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

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THE CHURCH

Firm as a Rock

Unshaken as the sacred hills,
And fixed as mountains stand;
Firm as a rock the soul shall rest
That trusts the Almighty hand.

Not walls, not hills, could guard so well
Fair Salem's happy ground,
As those eternal arms of love,
That every saint surround.

—Isaac Watts.

A Word of Cheer

My fellow-laborers, never let your courage fail. Never complain. Never talk unbelief because appearances are against you. As you work for the Master, you will feel pressure for want of means, but the Lord will hear and answer your petitions. Let your language be, "The Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

Difficulties will arise that will try your faith and patience. Face them bravely. Remember that Christ has said, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." You are not asked to fight alone. Christ and the heavenly angels are fighting with you. Look on the bright side. If the work that you are doing is hindered, be sure that it is not your fault, and then go forward, rejoicing in the Lord. Heaven is full of joy. It resounds with the praises of Him who made

so wonderful a sacrifice for the redemption of the human race. Should not the church on earth be full of praise? Should not Christians publish throughout the world the joy of serving Christ? Those who in heaven join with the angelic choir in their anthem of praise must learn on earth the song of heaven, the keynote of which is praise and thanksgiving.

If you make a mistake, turn your defeat into a victory. The lessons that God sends will always, if well learned, bring help in due time. Put your trust in God. Pray much, and believe that in His work the Lord will guide you step by step. Trusting, hoping, believing, holding fast the hand of infinite power, you will be more than conquerors.

Come to the water of life, and drink. Do not stay away, and complain of thirst. The water of life is free for all. Spend much time on your knees in prayer. Believe that God hears your prayers, and you will see of His salvation.

Depend on this: If you study the Word of God with a sincere desire to get help, the Lord will fill your soul with light. Your work will be approved by God, and your influence will be a savor of life.

Have faith in God. Unbelief can only deny and destroy. Faith lifts the head in confidence and trust. True workers walk and work by faith. Sometimes they grow weary with watching the slow advance of the work, when the battle wages strong between the powers of good and evil. But

if they refuse to fail or be discouraged, they will see the clouds breaking away, and the promise of deliverance fulfilling. Through the mist with which Satan has surrounded them, they will see the shining of the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness.

Work in faith, and leave the results with God. Pray in faith, and the mystery of God's providence will bring its answer. At times it may seem that you can not succeed; but work and believe, putting into your efforts faith and life and hope and courage. After you have done what you can, wait for the Lord, declaring His faithfulness, and He will bring His word to pass. Wait, not in fretful anxiety, but in undaunted faith and unshaken trust.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? . . . Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are

more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ellen G. White.

The Coming Week of Prayer

There are many reasons which conspire to make the season of devotion that will be observed by our people December 20 to 27 one of greater importance than any former occasion of the kind. The time has come for decided action in a definite forward movement. The call of God for this is loud and imperative. We are not answering as we should the earnest calls that come to us from whitened fields ready for the harvest. It is most fitting, indeed, that a season of special devotion and prayer should be held by our people at this time, in which to consider the pressing demands that are now being made upon us for service.

As in former years, distribution will be made to all our people, as far as possible, of the readings that have been prepared for this occasion. The subject dealt with in these readings is that of service, the special phases being, "Saved for Service," "Open Doors for Service," "Macedonian Calls to Service," "Preparation for Service," "True Motive for Service," "Consecration of Means to Service," "Definite Aim in Service."

Our people should sense most keenly and vividly the importance of the present opportunities, and should realize what the week of prayer may be to them. It should lead to a great spiritual awakening, to a revival and a reformation; it should lead those who are discouraged to renew their hold upon God; it should lead those who are worldly to renew their consecration to God, to sever the ties that bind them to the world, and to strengthen those that bind them to the world to come; it should lead many of our brethren and sisters of talent to devote their lives more

entirely to the work of God; and it should be the means of leading our people who are enjoying such great financial prosperity to make a proper return to God for the blessings He is bestowing upon them.

I believe that during the coming week of prayer one of the chief burdens of our people should be to plead with God to show us how to answer the calls that are coming to us from all parts of the world. If our people would give themselves up to fervent prayer in behalf of the evangelization of the world, we would see the beginning of a new order of things. We would have volunteers as never before for foreign lands. Our difficulty to-day to obtain the laborers for these fields is greater than our difficulty to secure the means.

Is it not a remarkable thing that the Lord has gone before us, and so prepared all lands for this truth that calls are coming to us from all of them for help? Only a few years ago we had to pioneer these countries, and gain a foothold by dint of hard struggles. No one knew of us, and no call came to us, except the mute appeals of countries in darkness, without this light. But now all this is changed. These fields are ready for us, and most earnest pleadings come to us for help. What does this mean? Why is the world laid at the feet of our church? Why are scores of earnest appeals sent to us from all parts of the world to give them this message? This is a marvelous thing. It should stir the hearts of our people. This is a fulfilment of the promises made in the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah.

We have never needed a special season of Bible-study and earnest prayer more than we do to-day. The special need of this hour is consecration to the work of God. The world is prepared for this message, but our people are not prepared to go forth with it as they should be. The coming week of prayer should be a season of consecration to God and earnest prayer in behalf of the extension of this cause. The great wide world, which God has sent us to save, needs at once the blessing and salvation of this message.

Clear-sighted, enthusiastic, and sturdy service in gospel evangelization is what is needed to-day. This is the call of the hour, and it can only be answered by the coming of the toilers. Can not the coming week of prayer be made to arouse our people on this point, and give them new views of this great problem? If all our people could receive a revelation regarding the great field to be worked, and the preparation that has been made for our work to be readily accomplished, and the facilities and talents within our own denomination for doing the work, a mighty forward movement would set in from the impulse of the people themselves. Then the great body of the people would, by one mighty uprising, give its service and its means to this great work.

Much will depend upon the attitude taken by the ministers and church officers in making this season the blessing it should be to the churches. The minister or church officer who is not awake to the call of the hour will very likely fail to make the readings during the week of prayer accomplish what they are designed to do.

The time has come for us to put aside our fears and doubts, and to engage in this work with a determination that will win. The message we preach is from God, and, according to that message, the world must be warned in our day, and the end must come. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The earnest calls from whitened fields to-day are only the bugle-call of God to this people to arise and plant the standard of this truth in all lands as a witness to all nations, that the end may come.

A. G. Daniells.

God is light, and he who dwelleth in God dwelleth in light; and where God's light is, there is wisdom and safety, and a peace which the world does not even attempt to give, and which, happily, neither its malice nor its wickedness nor its misfortunes can ever take away.—Farrar.

Alone with God

"I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26.

The long illness of my daughter is proving His keeping care for His obedient and trusting ones. He gives us the grace to obey, and the faith to trust, and then the reward of both. Praise Him!

This trial has been a heavy one, a severe tax on my powers of endurance; and the strain has been more than human strength alone could have borne.

For several days at one time last summer, I was conscious of a sense of weakness and the need of rest; but with no one to take my place, I did not see how to take it.

One night I was awakened with an unusual sensation of chilliness; I pulled the foot quilt up over me, and decided to sleep it off. It came again, running all over me, ending in shiver and a chatter that made me wide-awake. I realized that I was having a chill. As I turned over, my dizzy head told me I must be careful. The next instant came another shiver, and the sickening feeling of weakness accompanied it. I lifted my heart in prayer to God. "This will never do," I said to myself; "I will go to the kitchen and fill a hot-water bag before I get any worse." As I made the effort to rise and get out of bed, I fell back, and my senses all but deserted me. Barely conscious, I crept under the covers again, shivering and fainting. Then thought or prayer became impossible, but when consciousness returned I began talking to the Father, as I often do when alone, and asking to be led back into perfect harmony with His will. I thanked Him for the faithful sentinels which had reminded me that I was out of the road of Ex. 15:26. I told him that He knew I was His, and I desired to live only to manifest His love, and asked Him to show me wherein I had been disobedient. "Father," I said, "You know all about this sick daughter of mine, unable to wait on herself, even in bed; and You know how much she needs me. You know all about my husband just recovering from la grippe, and how weak and helpless

he is. You know about my aged mother and her needs, and how unable she is to wait on herself. You know all the other home cares and the pressing financial burdens that it seems as if I alone must carry. I see no one to take any of them if I lay them down. I can not overcome this chill and creeping unconsciousness. There are no elders here to lay hands on me; there is not a human being I can call to my aid. I am alone with You, dear Lord, and You can touch me with this air I am breathing; Your life is in it, and, believing Your Word (Ex. 15:26), I accept now, by faith in Jesus my Saviour, the life You have given me."

