church with so large a membership, but this was due to the fact that extra efforts had been made for the church-school building.

Trusting in the blessing of the Lord for the future, we ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters in the Lord.

R. S. Owen.

DEDICATION AT ESCONDIDO, CAL.

Sunday, Jan. 5, 1902, the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Escondido, southern California, was dedicated to the Lord's service. This church, which is a fine brick structure, was built by the South Methodist people several years ago, at a cost of \$2,700. By the good providence of God and the kindly offers of the former owners, the

building, with two lots, passed into the hands of our people at a cost of only \$400. This amount was cheerfully donated by our brethren and friends, so that the church was presented to God free from debt.

In addition to the spacious auditorium of the church, there is quite a large apartment adjoining, which is now used as a church-school room, and, in time to come, when our people in Escondido are more numerous, this room will be useful for Sabbath-school purposes. The school-room is separated from the auditorium by folding doors. Could we have planned the building of the church, we could not have arranged it more conveniently for all purposes.

In connection with the dedicatory service, a two-days meeting was held with the Escondido and San Pasqual companies. Meetings were held in both churches Sabbath, and all united in service in the new church Sunday. There was also quite a good attendance from the outside. A good spirit prevailed throughout, reminding us of camp-meeting occasions.

Elders Santee and Healey and the writer were present.

R. W. Miller.

NORDHOFF AND RIVERSIDE, CAL.

A week after closing our tent meetings at Nordhoff, Brethren McElhany and Rawson went to Santa Barbara, while Mrs. Knight and the writer remained to develop what interest appeared to be left; but, from outward appearances, not much more was accomplished. The best results were seen in three persons, who entered fully into the truth, while several others seem to have done so only nominally. One young lady has already connected with the Los Angeles Sanitarium. It is beyond our knowledge to tell what the future course of still others will be who have been investigating; but seed has been sown in many hearts there. Many pages of papers and tracts were distributed, a few books sold, and fruit from their silent work will at some time appear.

December 5 we came to River-

side. We found a larger company of our people here than we expected to see. Some have recently come from other states. The brethren here do not have their own place of worship, and suitable buildings being scarce, the work has suffered, because the place now used can be had only two hours on Sabbath; hence workers' meetings could not be frequently held. The week-of-prayer meetings were held at private houses, and were well attended, not only by our people, but as many as ten not of our faith have met with us, and shown a deep interest. Some are inquiring about the truth, and request us to visit them. A larger missionary donation was given than we looked for, and we anticipate a marked revival of missionary interests here. A new meeting-place has just been secured in the center of the city, and it is designed to begin a course of meetings for the public in the near future. The outlook for our work at Riverside is encouraging to me.

The church-school matter is also engaging our attention, but, owing to the lateness of the season, it may not be practicable to get one started now; but we have not given it up. We have seen the Lord's leading hand so much of late that He should be greatly praised.

C. E. Knight.

Jan. 1, 1902.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

MONTEREY, TRES PINOS, AND PACIFIC GROVE

After the close of the special series of meetings, some time was left in waiting for an opening. Different places were in view, but we felt anxious for Pacific Grove. Finally the way seemed to open for a series of meetings in that place. At this juncture we were called to Tres Pinos, to help finish the work and organize. We spent about two weeks here, and organized a small church of those already here and some who had accepted the truth during the meetings.

Brother and Sister Holmes were finding several in Pacific Grove who were interested in Bible-readings, and it was thought that we might succeed in getting a public hearing. This proved a failure, as only a few would come out, and those few did not attend regularly. Not even those who were taking readings could attend the preaching services; so they were closed, with the clear conviction that what was done in this place must be done by personal effort. A few are keeping the Sabbath, as a result of the house-to-house work here. Six members were added to the Monterey church.

I am thankful for the goodness of the Lord in blessing the work, and that some precious souls have accepted His call.

Some mistakes have been made in planning for the work, which resulted in delays; but, with clearer knowledge and more care, we trust they may not occur again.

D. T. Fero.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CAL.

The third angel's message is progressing in this part of the vineyard. The district council met and planned that as much help and work as possible should be given the churches of this district during the week of prayer. This was done, and good reports come to us from all the companies. Many re-consecrated themselves to God and His work. Four adults applied for baptism. Another promised to keep all of God's commandments. Liberal donations were cheerfully offered to help speed on the message in foreign lands, or to our "neighbors across the sea."

The new church building at Blue Lake is nearly finished, and will soon be ready for dedication. It is a neat, comfortable house 22x34 feet, and is a credit to the town and a joy to the brethren.

The Dows Prairie church has lately been painted, papered, and reseated, also a new organ provided. This has made a good impression on the minds of the public in that vicinity. Brother Kellogg has rendered valuable assistance to this district, especially

in the way of church work. He is now attending the institute in San Francisco.

The Alton church has begun the erection of a new house of worship in their midst, which we believe will be a blessing and comfort to them, and an honor to God, and a strength to His cause there in the eyes of the world.

The Eureka church is preparing for a church-school by erecting a new school building, which we trust will put the church-school work on a solid basis here. We hope to see this work hastened along and our children early placed where they can have the best of school privileges and Christian care.

Our sanitarium is running smoothly and doing good work under Dr. Dail's management, having the patronage of the most influential people of Eureka. Also our health food store, under the management of Brother Henry Hodge, is doing a fair business for the length of time it has been in operation.

We have a number of urgent calls for labor in new places, which we hope to be able to fill in the near future. We are of good cheer in the Lord, and ask of our brethren and sisters in the California Conference a kindly remembrance at the throne of grace.

C. M. Gardner,

A. S. Marchus.

Jan. 7, 1902.

LATON, HANFORD, LEMOORE, AND GRANGEVILLE

At each of these places I spent two days during the week of prayer. Except at Hanford, the meetings were good and well attended. Here the meetings for some reason were very poorly attended, but the few in attendance were benefited. At Grangeville the attendance was fair and the interest really good, some taking advanced steps. At Lemoore the attendance was fine all through, and often large. Some who had been backslidden professed to be greatly encouraged, taking a new start. For all of these indications for good we are thankful to God.

J. W. Bagby.

Armona, Cal., December 29.

SHASTA COUNTY, CAL.

