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

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THE CHURCH

Unbelief

There is no unbelief;
Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod,
And waits to see it push away the clod,
He trusts in God.

Whoever says, when clouds are in the
sky,
"Be patient, heart; light breaketh by
and by,"
Trusts the Most High.

Whoever sees, 'neath the winter's field of
snow,
The silent harvests of the future grow,
God's power must know.

Whoever lies down on his couch to
sleep,
Content to lock each sense in slumber
deep
Knows God will keep.

Whoever says, "To-morrow," "The Un-
known,"
"The Future," trusts the Power alone
He dares disown.

The heart that looks on when eyelids
close,
And dares to live when life has only
woes,
God's comfort knows.

There is no unbelief;
And day by day, and night, unconsciously,
The heart lives by that faith the lips
deny.
God knoweth why.

—Edward Bulwer Lytton.

"Have you found the heavenly light?
Pass it on;
'Twas not given for you alone,
Pass it on.
Hold thy lighted lamp on high;
Be a star in some one's sky;
Pass it on."

The Work of Soul-Saving. No. 1

If any work is more precious than another, it is the work of soul-saving. The same intensity of desire for the salvation of souls that marked the life of the Saviour, marks the life of His true follower. He has no desire to live for self. He delights to consecrate all he has and is to the Master's service. He is filled with an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ. Those who have nothing of this desire might better begin to feel concerned for their own soul's salvation. Let them wrestle with God in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth for the spirit of labor.

To secure your present and future good, Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice. Will you draw back from making a covenant with God by sacrifice? Christ died on the cross to save the world from perishing in sin. He asks your cooperation in His work of soul-saving. You are to be His helping hand, to do in this world the work that needs to be done, to place the truth before as many as possible. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Refuse to admit the worldly interests that strive for supremacy in your life. Regard yourself as pledged to Christ's service for time and for eternity. Enter into no business that will make you indifferent to His claims. Say to those who seek to draw you from His work: "I am not my own; Jesus has

bought me. I belong to Him. Every particle of my influence is to be used to magnify the principles of His law. God is mine, and I am His, united to Him by a perpetual covenant of service. I must devote myself wholly to the service of the Lord God of hosts. He has put it out of my power to give Him anything that is not already His. Every part of my being, every talent, every faculty, belongs to Him. If I had more than one life, I would give it to Him; for it would be His. My children belong to God. From their birth I must do all in my power to train them for Him, that in their lives He may be glorified."

I have a message for all our people. They must awaken, spread their tents, and enlarge their borders. Men and women must act an earnest part in saving souls. The present state of things must be changed. Our church-members must awake to the situation, and begin work where they are. Everywhere are persons who know not the truth.

We are living in solemn times. The world is to be warned. Workers are needed. The money God has entrusted to men of the world, is needed. The truth is to be taken to these men, that they may see the duty the Lord has placed on them. Those belonging to the class called moneyed men have been neglected. God says, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled."

Christ said to Nicodemus: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit." "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Well may the apostle say, "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price."

Do those who present the truth to the people fasten the faith of their hearers to Christ? Do they make the Saviour the most prominent figure? He whose faith is not firmly fastened to Christ is far from being what God desires him to be. He whose faith centers in any human being is converted to a man, not to Christ. He needs a reconversion.

The Lord calls for self-sacrificing workers, who will labor quietly and unobtrusively, living so close to the Lord that they continually receive grace to impart.

Let not church-members wait for a verbal command to enter God's service. They know their duty. Let them do it in humility and quietness. There are hundreds who should be at work, who need to be encouraged to make a beginning.

Every new-found power is to be held as a precious trust, for use in God's service. Remember that it was your sins that made the cross necessary. When you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, you pledged yourself to unite with Him in bearing the cross. You are to unite with Him in carrying out the great plan of redemption. For life and for death you are bound up with the Saviour. You are a part of His great scheme of mercy and love. Your knowledge and wisdom will increase as you seek to grasp the great science of salvation. Before the inhabitants of the unfallen worlds and before fallen human beings you are to live the life of Christ, that unbelievers may be constrained to acknowledge, "He has been with

Christ, and has learned of Him." into your face, sees not you, but the Christ that dwells in you!—Selected.

Ellen G. White.

Getting Acquainted with God

An old man lay dying. His sons stood around his bed to receive his parting counsel and his last blessing.

He had fought the battle of life successfully, and so far as this world was concerned, had come out crowned with honors. His children rose up and called him blessed, and in turn became honored and useful citizens. He had been a pillar in the church, his seat had never been vacant, his hand always freely opened to every call. For months he had been laid aside by a lingering and painful illness.

"Boys," he said, "God has been good to me. He has given me many friends, good children, a loving wife, and abundant means; but what I thank Him for now most of all is this long and painful illness. Without it my life would have been a failure; I should have gone hence without knowing as I should the only One worth knowing. Boys, whatever you do or whatever you leave undone, whether you make another cent of money or not, take time to get acquainted with God."

As he fell back exhausted, his face glowed with the light of God.

The nurse who attended him said she had never seen such a wonderful transformation in any face as there had been in his during his illness. He grew to be more like the Friend whose acquaintance he was making; was changed into the same image from glory to glory, till the divine outshone the human and covered it.

Fellow-Christians, are you fully acquainted with the God you profess to serve, or would He be almost a stranger to you if you were suddenly brought into His presence? Is He a personal friend or a far-off acquaintance? Ah, that He may fill, thrill, and irradiate your whole being, till the world, looking

THE FIELD

Salt Lake City, Utah, Camp-Meeting

This meeting was held in Salt Lake City, at the corner of Third South and Fifth East Streets, August 15 to 24. The regular camp-meeting was preceded by a tent effort of nearly five weeks, which was fairly attended and was productive of some results.

The attendance was not what we had hoped it might be, as it was expected that at this meeting steps would be taken to organize this field into a conference, and a full representation was much desired.

Several lessons were given on the subject of organization after God's plan. This instruction, given by Brethren Knox and Hall, was much appreciated by all.

Some time was given to the consideration of the tract and missionary work, and an effort to make the work practical was made by organizing the young people into a working company for the sale of the "Life Boat" in the vicinity of the meeting.

The blessing of the Lord was with us during the meeting, and His power to heal was manifest in a marked degree in our midst.

The question of a church building for Salt Lake City was considered. It was reported that pledges amounting to nearly \$1,200 had been secured for this enterprise. Some response had come from interested parties outside of the state. From the needy field of the West India Islands there had been received \$15. We believe most fully that the Lord will hear the earnest prayers that are ascending from this needy field for help and it will come. Can not our brethen and sisters in the Pacific Union Conference respond at once to this call, so that the Lord will not find it necessary to

move upon the hearts of our brethren in foreign and needy fields to come to the aid of this work so close to our own doors? Send all donations to W. J. Felt, 63 East First South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

There is a good opportunity for our brethren in our large and prosperous churches to do a great work for the Lord in this field by locating their families in or near the towns where there are small companies.

At Provo we have a nice little church and church schoolroom, and the brethren there are struggling hard to keep up the school. There is no better place in the West for profitable gardening than at Provo. Are there not some of our brethren in our large city churches who would feel to give this church real encouragement by locating at Provo?

Further particulars may be had by corresponding with the undersigned, W. A. Alway, 63 East First South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Utah Conference

It was recommended at the Pacific Union Conference, held in Portland last spring, that the Utah Mission field be organized into a conference as early as such steps could be taken.

Accordingly such organization was effected at the late camp-meeting held in Salt Lake City. A fair representation was present from different parts of the state. The workers present from other fields were Elder W. T. Knox and Brother H. H. Hall.

At 9:30 August 19 a meeting was called, at which it was expected Elder Knox would be present, but as the train upon which he was to arrive was delayed, short talks were given by Elder Alway and Brother Hall upon organization.

At 9:30 August 20 a temporary organization was formed, with Elder W. T. Knox as chairman, and W. J. Felt as secretary.

After a few brief remarks by Elder Knox in regard to the step that should be taken, in which he

assured us that we would still be under the guardianship of the Pacific Union Conference in time of need, a motion was sustained that the chair appoint the following committees:—

On Constitution—W. A. Alway, W. J. Felt, A. G. Christiansen.