This was between shivers, and I began to breathe slowly and as deep as I could. With each effort came more strength for the next one, and soon, even between shivers, I was breathing full, deep breaths, praying and praising all the time. After a while the shivers became less frequent and pronounced. A feeling of warmth crept over me, and with it came that other delicious sensation so plainly recognized by all who have ever been healed by the Lord—and yet so hard to describe—like a warm tide of living water, or gentle, very gentle, electricity, or new life, beginning at the base of the brain and passing down the spine and along every nerve-line to the skin, until the entire surface of the body feels the grateful relaxing glow. I continued breathing and praising until sleepiness began to steal over me, and with it a sensation of moisture all over my skin, and I knew the great Physician was working out my salvation in His own way,—blessed way,—and according to His own beautiful laws of elimination and refreshing or recreating.

As I fell asleep, I committed my body, His temple, to Him, believing He would finish the gracious work He had begun.

Ps. 3:5 was fulfilled in me; and when my eyes opened in the morning my first thought was Ps. 143:8; and I arose, resting on His Word. I felt weak, and He taught me what I needed to know, that the strength was all His, and it

was not I that was doing all this hard work and carrying these heavy burdens, but Christ, and He never failed or became either discouraged or puffed up.

Now while I work I am resting, rejoicing, and He, as usual, is keeping His Word.

With the prayer that He will bless this experience to His saints, I send it on its way.

Augusta C. Bainbridge.

Men Ought Always to Pray

The necessity for earnest, continued, believing prayer in the church and the home grows with the exigencies of the times. "Men ought always to pray," and, as perils multiply and threaten, the call to prayer becomes more urgent. No engagements of business, no enticements of pleasure, no urgency even of Christian service, can release us from the one first and most important privilege of prayer.

More quiet waiting upon God, and less hurry and flurry in Christian work, would put us in possession of that power which alone would make our toil fruitful. He who comes into communion with God and walks with Him will have God walking with him. The finest natural gifts can not take the place of the gifts of grace. Nor are these gracious qualifications for efficient service accidents. They do not come to us regardless of our manner of life.

There is law in grace, the law of reception, the law of possession. "Ask, and ye shall receive." Prayer comes before possession, and possession before using. God's children can not use what they do not have, and they can not have moral and spiritual power without meeting the conditions of possession. "Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty." "Spiritual slumber brings spiritual poverty." "The desire of the slothful killeth him." God's prophet complains of His people's indifference to prayer. "There is none that calleth upon Thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of Thee."

The men of God, who have

saved their nation, who have reformed the world, who have called the people back from their superstitions to godly living, have been men of prayer—mighty in prayer. They have understood that they must take time to pray.—Rev. S. E. Withard, D. D.

THE FIELD

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our Work and Workers

It has been some time since the work in general has been reported from this field. The laborers are busy, and the work is onward.

This week the brethren at San Pedro will commence the building of a church for the company that was organized in the summer. They have the money in hand for the lumber, and the work is donated. The only debt they will have will be on the lot.

Last Sabbath, at Santa Monica, twenty-five signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God. This is the result of recent labor bestowed, with the exception of seven, who were Sabbath-keepers before. A church will be organized there soon. We are glad that in these watering-places we are getting a foothold, and that seed sown is bearing fruit.

Elder Knight and wife have labored since camp-meeting in Corona. Several there have accepted the truth, but I do not know the exact number. With one or two faithful families who were there, they will soon have an organized church.

A church of forty-two members has been organized at Fernando. These were largely members of other churches before they united there, yet we are glad that we can report students of the Fernando College who are taking their stand for the truth, and who have helped to make this number.

Fernando is twenty-one miles north of Los Angeles. It was selected as the location for the conference school. A large brick building was erected several years ago by the Methodists for a theo-

logical college, but it was not patronized enough to justify the outlay, and was closed. The building cost \$35,000. There being no inducement to again open it, they were very anxious to dispose of it. We purchased this property, with the ten acres upon which it is located, for \$7,250. We have also rented ten acres of rich new land for a term of five years, at the nominal rental of one dollar per year. With this added to the college property, we have something over twenty acres to put into small fruits and grain. Being in the belt where frost seldom appears, we can raise different kinds of fruits during the winter. In this way we can sell berries and garden produce when the price is high.

The school opened October 1. During the two months since then the students have made progress in preparing the farm, also in fitting living-rooms for the young men, the dormitory being filled with lady students.

From the first it was evident that we ought to have a water supply that would be under the command of the college. So a well has been made, and December 1 the word came, that almost four thousand years ago was brought to Isaac by His servants, "We have found water."

The climate of Fernando is as near perfection as can be found, perhaps, upon the earth. Above all other causes for encouragement is the assurance, given us from the Lord, that He has chosen this location for our school.

The principal and faculty of the school have taken a firm stand that the education given shall be thorough, and not superficial. That this might be so, some students have had to go back in their studies. This, at the first, is not encouraging, but it will yield a blessing in the fruits.

Health, with moderate care, is almost assured.

The laborers of the conference, whether canvasser, Bible-worker, licentiate, or minister, are in perfect union and harmony in the work. This is also a matter of encouragement.

So now we look to another

winter's work in this conference that will bear the approval of God. We dare not trust in the strength or wisdom of man; but with the Lord to guide, all things are possible.

Clarence Santee.
Fernando, December 5.

Items

Beginning January 12 and continuing two weeks, a missionary convention and canvassers' institute will be held in the Southern California Conference, at Los Angeles. Sufficient help will be present to give instruction in the various lines of missionary work. Each church should plan to have one or more representatives present at this meeting. Room rent will be free to all those who come from other churches. Those desiring to attend should correspond with the state agent, J. H. Parritt, 143 Carr Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Our college is prospering, as new students are being added from time to time, and there is a spirit of contentment in the family. Miss Ella Burgess, of Provo, Utah, has been secured as instructor in music. Her class has started out feeling very much encouraged.

The improvements on the college building and farm are progressing very nicely. Water has been secured in quantities at a depth of 106 feet. The gasoline pumping-plant is now being installed. The teachers and students are setting out a large garden, which we think will materially aid the school in reducing expenses.

The writer has resigned his position as secretary and treasurer of the Southern California Tract Society, in order that more time may be given to the conference secretary's work. Brother R. L. Santee has been chosen to fill the vacancy. The headquarters of the society will continue at Fernando.

C. A. Pedicord.

"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

WESTERN OREGON

Conference News

The Executive Committee of the Western Oregon Conference recently called a council of the ministers and other conference laborers to consider the "Christ's Object Lessons" work in this field. A good representation of our laborers was present at this council. Harmony of action prevailed, and definite plans were laid to close out this work as far as the college is concerned. We hope to see this work accomplished by March 1, 1903. The laborers have gone to their respective districts full of courage, and animated by the Spirit of God to press this battle to victory.

One of our laborers telegraphs for the entire quota for his district. He is confident of success, and orders extra copies. God loves a cheerful giver.

Another laborer from Southern Oregon states in a recent communication to the conference president that he has become financially responsible for all books not sold in his district during this campaign.

The elder of one church in Southern Oregon gives us the assurance that all money on "Christ's Object Lessons" from their church is forthcoming by January 1.

Still another church elder writes from the central part of the state that he took fourteen orders in three hours. The territory having been previously canvassed, many thought that no more books could be sold there.

One of our ministers in an immediate territory writes us to ship all his books and charge to him. He becomes responsible for them.

The plan of sending the "Sentinel" to members of the state Legislature and to prominent lawyers, ministers, etc., has surely met the mind of our people. The donation to date is nearly \$75. In addition to this, Elder Breed, of

the Upper Columbia Conference, states that he will become responsible for the eighteen representatives from that part of Oregon included in their conference. We feel to thank our people for this liberal response; and, as has been previously stated, these funds will be used for the purpose indicated.

Elder Breed and Elder S. W. Nellis have been with us for the past few days, formulating plans for the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign.