The work of God is onward in this county. To many of God's dear children the pillar of cloud is rising, and the watchword is "onward."

Since the last report another one has been added to the band at Buckeye. The little company there are of good courage, and, as new-born babes, are feeding upon the words of truth, and growing thereby. Each family takes the "Review" and "Health Journal." They also take a club of "Signs" for missionary work, and are keeping up their Sabbath-school and after meetings.

Notwithstanding they are not well off in this world's goods, they recognize God's ownership of them and their all, by giving to Him His own. And as God purposes that the truth and the truth lover shall come together, so has He planned that the truth finder will become the truth giver. Hence these dear souls are anxious to give the truth to their relatives and friends. Pray that they may have wisdom to teach the truth in meekness and fear, that their loved ones and neighbors may see and obey it as it is in Jesus.

Because of almost a failure of the fruit crop in and around Anderson last year, Brother Dillon did not succeed in placing as many "Object Lessons" in the homes as we desired. And while he found considerable prejudice existing there, yet he met several who were very pleasant and desirous of studying the Bible. Two dear souls there, who once heard the truth and felt its power, but who had wandered away from the Father's house, are inclined to return, and I understand they have said, "I will arise, and go to my Father."

We believe there are a number of truth lovers in that place, and, the Lord willing, we purpose to carry it to them after the institute.

I spent part of the week of prayer with the Redding company. The Lord came very near to us. The company there are of good courage, and are planning for more vigorous work with their neighbors. The week-of-prayer readings were to them meat in due

season. There are six or eight in this county that are awaiting baptism. I would ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for the success of the work here.

W. L. Sims.

CROWS LANDING, CALIFORNIA

I came to Crows Landing the first part of November. My work was devoted to the Scandinavians, there being a small settlement ten miles from here. I worked from house to house. Some became interested, and one family decided to obey the truth. Subscriptions and book sales amounted to \$14.50.

I spoke in the church on the Sabbath during my stay. We had excellent meetings during the week of prayer.

Before leaving, I assisted Elder Scott Harmon in ordaining church officers, one elder and one deacon.

The last part of the week of prayer was spent at Stockton. We had a good attendance on the Sabbath, and the Lord was present, bringing blessings to every heart. The Lord is good. Blessed be His holy name.

A. Brorsen.

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RED BLUFF, CALIFORNIA

The camp-meeting held here last October was the means of creating quite an interest and allaying prejudice. A retired minister and some of his friends said they had not heard such powerful preaching for ten years. Eight have united with the church by letter since the camp-meeting. Some of these came to get the benefit of the church-school, which has a membership of twenty-four. The scholars that attend regularly are making good progress.

The resident members of the church and some of their relatives were in regular attendance at the services of the week of prayer, which was a season of refreshing from the Lord. The donations to missions were \$23.25.

We have been holding meetings regularly at Dibble Creek, eight miles from town, Sunday afternoons for four months, and have

had a Sunday-school of about twenty-five members, who have attended quite regularly for two months. They study the same lessons we are having in our schools. I have commenced regular Bible studies weekly at Reed's Creek. Tuesday afternoons a few meet for prayer and study of the Scriptures. There are other openings, but we have not been able to fill them.

Sister Hickox has been a great help to us with her musical gift, both here in town and in the country, and we have appreciated Elder Hickox's help during a part of the week of prayer and on other occasions that he could be with us.

The outlook for the work here is quite encouraging.

Brethren, pray for us.

M. C. Israel.

Jan. 3, 1902.

ARROYO GRANDE, PASO ROBLES, AND MORGANHILL

My plan for the week of prayer was to visit the churches at Arroyo Grande, Paso Robles, and San Jose, also to find some scattered brethren. These last I failed to reach, and, on account of some misunderstanding, other help was provided for San Jose; so I spent the last Sabbath at Morganhill.

Being unacquainted with the country and the churches, I could not plan ahead to the best advantage; but in these different places the people were ready to respond to the demands which the present needs of the work are making, and in general they seem hungry for the advanced truths of the message. So far as I could see, the occasion will prove a help and blessing to the people. I improved the chance to learn as much as possible of the openings for aggressive work and the needs of the churches.

Certainly the need of the field is great, and my sincere prayer is that this season of seeking the Lord may prove not only a blessing to the churches, but that it may facilitate, in this conference, the object of the institute, by helping the laborers to a higher standard of efficiency and consecration.

D. T. Fero.

VACAVILLE AND WOODLAND

During the week of prayer I met with the Vacaville church. We held two meetings every day, which were well attended. The Lord's good Spirit was in our meetings, and many expressed the desire to arise and go forward with the message, in harmony with the spirit of the readings.

The danger of lukewarmness and the few that in their present condition would reach the kingdom, were dwelt upon, with the remedy, to give up ourselves, with all that we have, to the Lord, and begin active, personal work in His service.

Mrs. Morrison met with the Woodland church. The spirit of the Lord was manifestly present, and they had a very profitable time. One aged brother said that it was the best week of prayer that he had ever attended, as his son was converted during the meetings.

Isaac Morrison.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER

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| Foreign Missions | \$ 62 79 |
| India Tract Fund | 69 77 |
| Leininger Home Fund | 37 96 |
| Society Islands Fund | 203 10 |
| Home of the Friendless | |
| B. F. | 68 00 |
| Home of the Friendless | |
| Don. | 18 42 |
| Healdsburg College | 31 70 |
| California Tract Society. | |

TITLE RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER

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| Alameda, \$2.95; Bishop, \$10.75; |
| Buckeye, \$6.55; Burrough, \$30; |
| Chico, \$13.50; Dows Prairie, |
| \$58; Eureka, \$8.50; Grangeville, |
| \$126.85; Healdsburg, \$35; Le- |
| moore, \$535.21; Lodi, \$6.43; Mon- |
| terey, \$10.15; Napa, \$91.69; Oak- |
| land, \$1,461.90; Placerville, \$55; |
| Redding, \$18; Sacramento, \$62.30; |
| San Francisco, \$225.15; San Jose, |
| \$145.92; Santa Cruz, \$20; Santa |
| Rosa, \$3.40; Sebastopol, \$196.51; |
| Selma, \$75.35; Stockton, \$300; |
| Tres Pinos, \$8.45; Vacaville, |
| \$104.40; Williams, \$5.80; Yering- |
| ton, \$1.00; personal, \$138.72; total, |
| \$3,757.48. |

ECHOES FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO INSTITUTE

The names of sixty-two workers are on the institute roll.