On Nominations—A. T. Fletcher, Mrs. Fannie Johnson, Mrs. M. E. Kyle, W. O. Williard, W. T. Knox.

On Credentials and Licenses—W. A. Alway, H. H. Hall, W. J. Felt.

On Plans and Recommendations—W. A. Alway, W. J. Felt, A. G. Christiansen.

At the second meeting the following constitution was presented by the committee and adopted:—

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Extent

Section 1. Name. This organization shall be known as the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Sec. 2. Extent. This conference shall embrace all of the state of Utah.

ARTICLE II

Object

Section 1. The object of this organization is to secure and maintain the greatest unity and efficiency in the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Churches* of the conference in disseminating the light of the everlasting gospel.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. This conference shall be composed of the members of such local churches as are and may be organized in any part of its territory, said churches having been accepted by vote of the conference.

Sec. 2. The voters of this conference shall be such members in good and regular standing in any Seventh-day Adventist Church which belongs to the Utah Conference as are present at its sessions, and such accredited laborers as may be invited to participate in its deliberations.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, secretary, treasurer, missionary secretary, and an executive committee of five, of which the president shall be a member, all of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to determine and designate the time and place of holding each annual conference, which determination and designation must be published in the "Pacific Union Recorder" at least six weeks before the holding thereof; to call special conferences or meetings, whenever, in their judgment, it shall be needful, upon the same notice as is required for an annual conference meeting; to take the general supervision of all labor performed within the conference, and to exercise a general watch-care over all matters pertaining to the interests of the cause within the bounds of this conference.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to appoint a number of brethren, which shall exceed by one their own number, and shall not have been in the employ of the conference during any part of the preceding year. These, together with the executive committee, shall constitute an auditing committee to examine and settle all accounts which are presented to the conference at the close of each conference year.

ARTICLE V

Sessions

The sessions of this conference shall be held annually, at such time and place as the executive committee may determine and designate, for the purpose of electing the officers of the conference and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Churches

It shall be the duty of each church of this conference to render a faithful support to the conference

work by the prompt payment of its tithes and such other funds as may be set apart for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII

Funds

The funds of this conference shall consist of the tithes paid by the various churches and individuals in the conference, of donations and gifts which shall be made for the work, and such other funds as are proper to use for this work, and these funds shall be disbursed only upon an order signed by the president of the conference.

ARTICLE VIII

Laborers

Section 1. Credentials and licenses shall be granted by the conference at its regular sessions to all its approved laborers, and during the interval between sessions by the executive committee when necessary.

Sec. 2. Those who may feel it a duty to exercise their gifts in preaching, colportage, or Bible work, shall first prove their gifts in that line before asking recognition by the conference.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of all the laborers in the employ of this conference to make to the president, at the close of each month, a written report of the labor performed, together with all such receipts and expenditures as are required by the conference.

Sec. 4. This conference shall secure the services of such agents, ministers, missionaries, and other persons as may be necessary to carry on its work.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that such amendment shall not conflict with the constitution of the Pacific Union Conference. It may also be amended at any special session, provided that notice of the proposed amendment is given in the call for such special sessions.

BY-LAWS

1. The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of the executive committee, and at each annual and special session of the conference; to give to the work in the churches and in the field such attention, by visiting and correspondence, as is consistent with other duties.

2. The secretary of the conference shall perform all such duties as obviously fall to the incumbent of this office.

3. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and safely keep all conference funds, and keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of the conference funds; to pay out the same as may be provided for by the regulations of the conference, and to make a report thereof at each annual session of the conference. He shall also receive and keep an accurate account of all trust funds, forward the same to their destination without undue delay, and submit at each annual session of the conference a report of such receipts and advances.

4. The duty of the missionary secretary shall be to visit the churches, and plan with them for the carrying forward of all lines of missionary work, and keep in touch with them from his office by correspondence for the purpose of encouragement, and offering helpful suggestions as circumstances may demand. It shall be his duty, incidental to this, to have an oversight of the clerical work of the office.

At the third meeting a partial report was submitted by the committee on nominations, and the following officers were elected:—

President, W. A. Alway, 63 East First South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah; conference secretary and treasurer, Alfred Whitehead, Springville, Utah; conference missionary secretary, Fannie P. Johnson, 124 West Center Street, Provo, Utah.

The committee on plans and recommendations offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

1. Recognizing the many bless-

ings and mercies of God during the past year, we would in this formal way express our most sincere thanks for the blessings of the past and pledge ourselves to a deeper consecration for the year to come.

2. Whereas, The Spirit of the Lord has specified that the specific work of the church at this time is the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and that when all that can be done has been done there will be a glorious result, we recommend that this shall be our special work till it is completed.

At the fourth meeting a final report of the committee on nominations was handed in, and the following were elected as a conference committee:—

W. A. Alway, A. G. Christiansen, W. J. Felt, Alfred Whitehead, Fannie P. Johnson.

The report of the committee on credentials and licenses was accepted as submitted:—

For Ministerial Credentials—W. A. Alway, A. G. Christiansen.

For Ministerial License—Alfred Whitehead.

For Missionary Licenses—Mrs. Carrie V. Hansen, Mrs. Fannie P. Johnson.

The committee on plans and recommendations offered further resolutions, which were adopted:—

1. Whereas, The conditions surrounding the cause in Salt Lake City and the conference in Utah make it imperative that a church and church-school building should be erected at once in this city; therefore, we recommend that as a conference we give the enterprise our sympathy and financial support.

2. Recognizing the importance of some plan that will enlist the interest and cooperation of our young people in the study of the message, and in practical missionary work, we would earnestly recommend that every effort be made to encourage the youth to maintain regular weekly meetings and become active home missionaries.

We sincerely desire the cooperation of our sister conferences for the advancement of the cause in this field.

W. J. Felt.

The Situation in Barbadoes

Affairs are in a most terrible state just now in this poor, stricken, quivering, throbbing isle of the sea. Ruin stares the whole West Indies in the face, owing to the sugar crisis. Every estate is being worked at a heavy loss, and complete ruin, panic, and starvation have only been averted by imperial grants and loans. Many formerly well-to-do and even wealthy people have been ruined, and the suffering of the masses is entirely beyond description.

All this is now intensified by an epidemic of smallpox that is raging. The community seems to be hopelessly in the clutches of the dread disease. There are now more than one hundred cases and a number of new ones develop daily. Deaths are frequent, and the bodies are thrown into the sea. The people are very ignorant of the disease. They hide their friends who take it, thus spreading it, and mob the doctors and the sanitary officers who try to take the patients from them to the pest-house. Oh, that we might be able to point them all to the only Source of complete deliverance! But, alas, so few will listen to the message of hope!

All our canvassers are at present in Barbadoes, and of course are shut up here with nothing to do, and we do not know when they will be able to get away, as no other colony will allow any one from Barbadoes to land. Our meager means is all that stands between some of our own people and starvation. It is only a drop in the bucket compared with the misery, but, as far as it goes, is dedicated to the cause of the Master in the persons of His suffering ones. Our people throughout the states, many of them lacking nothing on their fruitful farms, or earning good wages, would pour out of their means to help the cause in these needy fields if they could see and hear what we do.

Brethren, it drives sleep from our eyes as we realize that within a radius of a mile from our home many thousands are enduring the most crying want, hunger, and sickness, and we are powerless to help

them. Words are absolutely inadequate to describe the existing conditions here. We are sent for from all directions by total strangers to pray for and with them in their wretchedness and misery. Last night we responded to two such calls after dark, and what we saw will never fade from our minds. Nine persons, some of them sick, were crowded together in one hovel eight by nine feet, and this is only one of thousands of similar circumstances—dark, narrow, foul-smelling alleys, literally swarming with human beings, beings for whom Christ died, and whom God loves, some of whom we are snatching as brands from the burning, to be trophies of His saving grace and power.