The Portland church, which is the largest in the conference, has been given to Elder Burg, our conference president. They have fully one thousand books yet to be sold. In a recent rally at that church, Elder Burg stated that as far as his interests in this "Christ's Object Lessons" work are concerned the only thing that he could call success would be the closing out of the work in the East Portland church by at least March 1, 1903. He said he was going to insure it as far as he was able, and in order to do this offered to become personally responsible for the books, to see that they were paid for by selling or otherwise by the date named. Elder Burg has had the books charged to his account, and has appealed to the members of the church to come and take their place in the work. The response has insured the success of the project, leaving no one member with more than thirty-five books to pay for or sell in these three months. The success of this thing is complete only as every one takes the place that belongs to him, to lift as much as he can.

At the last meeting of the conference committee it was decided to arrange for Prof. H. E. Hoyt to take up work in connection with the tract society office, so that the writer might be relieved, to do the work assigned to the missionary secretary.

A goodly number of the young people, with the managers of the sanitarium, are taking hold of the "Christ's Object Lessons" work

nobly, and thus relieving Elder Burg of a portion of his responsibility.

G. W. Pettit,
Mis. Sec. W. Oregon Conf.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

The "Object Lessons" Work

During the past month I have been working in the interest of "Christ's Object Lessons."

The following churches are in my district: Wilkeson, Puyallup, Shelton, Olympia, Elma, Conney, Montesano, Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Centralia. Nearly all these churches have disposed of more than one-half of their quota of books, though the work was practically discontinued during the busy days of summer.

In visiting among the churches, I find them of good courage, and both willing and ready to take up this work again and prosecute it to a finish. Some of our churches expect to complete the sale of their quota by January 1; others may need a little more time. The prospects are good for the work in this conference to be completed by March 31, 1903.

Brethren, let us, one and all, take a deep interest in this branch of God's work at this time. The few days remaining of the allotted time to do this work will soon be measured off. Ask the Lord to help you to be willing and determined to enter this work at once.

W. C. F. Ward.
Puyallup, Wash., Dec. 4. 1902.

CALIFORNIA

Petaluma

As a visible result of the efforts put forth in Petaluma, six have united with the church, at least ten others are keeping the Sabbath, and quite a few are still weighing the evidences presented, some of whom we are sure will soon take their stand for the truth of God. To look after these interests, we are still paying them periodical visits.

At much sacrifice this little church has also built a nice school-

house, where a church-school is in successful operation. They are also making an earnest effort to do faithfully their part in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

They have also adopted a system of tract distribution, which, if faithfully followed up, will furnish select reading on the present truth to every family in Petaluma and vicinity before the end of the year 1903.

We have introduced this same plan in the churches at Sebastopol and Berkeley, and we look for blessed results, both to themselves and to the people. Concerning this plan we shall have more to say in another article. It is, however, among "those little duties that lie next to us," "upon the faithful performance" of which "hang great results."

J. D. Rice,
Cora A. Rice.

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Laborers of California Conference 1903

P. R. Albrecht, Oakland, Cal.; J. W. Bagby, Armona, Cal.; J. W. Beardslee, Healdsburg, Cal.; A. J. Bourdeau, Oakland, Cal.; Andrew Brorsen, Gardnerville, Nev.; M. H. Brown, Oakland, Cal.; Edna I. Burnett, Sebastopol, Cal.; M. E. Cady, Healdsburg, Cal.; J. A. L. Derby, Healdsburg, Cal.; D. T. Fero, San Jose, Cal.; C. M. Gardner, Ferndale, Cal.; Luzana Graves, Sebastopol, Cal.; J. S. Harmon, Healdsburg, Cal.; E. J. Hibbard, Healdsburg, Cal.; M. C. Israel, Oakland, Cal.; A. T. Jones, Oakland, Cal.; A. S. Kellogg, Healdsburg, Cal.; Carrie R. King, Oakland, Cal.; J. N. Loughborough, Oakland, Cal.; C. N. Martin, John Adams, Cal.; Lillie C. Masters, Sanitarium, Cal.; N. C. McClure, Healdsburg, Cal.; Corlelia N. Miller, Sanitarium, Cal.; Isaac Morrison, Oak Park Station, Cal.; A. J. Osborne, Reno, Nev.; J. S. Osborne, Healdsburg, Cal.; Mrs. E. E. Parlin, San Francisco, Cal.; J. D. Rice, Oakland, Cal.; Cora A. Rice, Oakland, Cal.; B. F. Richards, San Francisco, Cal.; W. S. Sadler, San Francisco, Cal.; Lena

K. Sadler, San Francisco, Cal.; H. A. St. John, Sanitarium, Cal.; C. L. Taylor, Sanitarium, Cal.; H. G. Thurston, Fresno, Cal.; S. W. Walker, Crescent Mills, Cal.; Martha Warne, San Francisco, Cal.; W. C. White, Sanitarium, Cal.
M. H. Brown.

To the People of the California Seventh-Day Adventist Conference

Dear Brethren and Sisters: Again the blessing of the week of prayer is at hand. Let us meet it as the blessing that it is. Let us enter upon it to receive and enjoy all the blessing that it can bring to us. Let us make it a week of sincere prayer and consecration.

The readings that have been prepared, and that will be read from day to day, are upon consecration to service; this for the reason that we are now in the time when, as never before, with every soul that knows the Lord there must be a consecration to service, a time when each one is to offer himself a sacrifice to be consumed in grateful service.

Only loving service to mankind is Christian liberty; for it is written: "Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty as an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." This Christian liberty is also the fulfilment of the law of liberty; "for all the law [the law of love, the law of liberty] is fulfilled in this one word, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; and to give His life a ransom for many." And "as He is, so are we in this world." He has left us "an example, that we should follow in His steps." So, then, we also are here, "not to be ministered unto, but to minister," and to give our lives in service to His great purpose of ransoming many. He was so earnest in the service of God in ministering to the people that some said that He was beside Himself. And of Him it was written, and in Him it was fulfilled: "The zeal of Thine house ["whose

house are we"] hath eaten Me up" —hath consumed Me. Oh, there is room for more devotion before we shall be enough like Jesus to be ready to meet Him in peace and with joy! "And we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." But we must be like Him as He was, in order to be like Him as He is,—like Him as He was on earth, in order to be like Him as He is in heaven; like Him as He was in the flesh, in order to be like Him as He is in the Spirit.

Then let this week of prayer be unto us indeed a week of prayer, of consecration, and of devotion, in preparation for faithful, true-hearted service,—service of God to mankind, yes, service of God in mankind; for it must never be forgotten that the only revelation of God to man since the fall is in mankind—the Word made flesh, God manifest in the flesh. This is the gospel, the everlasting gospel, which is now committed to us, to be sounded loudly to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,—the gospel of the kingdom, to be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, that the end may come.

Alonzo T. Jones.

Receipt of Tithes for November, 1902

Berkeley, \$89.67; Buckeye, \$4.15; Dows Prairie, \$12.55; Fresno, \$7.60; Grangeville, \$272.35; Healdsburg, \$530.43; Laton, \$8.05; Lemoore, \$164.45; Lockwood, \$10.40; Napa, \$9.00; Oakland, \$605.22; personal, \$60.30; Redding, \$9.00; Sacramento, \$4.50; San Francisco, \$213.15; Sanitarium, \$529.36; San Jose, \$281.45; San Luis Obispo, \$8.00; Selma, \$139.50; St. Helena, \$34.75; Stockton, \$106; Woodland, \$24.55; total, \$3,124.43.

TRUST FUND RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1902

Arizona medical mission, \$5.00; Christiania Publishing House, \$67.67; English tent fund, \$7.00; foreign missions, \$144.24; Home of Friendless, \$12.11; material fund, \$33.25; Southern Publishing

Association, \$60; American Medical Missionary College, \$8.05; total, \$337.32.

M. H. Brown.

California in the Third Campaign

We have just received the following encouraging word from one of our faithful German sisters, living near Santa Rosa:—

"Dear Brother: My family belong to the isolated members. We live far out from town, in the hills, and thus did not get the leaflet containing choice commendations of 'Christ's Object Lessons' by some well-known pastors. I would like to have this leaflet as a help to sell some more books. Our family consists of my mother, my husband, five children, and myself. We have sold forty-one copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' including some German copies, among our neighbors and friends. We have still thirteen copies at home, which we purposed in our hearts to sell, with the Lord's help. Then, we do not intend to stop, but to try to take some more orders. I thank the Lord for the blessings He has bestowed upon us in selling this precious book. May many others be blessed by it, too.