Quite a large number of the laity are availing themselves of the valuable instruction being given.

Those who are not present are missing a grand opportunity for becoming enlightened as to what constitutes the third angel's message up to date.

Reorganization is not effected by removing officers and changing organizations, but by the putting on of the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of Him that created him.

The cause in principle and purpose is one, and always was and always will be, though the work resolves itself into four departments, ministerial, educational, medical, publishing.

He only is truly recreated, and therefore reorganized, who is permeated by the spirit of the cause, and represents in his life all branches of the work.

In order to succeed, the worker must have the power to create something out of nothing. This every worker will have when he is thoroughly reorganized, for he will then have the power of God, which has done that very thing, and can do it again.

It is written, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, . . . full of grace and truth." God wants the Word again made flesh, that the world may behold His glory; for again it is written, "The glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them." So let it be in the case of every believer, to the praise and glory of His name.

The true higher education is to know God and Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent. The possessor of this knowledge has everlasting life.

There is a true and a false education. Each has its trinity. Doubt, error, and ignorance are the trinity of secular education, as indicated by the utterances of its advocates. Faith, truth, and knowledge are the trinity of Christian education. Which is true and which false education?

Choose ye this day which you will have and which you will advocate.

Some one has said that "words are living, and if you cut them, they will bleed." But how many thus regard them in their study of language. They are generally studied as mere forms instead of real things, as they are. "The Word was made flesh," we are told by unimpeachable testimony. "God spake and it was," and always will be. Because of the indestructibility of matter, words are eternal. In your study of language always study them as such.

God is accurate to an absolute truth. Examine all that He does as critically as you may, and you will find absolute completeness. There is no small degree of religion in accuracy. Herein lies the religion of spelling, arithmetic, reading, and every detail of life. He who fails to reach absolute accuracy to that degree comes short of absolute truth, and to this extent fails to get the power that truth contains to sanctify. Absolute accuracy is therefore essential to absolute sanctification.

Henry Scott.



METHODS OF WORK

(Concluded)

FORMAL GATHERINGS IN OUR HOMES

Announce that some evening you are going to have a study circle in your house, perhaps on the subject of food and its relation to health. Somebody says, "I can not do that." You ought to be able to do it. You ought to take an interest in that work. Go ahead and do what you can. If you go round among your neighbors, if your influence is what it ought to be, and should be, and may be, go round and tell those people that on a certain evening you are going to have a study circle in your home; you will have a bigger audience than you think for. When you begin doing this kind of thing,

a whole lot of things in your personal experience that worried you will vanish. Next morning you will get up and will experience the most glorious day you have enjoyed for a long time. It says in the Bible that your "health will spring forth speedily" if you do some of these things. Many people are dying of sheer selfishness. It may not be best to start with a health subject. Maybe you ought to have a study on the love of God, or how we can help forward the cause of temperance. Begin on the thing you think will do most good. Try as far as possible to agree with people. This notion that some seem to unconsciously cherish, that we have to disagree with everybody as much as we can, is born from beneath. "As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

One thing that is deplorable is the tendency of young people, youthful workers, to manifest a spirit of disrespect for their seniors. If a young worker, be careful, walk cautiously, deal gently. Go slowly with those older than you are. If you think people are prejudiced against coming to your house, get them into the best house you can. Pray to the Lord for wisdom. Every person who has seen truth is under obligations to give it to some one else. That very experience constitutes their credentials from heaven to go and work in teaching others. You may say you will make mistakes. Of course you will; and you will be tempted to get discouraged. Better make some mistakes and do something for the Lord than stand still and do nothing. It is a poor consolation to make few mistakes and do nothing. It is a greater consolation to take hold and do something, even if you do make mistakes.

BIBLE READINGS

All can do something in this line. Do not make the mistake of copying out of a book a reading which somebody else has given. When you do, you take the life out of the whole thing. Go down and ask the Lord to give you a Bible-reading fresh from heaven. Then go and give that.

WORK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

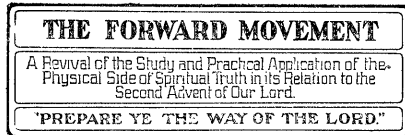
I do not think young people should be left alone to struggle along by themselves. It may be there are trusted individuals of the older class of young people who could be intrusted with various responsibilities. Do everything you can to get young people into actual contact with real, live Christian work. That ought to be our great ambition. There is work for the young that old people can not do. Send young people around with baskets of flowers to hospitals, and with a paper here and there. Get them to go out and invite people into your meetings. As fast as the work is developed, systematize it and organize it. Get your work started, then organize it. Do not try to get a great organization first, and then have everybody occupied with oiling the machinery. I have more faith in a movement than in an organization. You say, "Well, now, I think we ought to organize and hold cottage meetings." Don't you do anything of the kind, but hold cottage meetings; and when you get hold of so many that you are liable to be trampling on each other, then come to an understanding about your work, etc. You do not need much of an organization when a building is on fire. You do not have committee meetings on the street to understand that water is needed. Everybody has an instinct that water is wanted. The thing is to see what needs to be done, and then organize yourself and do it. Look out for cases of sickness in your neighborhood. All the experience you need is courage to begin. When any one is sick in your neighborhood, go to that bedside; see if there is something you can do. You ought to do it, because it is as much a work of mercy to attend a man physically as it is to minister to him spiritually. The heart is often more tender in sickness. In case of death in the family, even if entire strangers—unless in cases of some social caste where you would be entirely unwelcome—get into their home, and do anything you can for them. It may be the time of times when the truth seed may find its way into

the heart and grow to maturity. Carry papers to the jail. Say something to prisoners in a personal way. Go in and do personal work, and let the jailer see that you are a missionary worker. And by and by, in all probability, he will ask you to go and hold a meeting.

Visit hospitals; try to do the work we ought to do, and the work that no one else is doing, and do not get in anybody's way nor compete with any one. We ought to be leading the procession in the march of reform. If we are going to keep in the front ranks of reforms, we will have to march faster than we have done in the past forty years. W. S. Sadler.