None of our people have taken the disease so far, and we are hoping and praying to be spared to the honor and glory of His name and cause. I am glad to say that, despite all these forbidding circumstances, our work is prospering and making some advancement. The church-members are almost all earnest and active in the various lines of church missionary work. No phase of our work has as yet been interrupted. The church is packed and surrounded by interested listeners on Sunday nights, and some are deciding almost every week to obey God, and many more are studying. There will be quite a large class to be baptized at the next quarterly meeting.

W. A. Sweany.

This letter from Brother Sweany only shows one phase of the experience of our missionaries. By faithfully using our little envelopes each week, we may share in this glorious work of giving the message of deliverance and hope to these benighted souls.—Mission Board.

Our Prayer

“More purity give us,
 More strength to o’ercome,
 More freedom from earth stains,
 More longings for home;
 More fit for the kingdom,
 More used would we be,
 More blessed and holy,
 More, Saviour, like Thee.”

South America as a Mission Field

All who have watched the movements of the third angel's message in South America have no doubt as to the truth of its being a missionary field.

In 1894 Brother Bishop and myself landed in Valparaiso, Chile, to enter the book work. Not being acquainted with the people or their language, it was not smooth sailing at first, but God gave us faith to go forward. We soon found that God had sent His agencies before us, and we were “entering into other men's labors.” More than thirty years ago the Presbyterians entered Chile and have been successful in selling thousands of Bibles and establishing churches and book depositories.

The Baptists and Methodists came later, and also have had good success. The truth has found many, not only from all these sects, but many from those bound in ignorance by the Catholic religion.

One young man from the higher class who became interested in the Bible gave me his order for “Patriarchs and Prophets.” He soon afterward became convinced of the fallacy of the Roman religion and was baptized with his wife. This was quite a sacrifice for him, as he had been brought up under the Roman doctrine. His mother being an intimate friend of the archbishop of Chile and of the richer class, it took him some while to decide.

He is now one of the leaders of our little church in Iqueque. During his stay in Europe he visited the Vatican, to see the pope. One young man who had traveled as colporter in several of the South American republics embraced the truth in Santiago, the capital of Chile, established a good congregation, and is at present in Lima, the capital of Peru, having good success. Peru and Bolivia have only been touched, and thousands of places know nothing of the Protestant religion, only as the priests have taught them to hate it. Ecuador, which lies nearest us, and which should have our attention, has never been entered by our, I was going to say workers, which

would not be true, as some Jamacian Adventists who had gone there to work on the railroad were workers indeed, as one passenger aboard was the fruit of their labor.

On conversing with two natives of Ecuador, in Guayaquil, one proved to be interested in our doctrine and had embraced the Protestant religion. Brethren, with the whole republic of Ecuador sitting in darkness, is it not to us the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us?"

It is true that these South American people have been taught the wrong religion, but they have some traits that even our own people could emulate. For instance, you are never called upon to pay for a night's lodging or meals only at places kept for such purposes. On entering a friend's house you are told, "Su casa," which literally means, "Your house." The host or hostess wants you to understand that all things are yours. This is God's plan, as the Bible says, "All things are yours."

It is true in the cases of the majority that if their meager possessions were all given one would not be very wealthy, as nearly all are very poor.

The ladies never rise to shake hands with a new acquaintance, but with an old friend they rise and embrace, which is also a Bible custom.

It makes my heart rejoice when I recount the souls who have accepted the truth under our labors. Dear souls they are, because Jesus offered up His life for them.

As my intentions are to return soon to South America, before I go it would be a pleasure to give any information that I might know to those desiring to enter these fields. Yours in the blessed work,
T. H. Davis.

Esmeralda, Calaveras County,
Cal.

The persistent habit of making the best of circumstances, the practise of noticing pleasant things, recognizing small services, and appreciating even fruitless efforts, will fringe a week-day dress with brightness.—Selected.

Quincy, California

Since my last report in the "Recorder" the Lord has continued His blessing in a marked manner. The work is now being bound off. Brother Walker and wife have joined us in the work in this place. They expect to remain with the writer in this county during the winter months.

This is a new field, and we look for large results. Brother Martin is planning to take up the "Object Lessons" work in the Sacramento Valley after the Fresno camp-meeting.

There have been a number of converts to the truth, and the interest is still good.

D. A. Parsons.

Our Lips Kept for Jesus

When one has even a glimmer of the tremendous difference between having Christ and being without Christ; when one gets but one shuddering glimpse of what eternity is, and of what it must mean, as well as what it may mean, without Christ; when one gets but a flash of realization of the tremendous fact that all these neighbors of ours, rich and poor alike, will have to spend that eternity either with Him or without Him,—it is hard, very hard indeed, to understand how a man or woman can believe these things at all, and make no effort for anything beyond the temporal elevation of those around them, sometimes not even beyond their amusement. "People must have entertainment," they urge. I do not find that "must" in the Bible, but I do find, "We must all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ." And if you have any sort of a belief in that, how can you care to use those lips of yours, which might be a fountain of life to the dying souls before you, merely to "entertain" them at your penny reading or other entertainment? As you sow, so you reap. The amusing paper is read, or the lively ballad recited, or the popular song sung, and you reap your harvest of laughter or applause, and

of complacency at your success in "entertaining" people. And there it ends, when you might have sown words from which you and they should reap fruit unto life eternal.—Frances Ridley Havergal.

How inconsiderate we are in most of our complaints! What if the prospect from your window does not please? Back of that fact there are still two great causes for gratitude,—first, that you have a window; and, second, that you are able to look through it. Shelter and sight,—what superb blessings, both of them, when you count them at their worth!—James Buckham.

**SABBATH-SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT**
SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

To Sabbath-School Secretaries

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

To many it seems that the matter of sending quarterly reports to the state secretary is a very small thing, and so it is. But it is careful attention to the little duties of life which makes the whole life a success.

Now it is the duty of the secretary of each local school to send a report at the close of each quarter to the state secretary, and the state secretary is, in turn, to report to the secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department. There is a definite time when all these reports should be sent, and it is evident to all that if the local secretaries are negligent about their reports, they compel the state secretary to be late with hers. This causes confusion all around.

It is often the case that the state secretary writes two or three times to a school, after waiting at first till after the report should have been received, and then fails to get a report after all that effort. This makes her report late, and also incomplete. It is a very unusual

thing for a state secretary to get a report from every school during any quarter, so that the reports, as published, are never complete. Why is this so? It certainly is not necessary. If each secretary would feel that he is responsible for his school, and attend carefully to all the details of the work, all this trouble might be avoided.

There is one quite common cause of confusion, which many, perhaps, have not thought of. A secretary goes away from the school, either permanently or for some weeks, leaving the work in the hands of the assistant secretary. No one notifies the state secretary of this change, so she continues to send all communications, as well as report blanks, to the old address of the absent secretary. Of course the mail either lies in the post-office or is forwarded to another place. The acting secretary receives no blanks and therefore gives no report.

It is the duty of the secretary to notify the state secretary of any such change, giving full address of the one who is to have charge of the work. Thus this difficulty is avoided.

Some secretaries are so careful in regard to their work that, if for any reason they fail to receive blanks, they write for them. This always encourages the state secretary, for it shows faithful cooperation on the part of the workers.

Let us all work together, and see if we can not have full, complete, and prompt reports from every school, no matter how small the school may be. We are just as anxious to hear from each little family school as we are to hear from the schools that are larger. In fact, the small schools are the ones that need help the most, and we can not help you unless we can keep in touch with you by correspondence. So please let us hear from all promptly after the close of each quarter.

C. R. K.

The Work That the Sabbath-School Should Do

Where does the work of the Sabbath-school begin? We say, In the heart of the scholar, or teacher; for if the scholar has little or no interest in Sabbath-school except to meet with the class and conceal the fact that he has only a very poor lesson at best, he almost entirely blocks the way for the Spirit of God to do its work upon his heart. The same is true of the teacher. If he bestows but little thought to Sabbath-school work until Sabbath comes, how can he expect to feed others with that of which he himself has scarcely tasted. The Spirit of God has said that a "teacher is to his class as a minister is to his flock." A minister's work for souls does not stop as he leaves the desk. Indeed, a devoted worker will do more for his flock outside the desk than in it, by personal work. So the teacher's work and influence go on and on through weeks, months, and years.