"Sincerely your sister in Christ,
"Mrs. _____."

This is but one of many letters received at this office from those actually engaged in the work of selling this precious book, and we who receive these encouraging letters are not trying to live spiritually on the experience of others, but are actually selling the book ourselves. Every person connected with both the conference and tract society offices has signed the following definite agreement:—

"Believing now is a very opportune time to dispose of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and that it is high time that the Lord's plan for lifting the debts from our schools should be consummated, we, the undersigned, become responsible for the sale of the number of books placed opposite our names, and agree to pay for the books when delivered to us, or at such a time as may be indicated herein."

April 1, 1903, is the date set for the payment of these books by nearly all of those who have signed the agreement. That our brethren and sisters may know that the above sentiment is approved, and supported in a substantial manner by those in leading positions, we give a list of some of those who have placed their names to the same:—

Healdsburg College Faculty—M. E. Cady, president; Mrs. M. G. Cady; E. J. Hibbard; F. A. Lashier; J. W. Beardslee; E. D. Sharpe; H. C. Lacey; Lillian Lacey; G. W. Rine; J. A. L. Derby; H. G. Lucas; George B. Miller; L. T. Curtis; George Wallace; J. F. Gaster; E. L. Sorenson; Mrs. J. F. Gaster; A. L. Lingle; O. G. Lewis.

California Conference Committee—A. T. Jones, president; D. T. Fero; A. S. Kellogg, state canvassing agent; J. S. Osborne, superintendent church-schools; H. G. Thurston; E. A. Chapman, treasurer.

Pacific Press Publishing Company—M. C. Wilcox, editor of "Signs;" H. H. Hall, manager book and stationery department; E. J. Drake; P. R. Albrecht; Wm. Saunders; H. P. Rue.

Conference and Tract Society Offices, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland—M. H. Brown, conference secretary; A. J. Bourdeau, tract society secretary; Mrs. C. R. King, Sabbath-school secretary; Miss Belle Reed, tract society accountant; J. C. Rasmussen, conference accountant.

Pacific Union Conference Office, 1059 Castro Street, Oakland, Cal.—W. T. Knox, president; J. J. Ireland, secretary.

Many others signed the agreement, but space will not permit publishing the names. The total number of books subscribed for by the thirty-six persons above mentioned amounts to 472 copies, or thirteen books each. While some signed for but six copies each, many took from fifteen to twenty-five copies apiece.

It will thus be seen that we are all in this "third" campaign for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and we are all having precious ex-

periences in selling this valuable publication, as we make it a part of our regular missionary work. All inquiries for help or suggestions as to best methods of selling the book, etc., should be addressed to Prof. J. A. L. Derby, California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Secretary Cal. Tract Society.

Arizona, and the St. Helena Sanitarium

Since my last report to the "Recorder" I have not been in Arizona, but have been in constant communication with the laborers and others, and am glad to report that the Lord has been blessing the work in that field.

The people of the territory have been greatly encouraged by the early rains and snow, which, so far, have been more abundant for this season than during recent years; still the rainfall is not yet as great as it was a number of years ago. Hopes are now entertained that the coming year will be a more prosperous one.

Several have taken their stand for the truth in the last three months, and others are interested. While a number have moved out of the territory and away from the churches this summer on account of the severe drought there, we have been encouraged by the few who have united with us.

Another thing that cheers us is the prospect of having the medical work soon established in the territory, under the direction of the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association. We expect that treatment-rooms will be opened at some favorable location by the middle of February, with a competent physician in charge. It will necessarily be a small beginning, because our funds are very limited, and we are determined to start free from debt, and keep free. Any one upon whom God may lay a burden to help this work in this new and needy field may send donations to the secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

tion, E. E. Parlin, room 203, Parrott Building, San Francisco, Cal., stating that it is for the medical work in Arizona.

The ill health of some of the Arizona workers has hindered somewhat in the work this year. Sister Black was at the San Francisco Sanitarium for several months, but is at home and at work again, with better health than formerly. Sister Williams has been obliged to go to the Salt River Valley, because the altitude at Williams was too great for her. It was with many regrets that Mrs. Webster and the writer had to lay down our work for a time. We have been at the St. Helena Sanitarium for over three months, and are much improved in health, and hope soon to be at work again. It is almost like taking away life itself to be deprived of the ability to do active work; but our rest and treatments here have been among the greatest blessings of our lives. This has seemed a bright oasis. We feel greatly indebted to the Lord and to our dear brethren who have shown us such great kindness.

It has never before been my privilege to be with so large a company of young people, where so many have a Christian experience, and where so few, comparatively, are exerting an influence on the wrong side. Acts deserving of discipline are very few; on the contrary, nearly all are exerting a positive influence for good. The majority attend worship and Bible-study daily, and take a good interest in missionary work. Generally a good feeling exists between managers and helpers, and duties are almost without exception cheerfully performed. Most of the helpers seem to have a definite purpose in view, and are working hard to attain to it, and make their lives useful.

Although I am not personally acquainted with the parents of these dear young people, I want to assure you that I know that this is a good place for your children to be, and that the care and influence constantly exercised are such that you can feel safe concerning them. Of course, Satan

is active here; but the constant effort to keep up the spiritual tone, the watchfulness constantly maintained, the general feeling of love and unity existing, all combine to make it a delightful place.

I feel safe in assuring all our dear people that conditions are shaping more nearly as God would have them, and such as should warrant the bestowal of your confidence and support, your sympathy and cooperation in making it what God established it to be. I feel certain that the principles now being established and used in the operation of this institution of God's planting will draw to it as never before the good-will and hearty moral and financial support of our people.

One patient, with his wife and daughter, expects to stay all winter, because, as he said, "This is the most spiritual people I have ever met, and this is a good Christian place." Another said he had traveled all over Europe, but had not found such a place as this. A third said that he wished he had known of this place before spending so much money traveling in foreign countries, in vain search for what he was receiving right here. He expressed great surprise that he could have lived so long in California without hearing of this wonderful institution. I believe that every Seventh-day Adventist should do all he can to extend the usefulness of the St. Helena Sanitarium by securing patronage, by rendering substantial help to make it efficient in its equipment, and by praying for, and offering words of encouragement to, the managers, physicians, and helpers. May God turn the favor of all His people to this place, and help them to make it meet His mind in its establishment.

E. W. Webster.

Important meetings of the executive boards of the California Conference, California Conference Association, and the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, were held in Oakland and Sanitarium, Cal., December 1 to 5.

Notes from Honolulu

For the past three months we have held services nearly every Sabbath afternoon at the Oahu prison. The warden has been very kind, allowing the prisoners (235 in number) to gather in the jail yard under a large spreading kemona tree, where on benches they are seated in a circle around an organ and a desk, provided for the purpose of conducting services. For the most part, good attention is paid to the Word, and some who have lately been committed for various crimes have found the Saviour, and are reading the Bible for the first time in their lives.

The "Life Boat" finds its way to the general reading-room, where it is read by many, and brings comfort to their hearts. One prisoner gave us his order for two copies to others outside. "Steps to Christ" is valued by all who have read it, and is pronounced to be "just the book we need to tell us how to find Christ."

We are allowed to conduct the services in a way that the prisoners are permitted to pray and give their testimony in the congregation, and it is certainly inspiring to hear their voices of praise and prayer mingle with those who come to bring them the good news of salvation.

In speaking to the warden about intemperance in eating and drinking, he said, "The majority of the people do not know how to eat, and eat themselves sick and into prison."

Every alternate Sunday afternoon we have held a service at the reform school, where sixty-five boys are ready to listen to instruction from the Bible.

Bible-readings are held with a number of English and Portuguese-speaking people, some of whom we hope will accept the message of God for this time.

A number of our boys in the Chinese school are developing, and will ere long take their stand for the Lord and His truth.

Rains have for the past six weeks kept everything damp, and the warm sun is causing mold and other germs to multiply rapidly.

The church-school is conducted

in one of the rooms of the academy, Mrs. Colcord being the teacher. Seventeen are in attendance, including four small Chinese boys.