"It is the privilege and duty of all who have health and strength to render to God active service."

"The opportunity that is now ours to speak to some needy soul the word of life may never offer again."—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 343.



THE SPIRIT OF HEALTH PRINCIPLES

"The body is dead, . . . but the spirit is life." So said the apostle Paul, and his pregnant words may be applied to the principles of health. Take the divine life away from these principles, and they become dull, arbitrary rules, a veritable yoke of bondage, an instrument of death instead of the minister of life.

The life of the health principles is Christ. The true motive for building up the strength and beauty of the body is in order that it may be the fit temple of the Holy Spirit. The glory of God should be the uppermost thought in the mind of every intelligent creature. Now, the glory of God is His perfect character, of which His law, both natural and moral, is a revelation. Therefore the de-

sire to glorify God impels one to seek to know and strictly obey the physical laws governing the health and well-being of the body.

Quibbling over small matters is one way to take the life out of these great principles. Prescribing for others precisely the same rules as you have adopted for yourself is another way of losing the life and attractiveness of true health reform. Remember that principles are living things. If they are to thrive, they must have fit soil and an abundant supply of the divine sunshine. Moreover, they must be allowed to grow and adapt themselves to the circumstances, just as any other living thing. As soon as you have put a limit to the size of a given tree, you have pronounced its death sentence, for a tree can not live without growing. Just so when you precisely define a divine principle, it becomes in your hands a dead thing. You may embalm and adorn it so that it may appear beautiful to the eye, but the action is wanting. The saving power is not there, and the thing is practically worthless.

It is a very hard thing to live by rules, but it is a most easy and natural thing to live in accordance with divine, living, and life-giving principles. Health reform, while apparently pertaining especially to the physical organism, is essentially a spiritual matter. We put away fleshly lusts not only as health destroying, but also because they war against the soul. In fact, rightly considered, the interests of body and soul are identical. Correct physical habits and a pure diet help to build up a pure body, which is the only fit instrument of a pure mind.

Because health principles are spiritual, we need the aid of the Spirit in order to properly comprehend them. On a casual examination, many things may appear inconsistent; but prayerful, earnest, persevering study will reveal only beauty and harmony. That which Christians specially need to realize in these days is the close connection between physical and spiritual things, and the obligation resting upon all to glorify God in their body as well as in spirit.

M. E. Olsen.

QUERY CORNER

1. How can we hold a Sabbath-school convention without the help of some experienced worker?

A.—In another column you will see a report of a convention in which no person in attendance had ever before been present at a convention. And yet the Lord blessed their efforts so much that they intend that this one shall not be their last.

Now as to how to begin. If you have received a suggestive program from your state secretary, call a meeting of your officers, and any others who wish to come, or have a committee appointed to do this. Study the program, choosing from it such subjects as you feel will best meet the needs of your school, or substituting other subjects if you prefer. The experiences, and perhaps the perplexities, which you as officers and teachers are meeting from time to time in the school, will be some of the subjects which you will need to consider. Then decide who can best present each of the subjects chosen, not forgetting to place some of the burdens upon the young and diffident members, as this will be a most excellent means of developing their talents and drawing them out. After your program has been thus arranged, proceed to assign the topics, asking the individuals to be prepared to present the subject in the form of a talk, to be followed by a general discussion. Those who have not had experience in such work will probably find it hard, but the efforts which they have to make will be of inestimable value to themselves. They will find it a good plan to write a paper upon the subject which they are to present, and then study till they can handle the subject without reference to the paper.

Such conventions as these result in more good than do those which require no special effort or study upon the part of the members of the school, because they have some minister or other worker come and do it all for them. Try it, and see if this is not true.

2. Is it best for the same person to always review the school?

A.—Of course the superintendent is responsible for the review, but it is proper for him to ask others to assist him in this work. It usually adds much to the interest of the school to have different ones chosen to review occasionally. Besides, this is an excellent way to develop workers. Help those who are competent, but too diffident to ever develop without special encouragement. Give them all the help they need in preparing the review, and then make them feel that you are praying for them instead of criticizing any awkward mistakes which they may make. Thus you may be helping others to become good and efficient workers for Christ. C. R. K.

Are you shining for Jesus, dear one?
 You have given your heart to Him;
 But is the light strong within it,
 Or is it but pale and dim?
 Can everybody see it,
 That Jesus is all to you,
 That your love to Him is burning
 With radiance warm and true?
 Is the seal upon your forehead,
 So that it must be known
 That you are all for Jesus,
 That your heart is all His own?
 —Frances Ridley Havergal.

CONVENTION AT GRASS VALLEY

A Sabbath-school convention was held at Grass Valley, California, December 28. The exercises consisted of appropriate songs, reading of papers, and lively discussions.

Some of the subjects considered were, "The Importance of Searching the Scriptures;" "Dangers of Formalism;" "How To Be a Consecrated Teacher;" and "How to Train the Pupils."

From a private letter from the superintendent of this school we take the liberty of quoting the following lines: "For several reasons we could not have our convention before Christmas; but on December 28 a few of the members of the Nevada school, and one from Rough and Ready, met with us in Grass Valley.

"There was not one present who had ever attended a convention, but we asked the Lord to direct, and we all enjoyed much of His Holy

Spirit. We shall never forget our first convention, and I am sure it will not be our last. All were free to take part, but only a few papers were written. I am glad to say our school is advancing spiritually."

The last statement is true of any school which will take hold of the work with the zeal and push which are shown in this instance. As they could not have the help of any one who had experience in holding conventions, they determined to gain an experience by doing. That spirit brings its own reward. We feel sure that this convention was productive of far better results than are those in which all the work and the study are done by some one outside the school, while its members are only passive listeners. C. R. K.

DANGERS OF FORMALISM

[Read at the Grass Valley Convention.]

In the beginning it was God's plan to instruct His people in the most simple manner, to reveal His character to them in His creative works; but after the fall man became so sinful that he could not comprehend God in nature. Then it became necessary for Him to give a written law. In doing so, He used no superfluous words. It could be readily understood by a child. It has been His way all through time to be most simple in His teaching, and it is His wish that we as teachers, whether such by precept or example, should follow as He has led.