The work of the superintendent has much to do with the success of the school, but none the less important is the work of a faithful secretary. All should be "workers together with God," but all must first be imbued with His Spirit.

Again, the Spirit of God has said that the "Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church." In a nursery every child, or plant, as the case may be, is tenderly cared for and kept growing. Thus progress is continually made. So should it be in the Sabbath-school, if it is truly the church nursery, the work of which should improve and enlarge the church.

We have said nothing of the work the Sabbath-school should do outside of the church. Our school will be judged by its fruits. What evidence can we give that our work is not a mere pretence? Cold formality should have no place in our work. Every one, whether members of our school or not, should find a warm welcome with us. The Sabbath-school should be a missionary field, and

its workers should be able to go out into the towns and country and impart to those who know but little of the love of Christ, that knowledge of God and His truth that they themselves have gained in Sabbath-school study. Thus the worker himself will not only gain an experience that will fit him to go into the "regions beyond" and do a work for God, but heaven itself can only reveal the good he has done in and around his home church.

In closing, let us as officers and teachers notice a few things that will not only help the Sabbath-school to do the work it should do, but make it a power for good,—a live school.

Be prompt, always on time. Sabbath-school workers are object-lessons to the school. A tardy worker demoralizes the school.

Be punctual. Be there every time. An officer or teacher who does not provide a substitute, or send a notice of necessary absence, is not fit for the place.

Be pleasant and cheerful. Make the school feel that Sabbath-school work to you is a real pleasure.

Be earnest. Throw some life and vim into your work. Stir up the school and get them all interested.

In teaching, teach independently. Express your own thoughts. Do not make the question book a pony for your laziness. Get full of the lesson.

Teach ignorantly. Pouring out is preaching. Teaching is drawing out. Never tell a scholar what you can get him to tell you. Draw out until the class is dry, and then pour in of your fulness.

Illustrate from the Bible. Our Saviour never preached a sermon without a picture.

Be impartial. One scholar is smart and he knows it. Another is dull and bashful. Never skip the poor scholar. You advertise him.

Give hard questions to the bright scholars, and encourage the timid one with easier questions, and thus level up the class.

"God holds us responsible for what we might be if we would improve our talents.

Teach in a way to help and not to prove a doctrine.

Stick to the lesson. Don't go off on side tracks.

Do not get discouraged with yourself. God has used workers as poor as you.

Pray for yourself, for the school, over the lesson, before you go, as you go, while you teach, and through the week, ever remembering that a living connection with God is obtained only by constant prayer.

C. F. Marvin.

Monrovia, Cal.

How Young Teachers May Be Trained for Effective Work

How young teachers may be trained for effective work is not a question of little importance, but it is a question of vital import. For the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church, where the children of the kingdom are prepared for the weightier struggles and heavier responsibilities that come with the advancing years of Christian experience. Another has expressed it thus: "Let the Sabbath-school nest be a delightful place, and the little birds will not be likely to fly far from the home church."

It is the duty of every Sabbath-school to see that its younger members especially are given every opportunity for development in the various branches of Christian work. Almost every branch of Christian work is to a large extent a work of education, and requires a certain amount of teaching ability in the worker prosecuting that especial work. In the Sabbath-school teachers are indeed an important factor, and it is a very rare thing that a Sabbath-school has a surplus of good teachers. Teaching is one of the gifts which all do not possess to a very great extent. Nevertheless this gift as well as other gifts can be cultivated, and it is from the cultivated talent that the greater number of future teachers must be recruited.

It then becomes the duty of the Sabbath-school to cultivate the gifts of its members, especially the gift of teaching in its younger members.

This brings us more definitely to the important question, How may the gift of teaching be cultivated in its members to its fullest capacity?

First of all, the child taught under wrong methods is not so likely to form correct ideas of teaching as one taught under correct methods and principles. Again, the young man or woman who attends Sabbath-school regularly but who is never given any opportunity or invitation to assume responsibilities as a teacher, will never be so likely to develop into a teacher as the young man or woman who has been invited by the school to bear such responsibilities.

Now, in order to be a teacher one must have knowledge to impart to those he wishes to teach. Knowledge, however, is not obtained like our instinct, but is obtained through facts that are presented to the mind. It, therefore, follows that in training teachers for the Sabbath-schools the present teachers have a great responsibility resting upon them. The teachers of to-day ought to be searching and studying, hunting out the best methods of presenting the subject in hand. A teacher coming before his class with an unprepared lesson is paving the way for more teachers of his own kind. His example is pernicious indeed.

The work of the parent is an especially important one in developing effective teachers. Great care should be taken by parents to see that their own children have their Sabbath-school lessons.

I will quote from another on this point: "While it is essential that wise, patient efforts should be made by the teacher, the work must not be left altogether to the Sabbath-school, but it must find its foundation and support in the work of the home. Parents have a sacred responsibility and charge committed to them, and they are called upon to keep their charge, to bear their responsibility in the fear of the Lord, watching for the souls of their children as they who must give an account."

"Even greater care should be taken by the parents to see that their children have their Scripture lessons than is taken to see that their day-school lessons are prepared. Their Scripture lessons should be learned more perfectly than their lessons in the common schools. If parents see no necessity for this interest, then the children might better remain at home, for the Sabbath-school will fail to prove a blessing to them. Home missionary work has been strangely neglected. Those who have had the greatest reason for earnest, Christlike solicitude for the salvation of their children, have been indifferent to their responsibilities, and have lightly regarded the wants of their households. The responsibility which God has given to men and women as parents, many have shifted from themselves to the Sabbath-school workers and to the church influence. But each instrumentality has its work, and parents who neglect their part will be weighed in the balances and found wanting."

In order to develop teachers for the Sabbath-school there must be a demand in the school for teachers, that it may awaken a desire in the hearts of some to teach, for to develop into an efficient teacher there must be a desire in the mind of that individual to teach. This desire to teach may not be present in the minds of those who have a talent to teach until the necessity for teachers arouses it. This desire might remain latent always if no call for teachers was made.

Now, how may a school awaken this desire?—It may be accomplished by frequent changing of teachers. The older members should always deem it a privilege to make opportunities for younger teachers, and to assist and encourage them in every way possible. This desire may also be aroused by increasing the number of classes in the school, either by making smaller classes or by inviting in neighbors and friends, thus increasing the necessity for teachers in the school, and making an opportunity for developing the desire to

teach in the minds of those who have the gift of teaching.

This principle is beautifully illustrated by the experience of a village blacksmith in England, as related by Martha Van Marter:—

Many years ago a Sunday-school meeting was called in a country village in England to consider the question of forming an infant class. There were plenty of little ones in great need of religious training, but, alas! a teacher could not be found. Some could not give the needed time to the work; others did not know how to get on with little children, while others clearly perceived and frankly owned their unfitness for the work. The matter was about to be postponed indefinitely, when, to the astonishment of all, the village blacksmith rose, and said simply, "I'll try it, please God."

He was known to be a good man, but of all others he seemed the least adapted to this line of work. His voice was loud and harsh, his manner uncouth, and moreover he was not known to have the power to attract children which is often found in people with a rough exterior.

The blacksmith knew very well that he was not fitted for the work. He had not ventured to offer himself until all other resources had failed. But the need had been laid upon his heart, and he dared not let his unfitness stand in the way of the Lord's work.

So this untaught man did the one wise and true thing; he put himself in training. He borrowed some children's books. He read and thought and prayed. He studied Bible stories long and patiently. Then, putting away the book, he wrote out the stories in his own words. Early and late he toiled. Months passed, and still the brawny student was at work, making ready to obey his Lord's call.

One bleak November day some little children stood at the smithy door watching the sparks fly from the anvil. By and by they ventured in. The smith began to speak to them, and his own heart

glowed as he saw that his words found their way to the young hearts. He felt that his long labor had not been in vain, and that day witnessed the beginning of the blacksmith's direct work for the neglected little ones.