We are still anxiously waiting for medical help, so long promised for our sanitarium, also to know of a first-class hygienic cook, for a vegetarian restaurant. We believe this part of the message will do much to advance the work here in this field.

There are many things here which have a decided influence upon the people, and we are seeking the Lord to know how best to bring the message to all in this field. Our courage and hope in the Lord are good, and the health of all has been blessed of God.

J. H. Behrens.

Skagway, Alaska

We came to Skagway the fore part of September, and, through the influence of friends who became interested in our work here last winter, secured a good place to hold meetings. Though the attendance was small, the Lord truly spoke to the people, for they took their stand, one each week for six weeks. Two of this number have left Skagway, and another is going soon.

We praise the Lord for this evidence of His power to impress truth upon the heart. With three of the six, the seeds of truth were sown by Brother Watson last winter. We believe they all took the step intelligently, and that the added light received will increase their zeal and energy in the Master's service.

The attendance at public meetings is now very small, but we are having interesting Bible studies with private families, and we hope the future will reveal good from them.

Dear fellow-workers, we have been having precious experiences with the Lord, and Jesus is more to us than He has ever been before.

We rejoice greatly at the good result of the Fresno camp-meeting, and wish our fellow-workers who leave for far-away portions of the field Godspeed.

We are in good health, and continually gaining victories through faith in Christ. A. M. Dart.

Nov. 19, 1902.

**SABBATH-SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT**

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Just for To-day

Lord, for to-morrow and its needs
I do not pray;
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin
Just for to-day.

Let me both diligently work
And daily pray;
Let me be kind in words and deed
Just for to-day.

Let me be slow to do my will,
Prompt to obey;
Help me to overcome my flesh
Just for to-day.

Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say;
Set thou a seal upon my lips
Just for to-day.

Let me in season, Lord, be grave,
In season gay;
Let me be faithful to Thy grace
Just for to-day.

So for to-morrow and its needs
I do not pray;
But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord,
Just for to-day.
—Canon Wilberforce.

**Selection of Sabbath-School
Officers**

We are near the time when our Sabbath-schools must choose new officers. At such times many questions arise in regard to how to choose wisely and for the best interests of the school.

Some schools perform this part of their work in a careless, uninterested way. But this is doing the work of God negligently, and can not be pleasing to Him. If we realize the importance of the Sabbath-school work, if we believe what God has told us about the place that the schools should occupy in His cause, we can not but feel that the selection of persons to lead out in this work is a matter of the greatest importance, and should receive much prayerful attention.

It is not usually best to keep the same ones in the same places year

after year, if there are others in the school who can do the work acceptably. There are several reasons for this, only two of which we will mention here.

First, this plan of changing officers and teachers develops the latent talents of the members as could not be done if one or two persons carry the responsibility of the school all the time. It has often been found that those who were backward about taking any active part in the work, feeling that they were not competent to do anything, have developed into our very best workers.

Second, it is better for the school to have a change of officers once in a while. This gives the school the mould of different minds, and keeps it from falling into a state of formalism, or, in other words, "getting into a rut."

Of course, this is not given as an inflexible rule, for there are some small schools which could not follow it. In such cases they must do the best they can with the material which they have.

The committee which is chosen to nominate officers for the school should prayerfully and carefully study the situation, so as to select such persons as are adapted to the work. The following paragraph, which we quote from the "Sabbath-school Worker," shows the necessary qualifications for officers:—

"They should be Christians who have an interest in the Sabbath-school work. They should be sound in the faith, so that their influence will build up and not undermine the faith of God's people in the message and work of God for our day. They should be persons of good report. Their example in respect to conversation and dress should be right and consistent. No person should be elected to office or made a teacher to secure his attendance at the Sabbath-school." They should be persons whose interest in the work lead them to attend without such an incentive.

Let us all, as Sabbath-school workers, try to place the work in its proper light before the church and the world by showing what it is doing for us and by showing our interest in it. C. R. K.

Ingathering Service at Honolulu

Though the rainy season has set in, November 29, ingathering day, was bright and clear, and nature seemed joyous with us, as we again met upon this occasion.

The children furnished the program, which was well rendered.

The church was tastily decorated with palms and beautiful foliage, such as only grow in the tropics. A booth, representing the ancient homes of Israel at this especial time, was made with the "Ingathering" motto upon it. Two blackboards, with suggestive pictures and mottoes on each, helped much in the decoration. Upon one was an overflowing cornucopia, with these words, "My cup runneth over." On the other was a grain field, with sharpened sickle, and this scripture, "The harvest is the end of the world." Three boys from our Chinese school did this commendable blackboard work.

The children, marching from the outside, with waving palm branches, sang, to begin the service, "Hosanna in the Highest." We hope that each one may wave the palm of victory in the great ingathering above. By the uplifted hand they did express such a desire.

The prayer being offered and an explanation of the purpose of the services given, voices of praise could be heard throughout the congregation, repeating His precious words, a number of visitors joining, the childish voices finishing in concert, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

In each recitation and song there was some thought worth treasuring, from the sweet words of welcome to the ingathering, to the wee voice of the four-year-old, who gave three rules for making home happy and bright,—to "smile in the morning, smile at noon, and keep on smiling at night."

During church-school hours the children had been taught the beautiful meaning of this joyous service and also of the dire want, misery, and starvation on the island of Barbados, that quivering, throbbing sea isle, and, as they were preparing their leis, pretty

strings of seeds, to sell for an offering to these stricken children, they would repeat, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." They also sold a number of "Life Boats." So their offering amounted to five dollars. The church-school effort is proving a blessing, and we owe the interest taken by the children at this time to this means.

Our donations swelled to \$46.80, and we hope that in the final ingathering we may see some fruit as the result of this offering.

Mrs. A. C. Behrens.

Dec. 5, 1902.

There is no gift or grace like true, unselfish love. Love is God, and God is love. Nothing pleases God like true love. And now abideth, of the blessings of God among men, faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Why should any of us fail of having and showing the best of gifts in God's sight and in the sight of man.—Selected.

Decisions That Will Mean Something

"When a person of that age unites with the church, it means something," is a comment often heard after a man or a woman of forty or fifty years old has given public expression to faith in Christ. Yes, it does mean something. But how much more does it mean when, thirty or forty years earlier in life, a boy or girl accepts Christ as the Saviour, and pledges allegiance to Him. In the one case it is a confession of a wasted life and a tardy determination to devote the few remaining years to God's service. In the other it is a laying hold, at the start, of all that may bring power, and joy, and lasting service to one's fellows, and honor to Christ's church. Nothing can be richer with promise than the accepting of Christ by one of His little ones. And it is the privilege of leading them to Him which is the joy and sacred responsibility of every Sabbath-school worker.—Selected.

Repentance and Reformation Essential to Healing. No. VI

"YE WOULD NOT HAVE LIFE"

"And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life." John 5:40.

Man fails to obtain fulness of physical and spiritual life because of his refusal to come to Christ, the Source of life for this fallen world. Those who have chosen the way of darkness and death must experience sincere repentance of their wrong choice, and with the whole heart choose the way of light and life. Just as surely as those who do not come to Christ fail of securing life, those who do come will be rewarded with life—a life that measures with the life of God.

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Eze. 33:11.

Our Father in heaven, who so loved this world that He gave His Son,—His life,—to the world, has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, in the death of those who will not accept His gift of life. The transgressor must turn from his transgression; the wicked must forsake his wickedness; and the sinner must repent of his sin, in order to obtain the life that is bound up in the gift of God's dear Son. From its Fountain-head the stream of life freely flows for one and all; and with those who by their chosen course of disobedience deprive themselves of the blessed privilege of becoming partakers of the divine nature, our Father above pleads thus: "Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"

"And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6:3.

Should you scratch your finger to-day, if your health is normal and your blood pure, the injury would, no doubt, quickly heal. Nature will repair the damage done. Thus we see illustrated God's willingness to forgive physical sin and heal us of its results.