Before Christ came to this world, the worship of God had become so surrounded by forms and ceremonies that very little true heart service remained. The scribes and Pharisees claimed to be the most righteous of all the people, and they followed only forms and doctrines of men. It was through this custom that they drifted so far away from God, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men," having nothing left but their own self-righteousness, which is as "filthy rags" in the sight of Heaven. Isa. 64:6.

Christ saw that they were drifting so far away, their minds be-

coming so befogged, that it was impossible for them to discern the true religion, and in mercy and love He consented to come and spend a few years among sinful men, in order that, by beholding His life and listening to His teaching, they might return to the path from which they had so far departed.

How striking the contrast between the two teachers! It is said of the Pharisees, in Matt. 6:5, that they "loved to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets." They chose the most conspicuous places, put on the most sanctimonious manner, and arrayed themselves in beautiful garments, that they might attract the attention of the people. Their worship was one long list of forms and ceremonies "grievous to be borne."

Now, with what peace and love we can turn and study for a moment our Saviour's teaching! Before He entered His public ministry, He spent His time as a common laborer, attracting no more attention than His friends and neighbors, only in His unwavering loyalty to God. When the time came for Him to commence His public work, He was so different from what they were expecting to see that it was hard for them to believe that He was really the Messiah for whom they had been looking. Where was the pomp and splendor which they had expected to see accompanying their King. Instead of taking His throne among them with all the ceremony and festivities usually attending such an event, He mingled with the poor, Himself being one of them, having not where to lay His head. Matt. 8:20. The greater part of his instruction was given in the open air. In company with His disciples, He would make His way to some quiet nook in the mountains or upon the seashore, and there, with the multitudes gathered about Him, He would talk to them of His heavenly Father's love and the salvation of their souls.

Where was the formalism that is seen to-day in some of our churches? It was not to be found where Christ was the teacher.

Above their heads was the clear blue sky; beneath their feet, the soft, green grass; but there, sitting upon the ground, they could listen for hours to the words of life and truth spoken to them by their Teacher, the Son of God, but who made Himself as one of them, sitting in their midst, His pulpit only such as nature herself might furnish Him.

To-day the congregation sit in velvet-cushioned pews; their minister stands in a splendid pulpit; everything is strictly formal and carried on in perfect order; but, alas, they snore peacefully while he cries, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace"! Jer. 6:14.

The people in general look upon the outward appearance, not upon the heart; but Christ tells us to make not only the outside of the cup and platter clean, but also the inside. Matt. 23:25.

This is borne out in the Testimonies. We must have system and order in our public meetings, also in our home life, but make it secondary to the love of God, which must be so implanted in our hearts that it will shine out through our lives, drawing and attracting all who come in contact with us.

Christ told the Pharisees that they were as whited sepulchers, making a most beautiful outward appearance, but inwardly full of all uncleanness. Matt. 23:27. And as He sat upon Mt. Olivet, speaking the words which comprise the most wonderful sermon ever preached, He told His followers that, unless their righteousness should exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, they should in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:20.

The years of Christ's life upon this earth were spent in teaching others how to worship God in an acceptable manner. And even we, down at the close of time, can gain this knowledge by a diligent study of His Word.

It is our duty to have everything "done decently and in order." 1 Cor. 14:40. But let us never permit formality and custom to take the place in our hearts which should be occupied by a yearning desire to save souls.

Amy Crawford.

CONVENTION AT PASADENA, CAL.

This convention was held by the Pasadena Sabbath-school on December 22, at 7:00 P. M. After singing "Cross and Crown," an earnest petition was offered by Brother C. D. Chapman, asking the blessing of God upon the Sabbath-school work. The children then sang "Beautiful Angels Watching Close By."

An excellent paper on the "Object of the Sabbath-school" was read, showing that the three main objects are: (1) To study the life and character of Jesus, that we may become like Him; (2) to lead the little lambs into the fold; and (3) to inspire all to become workers for the Lord. The discussion that followed was led by Elder R. S. Owen, and was very interesting and instructive.

The next in order was a recitation, by the intermediate division, on "The Parables of Jesus," each little one illustrating his parable by the object mentioned in the parable. As they left the rostrum, they surrounded the organ and sang "I've Found the Pearl of Greatest Price."

A carefully-prepared lesson on "How We May Become More Efficient Teachers" was given, showing that the teacher should realize the responsible position he occupies, and, having a living connection with God, take advantage of every opportunity for self-improvement, having his mind so filled with the truths of God's Word that he may be able to present them in such a pleasing, wide-awake manner as will inspire all with a desire to know more. The importance of personal, individual work among the pupils, having our lives in harmony with the Word of God, was emphasized. In the discussion of this subject many beautiful and interesting thoughts were brought out.

The junior division gave a very interesting and instructive recitation from the prophetic chart, each one passing briefly over a line of prophecy, showing by all that the next great event in this world's history is the coming of the Lord, which would be immediately preceded by the three messages spoken

of in Rev. 14:6-12, to prepare a people for His coming, and showing that those messages are now going to the world. In closing their exercise, they sang "The Three Messages."

The "Needs of the Sabbath-school" was an interesting subject. In this talk it was shown that our greatest need is more of the power of the Holy Spirit, first, in our own hearts; second, in our homes; and, third, in our schools. The discussion that followed presented suggestions which will, no doubt, be helpful in our school.

The exercises closed with a quartet.

Mrs. O. H. Herreman, Sec.

INGATHERING SERVICE AT SAN JOSE

On the evening of November 30 we held an ingathering service, which was very interesting and profitable to all present. The church was prettily decorated with branches, fruits, flowers, vegetables, and mottoes made of autumn leaves and evergreen.

The program consisted of scripture dialogues, recitations, and music. The donations were \$16 in money, besides dried and canned fruits, clothing, and provisions.

Mrs. L. M. Hodge.

INGATHERING SERVICE AT ST. HELENA, CAL.

The St. Helena church held a harvest ingathering service on Dec. 7, 1901. The Spirit of God was manifestly present, and nothing of a worldly nature prevailed.

While the exercises were cheerful, they were instructive, and everything, even the steps of the children as they marched in bringing their little sheaves, to which were attached their free-will offerings, and depositing them around a large sheaf of grain that stood on the platform, seemed consecrated to God.