It is not surprising that this man came to be known as one of the most successful primary teachers in all England. Hundreds of little ones found in him a friend and a guide into heavenly paths. And this because he obeyed the call, and put himself in training.

Mrs. G. A. Droll.

Sacramento, Cal.

**The Source and Channel of Healing
for Soul and Body. No. VIII**

THE WORD OF LIFE AND TRUTH
MADE FLESH

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

The Word of God is the channel of healing, and that Word was "made flesh, and dwelt among us," and there, in the person of Jesus, was a fountain of life and health. Everywhere He went He was found healing disease and forgiving sin. God heals through the agency of His Word. The Word was made flesh, and every day, every moment, we behold actual demonstrations of this healing power in human flesh. And like as our loving Father causes the rain to fall both on the just and the unjust, He has also placed a certain amount of healing possibility at the disposal of every human being. God takes the same care to heal the sinner's wound as that of the truest Christian. God is no respecter of persons. The healing Word in human flesh is daily shown forth by God's faithfulness in maintaining our life and healing our diseases; "that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations." Ps. 67:2.

Saving health is found in God's way, and we can not make known to the nations His saving health without making known His way. The divine way is the path of health and holiness. We must become acquainted with His way in our bodies. The laws of health are God's ways in the physical man, and by diligent study and conscientious obedience we may so relate ourselves to God's ways that we will experience for ourselves His saving health, and through us it will be shown forth to the nations. There is health in His way,—the right way, the way of obedience. There is disease of body and anguish of soul in the enemy's way, the wrong way, the "way of sinners." And so the conscience ever admonishes the sincere soul, saying, "This is the way; walk ye in it;" and, likewise, physical pain all the while seeks to direct the transgressor back to the paths of obedience, saying, "You are in the wrong way; turn back to the path you have strayed from; cease your transgression."

We must first cooperate to the full extent of our knowledge with the healing power that God has placed in our bodies before we can consistently make requests for the manifestation of additional healing in our behalf. We must first exhaust the resources of our cooperation with the healing power within us before we can expect a manifestation of miraculous healing. Of old God directed His people to make for Him a tabernacle, that He might "dwell among them." He desired to dwell among them for the purpose of demonstrating that He dwelt in them. So one great purpose in making the "Word flesh," in causing it to dwell among us, was that thereby men might know that the Word—Christ—dwelt in them. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.

"The thief cometh not, but for to

steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

The plan of salvation is a life-giving plan. The whole purpose of Christ's work on behalf of humanity was that they "might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." His Word is life and spirit to those who receive it. Christ is the fountain of spiritual and physical life, and the only reason we have so little of this life is our doubt of its reality, and delay to cooperate with the Life-giver in His work of enlightening and quickening. If we will come to Christ we may have life, but too many are like those mentioned in John 5:40, "Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life."

There is life in light and death in darkness. The light which shines forth in the word of revelation, in the natural world, and in the laws of health, contains life for those who will receive it. For Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. All the light that has come to the human race on how to eat, think, and work, is the "light of life." And so these truths have life and health and healing in them for all who will receive the light as the truth of heaven,—the Word of God,—and yield willing and sincere obedience to it. The living principles of truth are, as it were, leaves from the tree of life, which have in them healing power, in that they enable us to turn our practises from the wrong channel into that of cooperating with the Life-giver, —working in harmony with the Divine Healer.

Christ Jesus is the only source of life and health to fallen men. Those who seek for spiritual and physical healing at the hands of false and bogus healers are sure to be disappointed. It is the duty of every soul that has found the true fountain of healing to give the trumpet of truth a certain sound, so that honest souls may not be swept from their anchorage by the

flood of deceptive teachings of so-called divine healing, Christian Science, Theosophy, Spiritualism, Buddhism, etc., many of which are spreading with the rapidity of a prairie fire. The time has come when we should write these truths so plainly on our banners and unfurl them to the breeze that the honest of heart may see and be saved from the many deceptions that are springing up on every side.
W. S. Sadler.

Christian Influence

A beautiful instance of Christian integrity is given in the "Messenger" of a distinguished Christian lady who was spending a few weeks at a hotel at Long Branch.

An attempt was made to induce her to attend a dance, in order that the affair might have the prestige bestowed by her presence, as she stood high in society. She declined all the importunities of her friends.

Finally an honorable senator tried to persuade her to attend, saying:—"Miss B—, this is quite a harmless affair, and we want the exceptional honor of your presence."

"Senator," said the lady, "I can not do it; I am a Christian. I never do anything in my summer vacation, or wherever I go, that will injure the influence I have over the girls of my Sabbath-school class."

The senator bowed and said, "I honor you; if there were more Christians like you, more men like myself would become Christians." —Selected.

The love of Christ is not an absorbing but a radiating love. The more we love Him the more we shall most certainly love others. Some have not much natural power of loving, but the love of Christ will strengthen it. He comes with His new commandment, "That ye love one another, as I have loved you."—Frances Ridley Havergal.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

Donations to San Francisco Dispensary

Previously reported, \$842.81; Henry Dose, \$5.00; Mrs. Alice St. John, \$1.00; Mrs. Butcher, \$2.50; Mrs. Shores, 50 cents; Mrs. Butcher, \$1.00; E. Philbrook and wife, \$5.00; Mrs. B. Montgomery, 50 cents; A. S. Mersereau, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mersereau, \$2.00; M. L. Whitehead, \$1.00; J. V. Woolford, 50 cents; Mrs. Noble, \$1.00; Mrs. Holtgen, \$2.00; N. H. Wyatt, \$1.00; Mrs. Fox, \$1.00; Mrs. Rhode, \$1.00; Mrs. H. E. Foss, 25 cents; T. T. Heald, \$2.50; Mr. Novak, \$1.00; Mrs. P. Press, \$2.00; Mrs. Bainbridge, 50 cents; L. D. Crane, \$1.10; total to date, \$877.16.

E. E. Parlin,
Sept. 16, 1902. Treasurer.

MISSIONARY WORK

The Book Work

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE
Report for Two Weeks, Ending Sept. 12, 1902

Name.	Hours.	Orders.	Value.
DESIRE OF AGES			
Ella M. White.....	20	4	\$25 00
GREAT CONTROVERSY			
Geo. Cary.....	35	1	4 50
William Harmon.....	16		40 00
MARVEL OF NATIONS			
M. S. Drake.....	72	32	48 00
Chas. W. Peter.....	42	37	36 00
LADIES' GUIDE			
Ellen Fox.....	88	7	28 25
HERALDS OF THE MORNING			
Ellen Fox.....		20	28 00
Miscellaneous sales.....			24 15
Total ..	257	117	\$233 90

UPPER COLUMBIA

For Two Weeks, Ending Sept. 13, 1902

Name.	Hours.	Orders.	Value.
HEALTH BOOKS			
John Lithgow.....	30	8	\$ 29 75
HOME HANDBOOK AND PROPHECIES OF JESUS			
H. W. Buell.....	59	24	102 25
LADIES' GUIDE			
Mrs E. E. Smith.....	55	42	188 00
Miscellaneous sales..			5 00
Total.....	144	74	\$325 00

California Librarians, Attention

We have just prepared new statement report and remittance blanks for the use of our librarians. Please note carefully the changes that have been made in the same.

According to present arrangements, the church librarian will handle only the moneys received for publications,—books, papers, magazines, and tracts,—the moneys received from the sales of "Christ's Object Lessons," and the moneys to be sent to the California Tract Society as donations to the Fund for the Free Distribution of S. D. A. Literature, and to the Fund for the Aid of Worthy S. D. A. Canvassers.

All moneys for foreign missions, first-day offerings, Sabbath-school offerings, annual offerings, Christiania Publishing House, Home of the Friendless, southern field, Australia, etc.; all moneys for "Christ's Object Lessons" Material Fund (Relief of the Schools); all moneys for special donations not connected with the work of the California Tract Society, should be paid to the church treasurer, and forwarded by him, not to the tract society, but to the California S. D. A. Conference, Oakland, California.

We are thankful that these arrangements have been made, for our librarians will now be able to devote their whole energy to the circulation of our literature, and to the work of encouraging our church-members everywhere to engage in the same with all their strength.