A little later on you scratch this finger in the same place, and again it immediately heals. This process may be continued for some time, just as the soul may sin again and again, ask for forgiveness, and receive it. But there is a limit to transgression, beyond which we can not sin physically or spiritually without great peril to the physical or spiritual life. You may continue to inflict injury upon your finger, and nature will faithfully repair the injury, but it is possible that some day you will scratch the member once too often. Nature has reached the place where she will no longer act her part as formerly in healing the wound, and so a chronic ulcer, a running sore, is the result. If this ulcer should prove to be permanent, and no means of healing is found, it would be evidence that this member had, as it were, closed its physical probation. Likewise, when the sinner continues in his sin until transgression has so wounded the soul as to forever destroy the possibility of a sincere repentance; when truth and light have been rejected and trampled underfoot; and when the Holy Spirit has been finally grieved away,—when the soul has reached that state of persistent impenitence where it will no more ask for forgiveness,—then has the probation of the soul closed. Just as surely as there is a close of moral probation, so there is a point beyond which we can not go in the transgression of natural law without being compelled to suffer the punishment and penalty of incurable disease. Of course, it must be borne in mind that one might pass the probationary line of the health of any member, or even of the entire body, and thus lose physical life, and that while the repentance and even the reformation of physical habits would not be the means of saving the life in this world, such repentance would make clear the record in heaven, and guarantee to the soul life everlasting.

W. S. Sadler.

“Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers.”

The Need of Stenographers

If a machine will enable a man to do the work of three men, then, so far as the world is concerned, the machine is equal to two men. If a stenographer can enable a servant of God to do three times as much work, what inference is to be drawn? That the machine is twice as useful as the operator? that the stenographer is twice as useful as the one he helps?—Not at all. He is merely a servant. He may be incapable of being an independent leader of men; yet what does the great, needy world care for that? What does God care? What ought the machine to care?

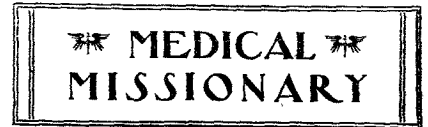
To the man of the world it is a great inspiration to have the applause, the laudation of men, the consciousness of being a leader of men. But not so with the Christian. Why should he care if he does work out of sight? Why should he care if the world credits all he does to the one whom he helps?

So, young friends, do not fret if you can not make yourself a leader in the work of God. Perhaps He designed you to be only a humble helper. But, whatever His purpose, you are neglecting everything if you fail to prepare yourself to be an instrument of effective service.

Now, to every young man and woman in this country who has enough of the spirit of the humble Galilean to be willing to work out of sight, and who is willing to let the world credit all he does to some one else, to such I say, and the president of your conference will say, and every busy leader in this denomination will say, that you ought to be at the college, fitting yourself for service; and they will also tell you that one of the machines for which there is the greatest need is the stenographic machine.

L. T. Curtis.

Mind, it is our best work that He wants, not the dregs of our exhaustion. I think He must prefer quality to quantity.—MacDonald.



The Great Enemy

An exchange furnishes the following as representing the yearly supply of food for the whisky fiend: Five thousand suicides, 10,000 murderers, 60,000 fallen girls, 100,000 paupers, 200,000 feeble-minded persons, 3,000 murdered wives, 7,000 murders, 40,000 widowed mothers, 100,000 orphaned children, 100,000 insane, 100,000 criminals. Besides these items, 100,000 drunkards die annually, 100,000 boys take their places, whisky costs \$2,000,000,000 in cash, and untold crimes, misery, woe, want, weeping, wailing, war, shame, disgrace, disease, degradation, debauchery, destruction, death, riot, revelry, and ruin.

A Splendid Opportunity

The correspondence school for nurses connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School will begin a new class the first of January, 1903. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our sanitariums. This is the fifth year this work has been carried on, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Our pupils during the year of 1902 nearly doubled in number those of any previous year. Studies in eleven subjects are given, among which Christian-help work and care and treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been revised and enlarged, and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is three dollars, which barely covers the cost of sending out the lessons, correcting the replies, and returning the reports to the pupil. The textbooks required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in January, which will continue one year (some finish in six months), and shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular, giving full particulars,

also testimonials from those who have taken the course, will be sent free on application. Address Correspondence Department Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Mich.

MISSIONARY WORK

The Book Work

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Report for Two Weeks Ending Nov. 30, 1902

MARVEL OF NATIONS

| | Orders. | Value. |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| M. S. Drake..... | 8 | \$42 00 |
| C. B. Secord..... | 6 | 29 50 |

GREAT CONTROVERSY

| | | |
|------------------|---|------|
| George Cary..... | 1 | 2 75 |
| Frank Cary..... | 2 | 5 50 |

DESIRE OF AGES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------|
| Ella White, Sacramento..... | 2 | 7 00 |
| Jessie Young..... | 4 | 14 75 |

BIBLE-READINGS

| | | |
|-----------------|----|-------|
| Sarah Stem..... | 12 | 21 00 |
|-----------------|----|-------|

HOME HANDBOOK

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-------|
| C. N. Miller..... | 2 | 10 50 |
| J. J. Hill..... | 2 | 34 60 |

Total..... 39 \$167 60

Miscellaneous sales..... 6 60

UTAH CONFERENCE

Report for Four Weeks Ending Dec. 6, 1902

HEALTH BOOKS

| | Days. | Orders. | Value. |
|--------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| A. D. Guthrie..... | 17 | 40 | \$203 25 |

HOME HANDBOOK AND COMING KING

| | | | |
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| W. R. Hanson..... | 9 | 27 | 78 75 |
| Total..... | | | \$282 00 |

Experiences in Canvassing

There is one text that is particularly helpful to the canvasser; that is Rom. 8:28: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." "If God be for us, who can be against us?" While there are crosses connected with the canvassing work, there are also encouraging experiences. There is abundant opportunity for doing missionary work, even though a book is not sold, for there are souls in every locality hungering for the bread of life.

While canvassing in a town in Oregon, my brother and I found a lady who wanted one of our books, but could not pay cash for it. She said, however, that she

would give us lodging to pay for the book. We were in her home over the Sabbath, and invited her to take part in the study of our Sabbath-school lesson. She was not a Christian, but was longing for the light. We did what we could to point her to the Lamb of God by praying and reading, and before we left she was rejoicing in the peace that God alone can give. About two months later, as I was delivering books in her vicinity, I called to see her, and found her firm, rejoicing in the truth, and teaching it to her neighbors.

Often we find people who are suffering, and we give them treatments. It is necessary for a canvasser to be an all-around missionary, able to give treatments, Bible-readings, or help in everyday work; in other words, he must be equal to every emergency.

My interest is in this grand work, and I ask your prayers that I may keep up good courage, and be among that number of faithful ones that shall stand on Mount Zion.

Frank Cary.
Marysville, Cal.

Loaning Reading-Matter

The message of the third angel is world-wide; it is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. What are you doing, my brother, my sister, to extend this solemn warning? The Master has taken His journey, and left to every man his work; let us look about us to see if we are faithfully performing the part He has given us to do. I seem to hear some one say: "I have no talent; I can neither preach nor give Bible-readings. If I write missionary letters, they do not bring answers. There is nothing I can do; and so I am excused from trying to do anything in the cause." My friend, stop and think. Have you ever read our standard works? Are you conversant with "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," "Marvel of Nations," "Great Controversy," "History of the Sabbath," "Man's Nature and Destiny," etc., etc.? Can you converse intelligently on the sub-

jects which these books contain? If not, why not?

There are many of our people who can not give a reason of their hope; and what excuse can they offer for such ignorance? Certainly no one can plead a dearth of books on these important subjects, for there are sufficient to meet all our demands. Have you a good Seventh-day Adventist library in your home? If not, procure these valuable works, read them, and let the thoughts therein expressed permeate your very being; you will then have something above the common chit-chat of the day to talk about. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." When you are filled with the knowledge of this truth and an earnest love for it, you will talk about it. People always talk about those things which most interest them. Men of the world take pride in their libraries, and if you ask them questions on points upon which they can not readily converse, they will say, "I have a book in my library which treats on that subject, and if you will come in some day, I shall be pleased to show it to you." Shall the children of the world be wiser in their generation than the children of light?

You can not find one cardinal point of the present truth that is not clearly explained in some of our works. These books are the products of the master minds among us, of men who have devoted their entire lives to studying these subjects. They have been revised over and over again, until they are far superior to what they were when first written; yet the loaning of these volumes is almost a thing of the past. Should this vast field of usefulness be entirely surrendered to the canvasser and Bible-worker? The answer to this question should come from the rank and file of our people all along the line: "No."