The decorations were simple and beautiful. Some vegetables, grains, fruits, nuts, etc., had been collected for the occasion. These reminded us of God's blessings which had

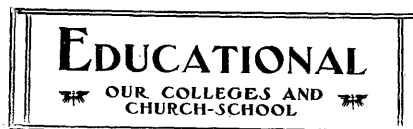
been received during the year. Later these things were distributed among those who could not be present.

The program consisted of appropriate songs and responsive scripture readings, and was participated in by old and young.

We were favored with a perfect Sabbath day, as far as the weather was concerned, and we believe all returned home with hearts filled, yea, thrilled, with love to God for His goodness to the children of men.

Thirteen mission fields were remembered in the offerings, which amounted to \$50.

One who was there.



THE SPRING TERM AT HEALDSBURG COLLEGE

The spring term at Healdsburg College begins February 5. At this time several new classes will be formed, and new students can take up regular school work to good advantage. Besides the regular classes in the college, new classes will be started in cooking, nursing, and dressmaking. About fifty students have been taking work in these different lines during the past term, and a good degree of interest has characterized the work.

Those who have in mind taking up the church-school work will find classes during the spring term which will give much needed instruction. Classes will be formed in pedagogy, history of education, child study, and review of the common branches.

Especially those who desire to take up work in the trades will find open to them work in the broom shop, tent factory, and printing office. We are also carrying on work in painting and blacksmithing, which will furnish work for students who desire to meet part of their expenses by manual labor. The college is desirous of opening different lines of trades as fast as possible.

Are there not several young people who should enter the college at the beginning of the spring term and begin the work of preparation for a greater sphere of usefulness? The demand for workers is constantly increasing, especially in the church-school work; several churches have failed to start schools because of inability to secure teachers.

Some may be kept from entering the college on account of a lack of means. We shall be glad to hear from all such, and it may be that we can make some suggestions or offer some material aid to enable you to take up school work at the beginning of next term. We are desirous of hearing from all those who are anxious to enter school, whether it be at the beginning of the spring term or next fall. We shall be glad to furnish any one with a college calendar on application.

Address all letters of inquiry to Prof. M. E. Cady, president Healdsburg College, Healdsburg, Cal.

ANGLO-CHINESE ACADEMY (HONOLULU, H. T.) NOTES

The enrolment is 110.

Two noble Chinese young men, See Chin and Sen Chong by name, were baptized Sabbath afternoon of Dec. 21, 1901, by Elder Behrens. They are now members of the Honolulu Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The management of the culinary department of the Anglo-Chinese Academy has been transferred from the Chinese directors to the faculty of the school. The boarding boys are now eating English foods, prepared and served in English style.

Each boy owns his own table outfit, which is as follows: One common plate; one soup plate; two spoons, large and small; cup and saucer; knife and fork (silver). The spoon was rather an awkward instrument on first trial.

A number of the boys have formed an anti-tobacco society. Any member who is found smoking forfeits twenty-five cents.

The majority of the boys wit-

nessed the baptism of their two fellow-students.

A bookkeeping class is soon to be formed.

All seem to be delighted with the Anglo foods.

No more pork is now served for our boarding boys. Fruits, grains, vegetables, and occasionally fish, is the present menu.

A teacher is present at meal-time to give thanks and give points on table manners.

We lately opened our library, in which may be found some of our best up-to-date publications. This is a very pleasant room, where the students may meet and read, look at pictures, of which they are very fond, and play educational games on geography, etc.

I. C. Colcord, Prin. A. C. A.

NOTICE

Healdsburg College is desirous of securing competent instructors in upholstering, floral culture, carpentry, and shoemaking. Persons are wanted who can impart instruction in these lines as well as do the mechanical work. The college prefers to secure the services of those who are desirous of taking regular studies in the college, and the work in the trades will give them the opportunity of making the regular school expenses, such as board, room, and tuition.

We shall be glad to hear at once from any who are qualified to instruct in the trades mentioned.

Address Healdsburg College, Healdsburg, Cal.

CHURCH-SCHOOL AT WATSONVILLE

We have a little school here of sixteen pupils. The parents here are working hard and sacrificing a great deal, in order to send their children to church-school, but the Lord is blessing them greatly for their effort. I am glad to report that one kind brother here has paid off the last year's debt.

The other day I took the children out in the country for the day, and we studied our lessons on the hillside. At our feet was a little lake, and on a nearby hill a

man was preparing the soil for seed-sowing. It was an excellent place to illustrate the parables of Jesus, and the little ones seemed to enjoy the lesson so much!

Pray for our little school, that we may daily learn lessons from the great Teacher.

Helen Bean.

January 1.

"No outward observances can take the place of simple faith and entire renunciation of self. But no man can empty himself of self. We can only consent for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of the soul will be, Lord, take my heart; for I can not give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I can not keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, unchristlike self. Mould me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul."—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 159.



ECHOES FROM THE HILLSIDE

Dr. Loper and family arrived safely, and have come to stay.

Dr. Winegar has now been with us one month.

These, with all the other helpers, are working hard to bring the institution up to the place where God would have it.

Tea and coffee have been relegated from our tables. Two instead of three meals a day are now served. The helpers breakfast at 6:00 A. M. and dine at 1:30 P. M. The patients breakfast at 8:00 A. M. and dine at 3:00 P. M.

Other reforms will follow as speedily as consistent.

The thermometer indicates a rise in the spiritual temperature. The atmosphere in and around the place is beginning to sweeten and clear up. Omens of a coming day are appearing, and we confidently expect soon to see the sunlight of a richer blessing burst upon us.

Our helpers' meetings are inter-

esting and profitable. There is a drawing together among all our people. The watchword is unity and harmony.

A few have chosen to leave us, we presume, according to 1 John 2:19. The test of Gideon's army seems to be upon us. Every one whose heart is in the work is being "set by himself," and we "let all the other people go every man unto his place."

We thank the Lord for an efficient corps of devoted, God-fearing, faithful workers.

Words of encouragement and sympathy often come, and they are to us as were the faces of Paul's friends to him when he met them on the Appian Way at The Three Taverns. Acts 28:15.

Brethren, pray for us.

The Sanitarium.
Sanitarium, Cal.

FOOD WORK IN UTAH

As the attention of the brethren in the Pacific Union Conference has heretofore been called to the fact that the health food work has been started in Utah, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, it no doubt would be of interest to many to know how it has progressed.