October 1 we shall mail to all of our librarians the new Pacific Press Publishing Company's catalogue of publications, which is just out. Please look it through carefully, noting the new tracts, books, etc., issued. Then tell your church-members about these new publications.

Let each church librarian carefully watch the columns of the "Signs," the "Review," "Sentinel," etc., for literary notices or advertisements of new publications, and faithfully report these new books, tracts, or pamphlets to the members of the church.

We would also call the attention of every librarian and church-

member to the special offer now being made by the publishers of that most excellent magazine, the "Sentinel." They offer to send the same to any address for the four months of September, October, November, and December for the trifling sum of twenty-five cents. If you are not already a subscriber to this magazine, you are missing much. Rome is working every wire to once more secure her temporal supremacy over the nations of earth. The "Sentinel" is watching the movement, and will keep you fully posted regarding that and kindred movements. Send all orders to your state tract society.

Above all things, dear librarians, please remember that you are not doing the work of a faithful librarian if you simply sit back and wait for orders for publication. You are to solicit all the orders you can—you are to be the leader in all church missionary efforts. You are to be the best-informed member of the church, and to lead in all good works. Each librarian should be to the local missionary society all that the captain of a football team is to his team—the strongest and most aggressive of the band.

Finally, remember that "if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Cor. 8:12); and also that our working orders are, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10). Let us all do, first of all, the good deeds that lie within reach—not that which our eyes can see, but simply what our hand can find.

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Sec. and Treas. Cal. Tract So.

"All Things Work Together for Good"

I give the following experience, hoping that some one else may find some encouragement in it for them:

Another sister and myself finished our work in our field of labor and were ready to take the boat to go to a new field, but hindering circumstances prevented our getting off until two days later than we had planned. On our way to ——— I came down with measles. Arriving

at our destination about six o'clock, we walked to the place where we had planned to stay, but as I had the measles, they could not very well take me in.

We walked back down town, perfect strangers in the place, without any idea where I might spend the night, but trusting that the Lord would open a door somewhere.

First, we found a doctor, thinking she might be of some help to us in finding a place. She said I ought not to be out any longer, and invited me to her room, and gave us some supper.

My friend and the police judge then tried to find me a place, but all in vain until they thought of the Holiness Mission, or training-school, which was closed then on account of the smallpox.

The police judge took us out there on the car. When we arrived it was past ten o'clock, and every one was in bed. Upon making our errand known, the lady said I might stay. They had just one extra room, cleaned and ready for use. That must have been prepared for me. The Lord only knows. One of the first things I noticed in my room was this motto, "Him that cometh to Me I will in nowise cast out."

I stayed at this place about three weeks, losing nearly two weeks from my work. During that time at half past five or six every morning the mission family met in the room across the hall from mine for worship. It made no difference how late they had been up the night before, or how pressing the work for the day might be. I wondered if many of us could not well take an example from their faithfulness.

As for those expressions, "Praise the Lord," "Glory to God," etc. which I so often heard, I believe it would be much better if they fell from our lips oftener instead of the complainings of our hardships.

These people told me they did not know much about the Adventists, although the matron is interested in the Sabbath question.

When I came away I asked how much I owed them, and they said,

"Nothing." They also told me that I knew where home was when I came to that place again, and to be sure to call on them, also to stay with them when I came back to deliver my books, and to think nothing about the expense.

I might mention that they were very much in need of help while I was there, so I wiped dishes, swept floors, and did anything else that came my way.

I left a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" and some other reading matter when I came away, also "Friend in the Kitchen," with which the matron seemed to be much pleased. The first thing she did was to find what the book said about substitutes for meat, and read the chapter.

They have the "Signs," and like it to use in getting the Sunday-school lessons.

I fully believe the Lord was in all of this experience, and hope and pray that the seeds of truth sown in this place may spring up and bring forth fruit.

I can only say, Praise the Lord, who truly makes "all things work together for good" to those who love Him. Effie Mae Merrill.

Beaverton, Oregon.

The "Object Lessons" Work in Honolulu

Seven of the brethren have been canvassing for this valuable book, with good success, considering the amount of time devoted. A few more expect to sell their quota. All who have engaged in this work received blessings, and are glad they could carry to the people such a help to Christian living.

One of the sisters sold five books to Princess Kawanakoa, who has distributed them to such places as the prison, reform school, etc. One or two who took their quota, but who are so situated they can not canvas, are making gifts, placing the books in the Y. W. C. A. missions, and other places.

The largest number of orders was taken by an elderly sister, who secured fourteen subscriptions in one home. These will be given to friends and relatives of influ-

ence, into whose homes, no doubt, the canvasser could not have placed them.

We will keep on with the work till the whole number has been disposed of. We wish to help sing the song of jubilee. May God grant His especial help to all who are engaged in this timely work.

Mrs. A. C. Behrens.

Honolulu, H. T.

Sept. 5, 1902.

God's Plan

Blessed promise, "I will come again," but twice blessed hope, He is coming soon.

Golden gleams of light are shining from the throne of glory upon our work to-day. Angels hasten to and fro to assist in the work; God sits in judgment, and soon Jesus will come. Then those who by patiently toiling have carried the bread of life to others will welcome our blessed Redeemer, and every waiting heart will rejoice with a joy unspeakable, as Jesus welcomes them unto Himself.

Listen! The message must go to the world in this generation. God's people are to carry it. Have our ears become so deaf that we do not hear the bells upon the hem of our High Priest's garment? Our High Priest still lives. He is making preparations to return. My brethren, can you not hear Him?

In heaven plans are being laid,—intelligent plans, plans intended to be carried out on the earth, plans that enlist all the followers of Christ. Is it not a sublime thought that we as individuals are taken into the plans of heaven? Such is the case, and the plans are now going forward, praise the Lord. The gentle showers of refreshing are coming down here and there. The approval of God rests upon those who enter into His plans and carry forward His work.

The "Christ's Object Lessons" movement is God's plan—planned in heaven to be carried out on earth. One great object of this movement is to train God's people for the canvassing work, and that they may be able to see its importance and the blessings in it.

This work, the work of getting

our publications before the people, is the work for this time. It is in harmony with the plans of Heaven. Never will there be a more opportune time for this work than now. Angels stand ready to assist.

God is calling attention to this work. Let us call attention to it also. God is in this work. Let us also enter it.

There have been definite messages at appointed times in this world's history, and this is one.

Not one can afford to lose what God has for us. For my part I want to do more than ever before.

H. H. Johnson.

Encouraging Words from Our Canvassers

The following are extracts from the letters of our faithful canvassers. We trust that they will be read carefully, and that the tone of courage, even in spite of discouragement, may be noted all the way through.

"The Lord has blessed abundantly the past week. I begin to realize as never before what a grand and noble work this is. An endeavoring with the Lord's help to do thorough work, even if I do not get over the ground very fast. I met a lady yesterday who was very bitter. After spending an hour with her in talking and reasoning from God's Word, that bitter spirit was all gone, and when I left, she thanked me for my talk. Surely there is power in God's Word. The canvasser can do much in breaking down prejudice. They also need the prayers and cooperation of all God's people."

Another says: "I can continually say, 'Praise the Lord!' I was sick last week and so did not have any report to send, but the Lord has given me double this week to pay for the loss of last week. I have had a hard trip, up and down such steep, long hills, with a loaded bicycle to push. I get tired out. Several times I was so tired that I was forced to lie down by the roadside to rest. I started from ——— without a cent, and in five days the Lord gave me over \$60 worth of orders, \$18.65 being cash sales. I

praise His name for a part in this good work."

One says: "My report this week does not quite come up to the average. Yet success does not always depend upon the number of orders taken. I have realized something of the power of God's Word in talking with people, and I know the Lord can use even as weak and humble an instrument as I am. I am truly thankful for this blessed truth, and that I may have a part in giving it to others."