There is much time and money spent in the distribution of our tracts. They are sent everywhere, and we can not overestimate the good they do; but there are many who would not give more than a passing glance to a small eight-page tract whose attention would

be immediately arrested by a well-written book placed in their hands. And this is just the class of minds that we are desirous of reaching.

Many candid persons are ignorant of present truth; it is the one precious pearl which they lack. Why do not more of these people whom we meet so frequently embrace the truth?—Simply because they do not know how precious it is. When they visit us at our homes, do we try to impress them with the beauties of the Bible, and thus lead them to read for themselves? We need not do this in a manner which will lead them to think us bigots and narrow-minded fanatics; but, following the example of our Saviour, we may turn even their most difficult questions in such a way as to make them openings through which we may present the truth to them. With these precious books at our command, and the experience of tact in using them, we may be able to carry out the injunction of the apostle: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

All through our Saviour's ministry we find Him using sound judgment and tact. This is what we need in the loaning of our reading-matter. If we have books which in a scholarly manner answer the objections that may be brought against our views, and if we will acquaint ourselves with all the points therein discussed, we can easily lead the minds of the friends with whom we meet to a consideration of the different points of our faith.

Suppose you live in a town where there are no other Seventh-day Adventists; you have a family to support, and can not devote much time to missionary work. You are daily brought in contact with persons who have no knowledge of the truth; as a natural consequence you talk with them, and, of course, you must have some subject of conversation. Now, instead of talking all the time about the news of the day, you can lead them from these topics to the more vital ones which concern their eternal destiny.

You need not preach them a sermon about the Sabbath, nor on the immortality question, but in some easy, natural way awaken an interest, and then offer to loan them a book which you have just been reading on the subject under discussion.

Suppose a good mother has so many household cares that she can not do much at writing missionary letters and sending out papers; yet there is a way in which she can do a world of good, and not inconvenience herself in the least. Persons will come to visit her; they will be full of the news of the day, and, after telling some terrible thing which may have happened, perhaps they will say, "I never saw such a time everywhere as it is now;" she then has a chance to call their attention to some book which describes our time. Let her get it, and ask them to read it, and in nine cases out of ten they will do so. In this way such persons can reach many hearts that can not be reached by the personal efforts of the minister or Bible-reader. In order to do this, one must himself know what is in the book.

In common conversation, by a little tact, you can introduce subjects which lead directly to a consideration of some point of Bible truth, and, instead of arguing, you can say, I am reading a book on that very subject, and when I am through I will loan it to you. In this way you will remove all stiffness and embarrassment, and others will prize a work in which you take such a lively interest. Our books are destined to influence a class of minds which no personal labor can ever reach. Why is it that more people of education and refinement do not unite with us? Can it be that those whose minds are most highly cultivated, and who could readily comprehend the truth, will never accept it?—No; if we believe what has been written on this subject, we must find some way of reaching them, and no more effectual means can be devised than that of placing our books before them. Every one can share in this work, and thus preach many discourses which will do far more good than an ordinary sermon. In this way all contro-

versy will be avoided. You know it is the height of folly to quarrel with a book, for it will answer never a word.

Come, brethren and sisters, engage in this work with all your soul; pray the God of all truth to send these lessons home to the hearts of the people, and we shall see a harvest of souls as the result of your efforts. The Spirit of God has said that the time has come when our publications should be scattered like the leaves of autumn. Who will have a part in this great work? Let the language of each heart be, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

"I am alarmed at the indifference of our churches. Like Meroz, they have failed to come up to the help of the Lord. The laymen have been at ease. They have folded their hands, feeling that the responsibility rested upon the ministers. But to every man God has given his work."

"Every minister should be a consecrated missionary; every layman, a worker, using his talents of influence and means in his Lord's service; for active benevolence is a vital principle of Christianity. It is the exercise of this principle that is to bring sheaves to the Lord of the harvest, while a want of it hinders the work of God, and bars the way for the salvation of souls."

"God will work with our efforts, when we do all that He has enjoined upon us and qualified us to do; but because of our unbelief, worldliness, and indolence, blood-bought souls, in the very shadow of our homes, are dying in their sins,—dying unwarned. Is Satan always thus to triumph?—Oh, no! The light reflected from the cross of Calvary indicates that a greater work is to be done than our eyes have yet witnessed."—Testimony No. 32.—A. T. Robinson.

"Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

Meroz, the Shirker

Deborah and Barak had gained a great victory. They recount the tribes who had come up to their duty, and who had shared the labor and the glory of the fight; and then, in the midst of the torrent of song, there comes this other strain of fiery indignation. One town, Meroz, had hung back. Hidden away in some safe valley, it had heard the call which summoned every patriot; it had felt the shock of battle on the other side of the hills, and nestled and hid itself only the more snugly. "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23. It is a fierce, vindictive strain. Meroz stands for the shirker, for him who is willing to see other people fight the battles of life, while he simply likes to come in to take the spoil. Here stood Deborah and Barak and the army, with their wounds still aching; their people were dead and dying all around them; and there was Meroz, idle and comfortable, and yet, because she was a part of the same country, expected to get the benefit of the great victory as much as any. But did she get the benefit?—No; the curse of God rested upon her.

"There are in the divine providence particular periods when we must arise in response to the call of God and make use of our means, our time, our intellect, . . . in fulfilling His requirements. The present is such a time as this. . . . It was His plan that the book 'Christ's Object Lessons' should be given for the relief of our schools." "In this He is testing His people." We find it plainly stated that this "Christ's Object Lessons" movement is "God's plan," "His specified will," "His call." This is the first thing we ought to have settled definitely in our mind. We must believe from the bottom of our heart that this is God's call "to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." And as Deborah and Barak and their followers were blessed as a

natural result of the obedience of faith, so it will be now. Those who are willing to be coworkers with God will reap joy and gladness.

Before I started out canvassing this year I fell on my knees and said, "Heavenly Father, take the word 'duty' out, and write the word 'privilege' so deep down into my heart that it may never be erased, for Christ's sake." God heard my prayer. I am beginning to regard this work more and more as a pleasant privilege. There was a time when I, with heavy steps, walked around with so many duties in my satchel; but now my feet keep time with the singing heart as I walk up to the door and ring the bell; and while I am waiting for the door to open, I say, "God, this is your work; leave a book in this house." Yes, I regard this as God's work; I simply go from house to house to show the book, and God does the selling, and He can sell them better than I can. I have this season sold twenty-two copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," selling a book on the average to every other one I have canvassed. It is just as easy to sell the book in territories that have been canvassed before. The book recommends itself. I have sold them to persons who have been canvassed before. I praise God that we see the way clear to finish our work here with "Christ's Object Lessons" before the first of March. Then we will "praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

J. J. Westrup.

The difference in men is the way in which the truth gets hold of them and passes through them. The electric current passes through the wire easily, and the wire is unaffected by it; but the carbon-point in an electric light holds the current, and is deeply possessed by it; hence there flashes out the brilliancy of an arc-light. So the man that not only lets truth pass through him, but is charged, possessed, and held by that truth, becomes a point where truth is manifested and verified.—Wilton Merle Smith.

Where Are the Faithful Three Hundred

The canvassing work in general seems to be retrograding. By many it is considered a thing of the past, and they look upon its present deplorable condition with a spirit of indifference. The canvassing work was established by the Lord, because there was a demand for it, and as long as the demand exists it ought to continue.

Lately, especially, God has spoken decidedly in regard to it. It is not my purpose, however, to quote extensively from late Testimonies or articles which have recently appeared in our papers. Our people have had this branch of the work placed before them over and over nearly every week.

Our fellow-men are constantly stepping over the precipice, and the whole world is just about to fall into the bottomless abyss. Thousands of souls, groping in a darkness, which year after year becomes more dark and dense, are earnestly seeking for light and truth, and constantly their agonizing appeals ascend to the Father for that light and truth which have so graciously been given us. We practically hold their lives in our hands, and by cooperating with the Lord we may become instrumental in their salvation; but instead, with a contented selfishness, we retain the glad tidings ourselves, and refuse to extend them beyond our own borders. The books which should go to the world are stacked on the shelves of our publishing houses and tract societies, because only a few feel it their duty to engage in the canvassing work, and carry them to the people. God will not hold us responsible for any neglected work, unless He has previously moved upon our hearts to engage in it, and when He says that "where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred," it means that sometime in the past His Spirit has been striving with a large number of our people, urging and inviting them to enter the canvassing work, but they have persistently refused to heed and obey the call, and, unless they repent of their neglect, they will soon

be beyond the boundaries of the Lord's mercy, and on the sure road to destruction.