Our store was opened the evening of October 19, with sales for the evening of \$20. The balance of October the sales averaged \$12 daily; for November it increased to \$15.50 daily; for December, \$20.50 daily average. The day before Christmas our sales amounted to \$100.50.

But this is not the only feature of encouragement about the food work. Not a day passes that we do not have the privilege of talking with several upon the principles of health, and we meet many souls who are greatly interested, and signify their determination to bring about a reform in their way of living. It rejoices our hearts that we have something to place before them that we believe will be the means of directing their minds in a channel that may lead them on to eternal life. We have a plain card upon our door, which reads, "This store will be closed

from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday." Many come to the door upon the Sabbath (we have seen as many as eight or ten within a half hour), and thus this little card preaches a sermon to each. Besides, many who come in during the week ask what is the meaning of our card, thus giving us an opportunity to explain.

We are also represented at Ogden and Provo, Utah, and are shipping to a number of smaller places in this field.

We feel much encouraged at the future outlook, and, brethren, our experience has taught us that the food work is by no means the least part of the message, but fills its place with telling effect. Shall not our own people rally to its support everywhere, and direct others to the use of these pure foods, and also sustain the workers along this line with earnest prayer? It is our lot to come in contact with the world in general, as do other workers, and are we not all brethren and workers together in the Lord's vineyard?

Pray for the work in this great intermountain region.

W. J. Felt,
Manager.

MISSIONARY WORK

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE FOR THE NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE

At Newberg, Oregon, beginning February 17, and continuing ten days, will be held an institute for the instruction of workers in evangelistic canvassing. Such an opportunity should be improved by every young man and woman who is consecrated to the work who can possibly arrange to go to Newberg.

The work before us is to sound the message throughout the world in this generation. This task can not be accomplished more successfully than by use of the printed page. And no worker will feel the time poorly spent by attending this institute, which will be conducted by practical men of experience, along practical lines.

It will be a good plan for each church to have one or more mem-

bers—the best selection you can make—attend this institute. If there are young men of ability who are backward in taking hold of this line of work, encourage them by rendering necessary assistance. At the present time there are many young men in positions of trust who were first encouraged by some brother or sister or church elder to enter the work. So, brethren, plan to make this institute a grand success as far as you are able, and you will find by the end of the year that many volumes of precious truth have been placed in all parts of the conference.

Brother S. C. Osborne, the traveling missionary of the Pacific Union Conference, and Brother W. B. Scott, the state agent, will be present to give the instruction, besides seeking to assist every worker individually who comes to learn how to work.

The Newberg church have very kindly offered to furnish board and lodging free to all who come to engage in this line of work.

GONE FOREVER

Yes, the year 1901 is gone, and will never return. Its records are made and can not be changed. Doubtless we would gladly change many things that we did during the year, leave others undone, and do many that we did not do, if we had the opportunity. But, alas, time never returns! All we can do is to begin now, and improve the present to the best of our ability. Take warning by the past; learn a lesson from that which we are grieving over, but can not help; be on the alert, and be determined to rightly improve the days as they quickly come and go. The only way we can have a clear record at the end of the year is to start right, and then keep right all the way through. We are now at the beginning of 1902, and let us begin at once to make the kind of record that we will wish we had made when the year has closed. Many more people might have had a knowledge of the third angel's message now if each one had done all he could to spread the message during the past year. Let not this

statement be true at the close of the present year.

The Lord is calling for more laborers, and a response is being made. We have twenty-three attending our canvassers' institute, which is now being held in San Francisco, and we are having an interesting and profitable time.

The North Pacific Conference has appointed an institute at Newberg, Oregon, to be held February 17 to 27. Montana and the Upper Columbia Conferences will hold institutes soon after the Union Conference meeting at Portland. May the Lord stir up a large attendance at these different meetings of earnest, consecrated persons, who will take up the work and do all they can for its advancement during the year. And there are those who can not attend any of these meetings, yet who can, by a little study, go to work and sell a large number of books.

We are one year nearer the close of probation, and we have one year less in which to do the work. With diligence and zeal let us do that which the Lord has committed to our trust.

S. C. Osborne,
Trav. Mis. P. U. C.

In the North Pacific Conference the canvassers sold, in a few weeks before the holidays, \$547.95 worth of books.

MISSIONARY WORK BY CORRESPONDENCE

There are so many doors open for work of this kind that the loving Christian, who is filled with the spirit of truth, can enter that there is no danger of scarcity of work until Jesus comes. Other lines of labor may become unpractical by circumstances, but as long as earthly governments stand and mail-service exists, we can carry on this line.

Our missionaries and canvassers, colporters and physicians, who have left their homes and gone to new fields to carry the message, would rejoice in help of this kind. They will gladly send names, with addresses and some particulars, to any of our churches where they will be used by faithful workers.

Each of us also can have our

eyes and ears open for "shut-ins,"—men, women, or children who are isolated by sickness or circumstances, who would be thankful to receive a paper occasionally and a nice, cheerful letter once in a while. Ask for such ones in your church and among your neighbors, and another door is opened.

Comparative or even entire strangers, passing acquaintances, whom we meet only to be parted from, might be glad of a little attention like this. We do not want to waste our time or literature on persons who do not want it, but we do not need to think they do not want it until we place it faithfully before them. The great commission says "every creature," and we know that every human life that touches ours was brought there by the dear Father, that we might lead them along on the highway of truth.

Very often in small churches, or in divisions of Sabbath-schools, this work can be carried on in classes. Where the willing spirit is present, the expenses, such as cost of papers, postage, etc., can be divided among several; and then, when the glad letters are received, more can join in the rejoicing.

Young children whose hearts are touched with the burden of the message make very successful workers. I call to mind two little girls, aged six and eight years respectively, who learned to write, that they might have a part in this work; and some now are joyful laborers in the Master's vineyard as the fruit of their consecration.

Mrs. A. C. Bainbridge.

THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CAL.

The canvassing work is onward in Humboldt County. Quite a number of "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Marvel of Nations" have been sold during the past month; also fifty subscriptions for the "Signs" and thirty for the "Sentinel" have been taken during the week of prayer. A missionary society has been organized at Blue Lake. Those who have thus engaged in the Lord's work report a good Christian experience, and it is our prayer that these books

may bring a happy new year to the readers.