Regarding every-day experiences one says: "The two days I worked in ——— I did not have to pay anything for board, nor would the people take anything in exchange for it. At one place where I took a subscription for the book the lady and her husband were deeply interested in the signs of Christ's coming and other truths. They took the book, not because of its fine paper and good binding, but for what it contains. At one place I found a 'Great Controversy' in the man's library, sold to him some years ago by one of our canvassers. The man has been reading the book, and believes the seventh day to be the Sabbath, though he has not yet decided to obey. I had a good talk with him about the signs of Christ's coming. Have written him since and sent him some papers."

Many of our people may have an opportunity to obtain experiences this fall as good and encouraging as those above related. The harvest is white. Come and join our force, and the Lord will bless you with success and courage.

P. R. Albrecht,
State Agent Northern California.

Devotion is not all. Peter wished to stay on the mount of transfiguration, to go back no more to the cold, sin-stricken world below; but, no; down at the mountain's base human suffering and sorrow were waiting for the coming of the Healer, and the Master and His disciples must leave the rapture of heavenly communion and hasten down to carry healing and comfort. It is always so. While we enjoy the blessedness of fellowship with

God in the closet, there come in at our closed doors and break upon our ears the cries of human need and sorrow outside. The truest religious life is one whose devotion gives food and strength for service. The way to spiritual health lies in the paths of consecrated activity. —Miller.

Good Words from England

Dear Brother Canvassers: I wish to write a few words to you, as from one of your number in a far country; first, to say that we have found the same God here, and He manifests Himself in the same fatherly ways here as in California, whether it be through prosperity or adversity.

You will be glad to know that at present England is leading the world in the sale of our denominational books. Some of the canvassers are taking very large numbers of orders.

Of the last who came from America, Brethren Hartford and Carscallen are in Belfast; Brethren Olmstead and Bailey, in South Wales; Brother Brandt, in Hull; Brethren W. B. Scott and Taylor, in Glasgow; Brethren James and Holmes, in Leeds. There is very much unworked territory in England. Probably more than 1,000,000 people can be found within thirty minutes' ride from the center of Leeds.

There are many English canvassers, but they can not occupy so large a field. And it is ripe for the harvest, too. The English people are ready for the truth. They can not all buy books, but a great many can, and God will give the Christian graces of perseverance and tact to all who have a true burden for souls.

If God indicates that He would have you in this field, come. But do not come until you are ready to serve God and your fellow-men with all your strength and do it willingly. Then you will find that He will accept and use you as a means of saving souls.

Charles E. Holmes,
Leeds, England,

Aug. 28, 1902.

The Progress of "Christ's Object Lessons" in California

The work in the interests of "Christ's Object Lessons" is moving steadily along in California.

In the Santa Clara Valley Elder Fero and Brother McCord are pushing the work, with good results. Something over a thousand books have been placed with the church-members there. And for the sale of each book some one has become responsible. These books are being disposed of right along. With the members of the Oakland church Professor Derby has been doing faithful work, assisted by Brother Albrecht. Something over 1,000 books have been taken by the members of the Oakland church. Brother C. G. Marchus has been accomplishing a good work among the members of the Laguna Street church, of San Francisco. Some 700 books have been taken by the members of the church. Elder Richards has brought his flock at the Valencia Street church up to the mark of a full quota. About 1,000 books have been taken in the Napa Valley. In Humboldt County, through the efficient work of Elder Gardner and Brother Marchus, 1,480 books have been taken, which is the full quota for that district. In Sonoma Valley there are something over 1,500 books placed with the churches. A good work has also been done in the San Joaquin Valley by Brethren Thurston, Gauterau, and Bond. Something over 1,000 books are also placed in the churches of this valley.

About 9,000 books have been placed with the churches during this last campaign; still no aggressive work has as yet been undertaken in the Sacramento Valley. Brother Halliday has done a splendid work in going right out selling the book. He has thus been able to sell about 150 volumes. We are by no means discouraged in this work, but can see that God is blessing in a remarkable way the work and workers.

Chas. T. Everson.

Canvassers' Items

Brethren Steel and Coy, students from the Walla Walla College, did a good work in Montana this season.

Sister Stem and Brother Drake, of the California Conference, are doing an excellent work in and around Fresno.

Brother and Sister H. E. Loop, of Western Washington, have had excellent success in taking orders for the medical books, "Home Handbook," and "Ladies' Guide."

P. R. Albrecht, state agent of the California Conference, has charge of the "Object Lessons" work in the city of Oakland, and is pushing the work forward as rapidly as possible.

H. H. Johnson, state agent of the Western Washington Conference, gives an encouraging report of the work in that field. He has several canvassers, and new ones preparing to take up the work.

J. W. Posey, state agent of the Upper Columbia Conference, writes that on account of failing health he is unable to carry on the canvassing work in that field. Brother Posey has had charge of the Spokane Mission for a number of years, and has proved himself an efficient laborer in the cause. We trust that arrangements can be made whereby he may soon regain his health.

We received a communication from Brother Walter Harper, dated the 18th inst., saying: "I am still busy at work canvassing. Tuesday I took twenty-two orders at Capay, or about \$50 worth. This week in less than five days the Lord has given me from \$150 to \$200 worth of orders. I lay hold of the arm of the infinite God, seek His face earnestly, work and pray, and the results are marvelous. The Lord is my Helper. I praise Him for all the tokens of His love."

S. C. Osborne.

Send Me

Time hastens on. The noonday's heat
Is softening into eventide,
The reapers bind amid the wheat,
And yet the fields unreaped are wide.
The harvesters are weary. Say,
Why do we stand in long delay?
Master, see. Here are hands for Thee.
Can'st Thou not use them? Oh, send me!

Time hastens on. The battle strife
Is fierce I hear the clash of arms,
With shouts of combat all is rife,
My heart is faint with dire alarms.
The Captain calls for volunteers;
Why do we stand apart with fears?
Master, no coward's part be mine.
Send me to aid this cause of Thine.

Time hastens on. The souls I see
Faint for the bread of life divine,
Yet there's a fountain flowing free
That pours with love's unfiltered wine.
The vessels stand with flowing brim.
Say, shall the dying eyes grow dim?
Master, I will no longer wait,
Send me before it be too late.

Time hastens on. The names are sown
Upon the page of death and doom.
Can one more name be traced upon
The book of life? Time's settling gloom
Is thickening. Is there one more soul
Who'll turn before the trumpet's roll?
Master, if one Thou seest, see,
I'll take the pen to write for Thee.

Time hastens on. And yet there waits
A day, an hour, a moment's space.
What is it so our step belates
To speak the Saviour's loving grace?
Here, though He needs not me or you,
We need the work He has to do.
Master, anoint us; send us on
To work for Thee ere day is done.
—Selected.

No good deed, no genuine sacrifice, is ever wasted. If there be good in it, God will use it for His own holy purposes; and whatever of ignorance, or weakness, or mistake was mingled with it will drop away as the withered sepals drop away when the full flower has blown.—Frederick W. Farrar.

There will no soul appear in the judgment that will be able to give a satisfactory excuse for being lost. On the contrary, every one who has carried out the promptings of that divine life which dwells within him will be saved, and will help to swell the multitude that will finally stand around the great white throne.—David Paulson, M. D.

Consecration

Are you satisfied with your experience? Your pleasant pursuits, your harmless recreations, your nice occupations, even your improving ones, what fruit are you having from them? Your social intercourse, your daily talks and walks, your investments of all the time that remains to you over and above the absolute duties God may have given you, what fruit that shall remain have you from all this?

Day after day passes on, and year after year, and what shall the harvest be? What is even the present return? Are you getting any real and lasting satisfaction out of it all? Are you not finding that things lose their flavor, and that you are spending your strength day after day for nought, that you are no more satisfied than you were a year ago, rather less so, if anything? Does not a sense of hollowness and weariness come over you as you go on the same round, perpetually getting through things only to begin again? It can not be otherwise. Over even the freshest and purest earthly fountains the hand that never makes a mistake has written, "He that drinketh of this water shall thirst again." Look into your own heart and you will find a copy of that inscription already traced, "Shall thirst again." And the characters are being deepened with every attempt to quench the inevitable thirst and weariness in life, which can only be satisfied and rested in full consecration to God. For "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and the heart never resteth till it findeth rest in Thee." To-day I tell you of a brighter and happier life, whose inscription is, "Shall never thirst"—a life that is no dull round-and-round in a circle of unsatisfactoriness, but a life that has found its true and entirely satisfactory goal, whose brightness is cast over every step of the way. Will you not seek it?