Years ago many of our books were sold, and why are we not making as great an effort now? It is at the present time more difficult to sell books than it was ten years ago, not because of the "hard time" plea, for the farmers and workmen are as well off now as they were then. In future years, when the more severe clashes come between labor and capital, then there will be an excuse for the "hard time" cry. We must look elsewhere for the reasons for the present decline in the sales of our books. "Intensity is taking possession of every earthly element," a spirit is springing up from beneath, which largely controls the mind of man. Satan's innumerable and powerful deceptions are entering everywhere, and men unconsciously are making decisions which are in opposition to the truth our books contain.

Again, we have reached the time when "of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh."

In years past all have been liberally supplied with books on all subjects. They consider themselves overstocked, and in order to sell a book now the prospective customer must be especially interested in some of the lines of thought presented in the book introduced by the canvasser. I have of late, in my own experience in giving an exhibition, found it necessary to bring out the distinctive features of the books, and whenever a person buys now it is not for the purpose of adding another copy to their already large collection of unread books, but it is the buyer's intention to carefully study it. This, then, attaches more importance to each sale, and the canvasser can expect more encouraging and direct results from his work. To illustrate, one Thursday when I alighted from the train in a small town, I thought I would begin with the house nearest the station. When I introduced my business, the lady of the house did not want any books, and was too busy to look at it.

"But," I said, "this is a special work that I am selling." "What is it about?" she asked. "It takes up the prophecies of the Bible and the signs of the times, especially those pertaining to the second coming of Christ." "What is the price of it?" "One dollar." "When do you deliver?" "In about ten days." "I better take it." "All right, thank you, good day." The whole transaction took less than thirty seconds (the quickest sale I ever made). On Friday, after finishing a small village by canvassing the station operator, I remembered that I had not yet seen the residing physician there, and accordingly I called on him with the "Coming King." He spent forty-five minutes in looking it over, asking many questions about our people, and then told me to bring him a copy. I then also called his attention to the "Good Health" magazine, which he likewise decided in favor of. In the morning I had called upon the Methodist Episcopal minister, and as soon as he saw the "Good Health" he remarked that he had read many of Dr. Kellogg's articles in other papers, and had thought of subscribing for the journal. I readily obtained his name.

It may not be every day that the canvasser will find persons especially interested in his books, and then his sales will be few, or, perhaps, none at all. He then begins to wonder if he is really cut out for a canvasser, or he may doubt about the Lord's blessing attending him. I found this quotation from Sister White in the "Illinois Recorder," November 1, 1900: "The angels of God are with him [the canvasser], both in times of encouragement and in times of discouragement." We must remember that though the Spirit of God cooperates with the canvasser, yet it does not force a man to buy a book against his will, otherwise an agent might make a sale in every house; but, by the assistance of the Spirit, we may find those who are looking and searching for truth.

As we get nearer the end it will be more difficult to sell our books,

and for that reason the large number of canvassers we had years ago have left the field in favor of more lucrative and pleasant positions; but God says they ought to be in the field again; and where are the faithful three hundred? Come back, re-enter the work. "We are in this world because God needs us." If the canvassing work is hard, it is the very best preparation for the time of trouble soon coming.

For the past thirteen years, with the exception of a few months, I have been directly engaged in the canvassing work, and have seen some trying times, yet, in justice to this, God's ordained branch of the work, I must say that whenever the canvasser makes a failure, it is generally due to a lack of perseverance and constant application to business. If a person will employ the same time and methods which are necessary for success in other vocations of life, this work will generally prove equally successful. There are localities, and other prohibiting causes may exist, which will prevent financial success, but if there are those who have a burden for the work, and are unable to enter it themselves, they might assist by contributing to a fund, from which those in charge could draw, and thereby relieve the necessities of needy places.

The canvassing work is not to be depreciated. It can utilize the very best talent. "He who takes up the canvassing work as he should must be both an educator and a student. He must learn to do the work of an evangelist."

W. R. Hanson.

Rules for Parents and Teachers

"All who have to deal with the adolescent boy or girl need to have some practical rules for the guidance of their conduct." And then Dr. Mary Wood-Allen goes on to give a few simple rules for the benefit of parents and teachers, together with the reasons for them, which are practical, helpful, and necessary. No parent or teacher can afford to miss them. They will appear in the "Signs of the Times" some time in January or February.

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During the week ending December 13, Elder A. T. Jones held a series of meetings with the San José church.

Elder E. W. Webster and wife have returned to their work in Arizona, much improved in health. Their address will be Yuma.

Elder W. T. Knox spent a number of days during the early part of this month in Southern California in the interests of the Pacific Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

Brother E. G. Fulton, manager of the Vegetarian Cafe in San Francisco, is spending a few days in Los Angeles, in counsel with the management of the vegetarian restaurant of that city.

Elder A. T. Jones is planning to spend the first Sabbath of the week of prayer with the Burrough, Cal., church, at which time it is expected that their house of worship will be dedicated. December 25 to 27 will be spent with the church at Bakersfield.

The next session of the General Conference will be held in California, beginning the latter part of March. Since this meeting will assemble the executive committees of the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, the meetings of these boards that were called for the latter part of January are postponed until the time of the General Conference.

The offerings that are gathered at the close of the week of prayer should be forwarded by the church treasurer direct to the treasurer of the local conference. Let this be done as early as possible, so that all the means may be sent forward without delay.

If there was ever a time when the people of God should have a living experience from day to day, it is now. Standing on the very threshold of eternity, we surely need divine guidance, that no mistakes may be made in accomplishing the work that is still to be completed before the Lord's message of salvation shall have gone to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. This closer walk with our Maker will not come to you and me, unless we earnestly seek for it, confessing our sins and shortcomings. And, furthermore, we will not be prepared to do that important work that still remains to be completed, unless we do obtain that new and closer experience in heavenly things. During the special week of prayer that has been appointed, we sincerely trust the people of the Pacific Union Conference will realize their need of a new experience with our Father in heaven, and will diligently seek for it by making a new and full surrender to their Saviour. By studying the present situation carefully and seeking for that spiritual strength which only comes from constant seasons of prayer for help, we will not be disappointed.

Every one is called to service in the Master's vineyard, but that service begins with us right where we are, in our homes, among our neighbors and friends. If faithful here, there may be some other crevice in the Lord's work where He would have us gain a new experience.

Let us make the coming week of prayer one of victory.

"Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
So shall your Sovereign enter in,
And new and nobler life begin."

Only Waiting

Everywhere we find those who are only waiting an opportunity to accept the truth for this time. As an example we quote the following from a letter just received:—

"I learn that you have a book treating upon the second coming of Christ. Please write me the value of that book. I am a young student in the ministerial course, and if I can have a correspondence with you I will take a good course. Please make mention of some good books you have. Just as soon as I can hear from you in regard to the 'Signs of the Times,' I will subscribe. Please write me at once. William H. Taylor.

"1203 High Street,
"Little Rock, Ark."

Dear reader, are you searching for such souls as this? If so, you will find them, for the promise is, "He that seeketh findeth."

H. H. Hall.

The "Review"

For years we have felt that every family of our people should have the "Review and Herald," in order to keep pace with the progress of the work. During the present year several changes have been made in the number of periodicals published by the denomination, so that we now find the "Review" presenting in each issue the encouraging words that our brethren at the front have sent back. There is nothing that cheers the heart of the child of God like reports of the progress of the message, and we sincerely trust every reader of the "Recorder" will plan to obtain this, our church paper, the "Review and Herald," which is published weekly at the following rates of subscription: One year, \$1.50; eight months, \$1.00; six months, 75 cents; four months, 50 cents; three months, 40 cents; two months, 25 cents. Orders may be sent to your state tract society or direct to the publishers.

A new volume of "Testimonies for the Church," volume 7, is now ready. It contains about 300 pages, and the price is 75 cents for the cloth and \$1.25 for the limp leather.