We are pleased to know that there are those here who are now planning to devote nearly all their time to the canvassing work.

By permission we report the following experience of the Pepperwood church: One of the sisters, while calling on her neighbor, sold her a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons." This neighbor invited two of the brethren with their families to dinner on Christmas day. After dinner one of the sisters took "Christ's Object Lessons," and in a simple, interesting way brought out some of the beautiful gems of truth. The gentleman of the house became much interested in the book, and, wishing to procure three for his relatives, asked where he could get them. A brother took his order. He is now reading with joy the pages laden with truth, and desires to know the way of life.

The Lord's blessing will attend every effort put forth to thus win a soul for Him. Let us step in when God opens the door.

A. S. Marchus.

January 7.

FOR INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY WORK

The following plan for assisting missionary workers in circulating the "Sentinel" will be of interest:—

Where a club of 5 or more "Sentinels" is taken, we will mail each of these magazines to addresses which the church or individual may furnish us, at the rate of 20 cents for three months, and the addresses can be changed every three months if desired. So for \$20 a quarter a church could have 100 copies of the "Sentinel" sent three months to 100 different addresses, and we will do all the work of mailing. Then the next quarter the 100 copies could be sent to 100 new addresses. On the same basis, if a person or a church can only afford 5 copies, we will mail them to the addresses they may furnish three months for \$1.00.

It is, of course, expected that the correspondence with these individuals will be done by the members of the churches just the same as though they were mailing the papers each month.

What a field there is for this kind of work! Who can use 100 copies or less? Shall we not have 800 churches who will send us lists of 100 names to whom the "Sentinel" shall be sent for the next three months? How many names will you furnish, and pay for the papers to be sent them?

Address your state tract society for further particulars.

Sentinel of Christian Liberty.

MORGANHILL, CAL.

I resumed my work as book canvasser this week, and, by the help of the Lord, sold seven books and pamphlets in seven hours. I am truly grateful to our heavenly Father that His Holy Spirit is moving on the minds and hearts of this people to receive God's last warning message to the world. Pray for me and the success of the work in and around this place.

Alonzo Briggs.

A SUNDAY NUMBER OF THE "SENTINEL OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY"

Such might the January "Sentinel of Christian Liberty" be called, for nearly the whole of it is devoted to a consideration of vital phases of the question of Sunday enforcement. Owing to the present agitation in New York City, a great deal is being said just now with regard to Sunday legislation, and the minds of the people everywhere throughout the country are turning to the subject. The January "Sentinel" will be larger than usual, 72 pages being filled with this and other matter of serious import. There will also be two very suggestive illustrations.

The reason people are led into supporting this movement is because of lack of knowledge of its nature. Who will help to give them the right kind of education, by placing proper reading matter in their hands? How many copies of the January "Sentinel" can you use? It is neat, attractive, and should have a circulation of 100,000 copies. Special price on this number, \$5.00 per 100. Write your state tract society immediately, and tell them how many copies you will use.

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Elder W. T. Knox spent a few days in Utah, during the early part of the month, in council with Elder Alway.

Elder A. G. Christiansen, of Utah, is holding meetings with the Scandinavians in the suburbs of Salt Lake City.

Brother Ralph W. Miller writes that he is planning for a series of meetings at Garden Grove, California, that will last two weeks or longer.

Elder A. T. Jones is conducting a special course of study with the employees of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, which is awakening considerable interest.

The January issue of the "Sentinel of Christian Liberty" is a special number. The notice concerning it that appears in another column will be of interest to every missionary worker.

The state conference papers that have been issued by the New England, Maine, Atlantic, and Virginia Conferences have been discontinued, to give the "Atlantic Union Gleaner" a clear field.

The first number of the "Atlantic Union Gleaner," which is the organ of the Atlantic Union Conference, has made its appearance. It is a twelve-page paper similar in size to the "Recorder." It is published weekly at South Lancaster, Mass., and the subscription price is 50 cents a year. We wish it much success.

The new church building at Sawtelle, Los Angeles County, California, was dedicated December 22.

The company of Sabbath-keepers at Escondido, California, will be organized into a church the second Sabbath in February.

Elder J. N. Loughborough has commenced a course of studies on the rise and progress of the message with the students at Healdsburg College. This course will continue four weeks.

Each local conference in this district is planning for an institute for the canvassers. This is good. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at each one of these schools for training workers.

A LABORER FALLEN

Our brother, Elder J. F. Hansen, was called to lay aside his earthly labors in Oakland, Cal., Jan. 6, 1902. His last sickness endured but a few days. He was in attendance at the ministerial institute in San Francisco on Thursday, January 2, and on that day expressed himself as feeling better than he had for some time. For years, however, Elder Hansen had been a sick man, and it was an affliction of long standing that brought his active life to a close. For thirty-five years he was connected with this cause, which he loved so dearly, being one of the most energetic and successful ministers among the Scandinavians. His labors have been put forth in many conferences of the United States, as well as in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. During the week of prayer he expressed his willingness and desire to return to Europe and labor again for his people, as he felt that his health was being restored; but He who knoweth all things directed otherwise. A wife, who has been his faithful companion through his active life, and two grandchildren are left to mourn, but they sorrow not as those that have no hope. The funeral services were conducted by Elders Corliss and Loughborough.

NOTICE

The Southern Pacific Company have given notice that no more half-fare trip permits will be issued to ministers and regularly-appointed missionary workers. It will therefore be necessary for all ministers and Bible-workers of the Northern California Conference to secure the regular annual clergy permit, which is obtained from the Western Transcontinental Clergy Bureau, of Chicago. Blanks for this purpose can be obtained from the secretary of the conference, Elder M. H. Brown, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal., or any Southern Pacific Railroad agent.

THE PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

The first annual meeting of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to assemble in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Portland, Oregon, on the 27th day of February, 1902, at the hour of 10:00 A. M., for the purpose of selecting the officers that are to serve during the ensuing biennial term, and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Each local conference will be entitled to one delegate in the session of this conference, without regard to numbers, and an additional delegate for every 300 church-members in the conference.

W. T. Knox, President.

J. J. Ireland, Secretary.

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