Let Him have the ground, no matter how poor or overgrown the soil may be, and then "He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord."

Yes, even our desert! And then we shall sing, "My beloved is gone down into His garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies."—Kept for the Master's Use.

The Ten Commandments in the New Testament

The ten commandments are given, not only repeatedly in the Old Testament, but also in the teachings of Christ in the Gospel.

First.—"And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." Mark 12:29.

Second.—"For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." 1 Thess. 1:9.

Third.—"But I say unto you, Swear not at all." Matt. 5:34.

Fourth.—"And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27.

Fifth.—"Honor thy father and thy mother." Matt. 19:19.

Sixth.—"Thou shalt do no murder." Matt. 19:18.

Seventh.—"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Matt. 19:18.

Eighth.—"Thou shalt not steal." Matt. 19:18.

Ninth.—"Thou shalt not bear false witness." Matt. 19:18.

Tenth.—"And He said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness." Luke 12:15. — Sunday School Times.

Determination and Effort

Let the nobleness of your mind impel you to its improvement. You are too strong to be defeated save by yourselves. Refuse to live merely to eat and sleep. Brutes can do this, but you are men. Prepare yourselves to endure toil. Resolve to rise; you have but to resolve. Nothing can hinder your success if you determine to succeed. Do not waste

your time by wishing and dreaming, but go earnestly to work. Let nothing discourage you. If you have but little time, improve that little; if you have no books, borrow them; if you have no teacher, teach yourself; if your early education has been neglected, by the greater diligence repair the defect. Let not a craven heart of love of ease rob you of the inestimable benefit of self-culture.—Selected.

Readiness to do Good

If we spend our time purposing to do something, and never do it, it will be lost time. The claims of the church and of the world are on us. We can not be all our lifetime getting ready, but must stand ready to put our hand to any good work within our reach. A comparatively little effort done at once may be better for the cause of religion than ten times as much labor ten years afterward. If one soul is saved and set on the road to heaven, it is better than to wait in uncertainty for an opportunity to save ten. The condition of sinners is desperate, and what is done for them must be done promptly. Like shipwrecked men, they must be rescued soon or it will be too late. When the first alarm is given the life-savers on the coast haste to the rescue. The world of unconverted men is sinking in the waves of sin, in jeopardy every hour. What is done for the present generation must be done now. A boy called to a passer-by that a man had fallen into a swamp and to make haste or he would die. "How deep is he in?" "In to his waist," was the answer. "Oh, well, there is plenty of time to get him out!" "Yes, but he is in head first." The case was desperate and did not admit of delay. So opportunities must be seized or lost forever. In almost any case, what is done must be done quickly, if success is to be attained.—Our Young Folks.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love."

The Use of Ears

The need of this age is for more listeners and fewer talkers. Youth and inexperience are more anxious to air their own opinions than to listen to the opinions of those who are older and wiser. They refuse to listen to reason, will take no counsel, and are deaf to entreaties from those who seek to turn them from dangerous paths.

Many keep their best thoughts to themselves "for lack of listeners," and "were we as eloquent as angels, we should please some men, some women, and some children much more by listening than by talking;" for those who have the least to say are usually the most inveterate talkers, and when once they "have the floor," there is no chance for any one else to get a word in edgewise.

The art of listening should be a part of the education of youth. They should be trained to fix their attention, to lend their ears, and to put themselves into a receptive condition.

It is difficult to remember the sermon, or even so much as the text, because the mind wanders and the attention is easily diverted. The habit of listening enables us to overcome these evils, or at least to control our thoughts; and as an attentive listener is a great inspiration to a speaker, the audience may deserve some credit for the successful delivery of a discourse.

We all know how difficult it is to express ourselves to those who do not care to hear the sound of any voice but their own. What a comfort and help it is to find a sympathetic listener! Fortunately, there are a few of this sort who lend a willing ear, whose eyes kindle, whose cheeks flush, whose lips are silent, and who listen as if under a spell. It is safe to assume that those who have paid such rapt attention will grow in knowledge, will profit by what they hear, and be able to repeat a message with accuracy.—Our Young Folks.

"1. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself.

"2. The best teacher in things spiritual is the Holy Spirit."

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Opening of Healdsburg College

The second or fall quarter of the Healdsburg College year will begin October 15, instead of October 1. This change was made in order that both teachers and students might be free to attend the camp-meeting, which is to be held in Fresno, September 30 to October 12.

Fresno, California, Camp-Meeting

REDUCTION OF FARE

To secure reduction of fare in attending the camp-meeting, the following instructions and conditions must be carried out:—

1. Tickets for Fresno may be purchased now at any time, and tickets for returning must be bought not later than October 14.

2. A certificate, or receipt for your money, must be secured from the agent of whom you purchase your ticket.

3. All certificates and receipts must be signed on the camp-ground by the conference secretary, M. H. Brown, before you start for home. You can then purchase your return ticket at one-third the regular fare by presenting your certificate or receipt to the agent.

4. There must be fifty buying tickets to the meeting over any railroad in order to secure the reduction over that road.

DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING THE FRESNO CAMP-MEETING

All who come from the north by way of Stockton with teams will find better roads if they come from

Stockton to Oakdale and then to Merced by Hopeton Bridge. From Merced to Fresno the road is good, but along the Southern Pacific Railroad, between Merced and Modesto, the road is quite sandy much of the way, and, though it is the most direct route, loaded teams especially will find the Oakdale road preferable.

On nearing Fresno, all teams from the north will keep the wagon road east, after crossing the Southern Pacific Railroad, till they reach the camp, which is in the northern part of Fresno.

On reaching Fresno by rail, take the street-cars for the camp-ground. Those coming over the Southern Pacific will find the street-car service the most direct to the camp-ground. We hope the electric cars will be in operation before the meeting closes, but at present only horse cars are used. The location of the camp-ground is on the corner of Blackstone and Belmont Avenues; the cars run to the corner of the grounds.

Baggage will be transferred by our people who are in the business here. Give your checks to those only who have the word, "Camp-ground," on their hats. We are sure of quick and Christian service in handling the baggage.

All the principal trains of the day will be met, and night trains, if notice is given in advance.

All communications relative to these matters should be addressed to H. G. Thurston, Fresno, Cal.

TENTS

Tents will be rented for the Fresno meeting as follows: 10x12, \$2.50; fly, 50 cents; burlap, 50 cents; 12x17, \$3.50; fly, 75 cents; burlap, 75 cents; double wire springs, 75 cents; three-fourths wire springs, 60 cents. Please order at once. M. H. Brown.

Wanted.—Engineer, plumber, electrician, printer, upholsterer, harness maker, shoemaker, carpenter, house painter, carriage painter, blacksmith, and gardener. State age, experience, reference, and salary expected. Must be Seventh-day Adventists.

An excellent opportunity is also offered for young men with a practical knowledge of any of these trades who desire to obtain an education to pay their entire way through college by working a few hours each day. Address Healdsburg College, Healdsburg, Cal.

Opening of the German Department of Walla Walla College

The German Department of the Walla Walla College will open Wednesday, October 1, with Elder H. J. Schnepfer as teacher. Classes will be organized in German reading, writing, spelling, grammar, rhetoric, Bible, and history, as the needs of the students who are present may require. We trust our German brethren throughout the northwest will give this department their hearty cooperation and support, and that they will send us a goodly number of young men and women, also of older persons, who can be fitted in a short time for acceptable service in the Master's cause among the German population of this northwestern country. Those who desire further information concerning this department may correspond with the undersigned, or with Elder Schnepfer, at College Place, Washington.

C. C. Lewis,
President.

Notice

The thirty-first annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Fresno, Cal., September 30 to October 12, 1902, to elect officers and a board of directors for the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Each church is entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for every twenty members. These should be chosen without delay.

A. T. Jones,
President.

M. H. Brown,
Secretary.