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

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THE CHURCH

For Me

Under an Eastern sky,
Amid a rabble cry,
A Man went forth to die—
For me!

Thorn-crowned His blessed head,
Blood-stained His weary tread,
Cross-laden, on He sped—
For me!

Pierced were His hands and feet,
Three hours o'er Him beat
Fierce rays of noontide heat—
For me!

Thus wert Thou made all mine.
Lord, make me wholly Thine;
Grant grace and strength divine
To me!

Our Work as True Believers

As a people we profess to believe sacred truths. Because of our belief in these truths, are we happier and holier, more earnest, self-denying, and fervent, than the people of other denominations? What evidence do we give to the world that our faith is above that of the ordinary religionist? By the fruit that we bear in word and works, we reveal the influence that advanced truth and increased light have on us. "By their fruits," Christ declares, "ye shall know them." Do our works correspond to the sacredness of our faith?

The true Christian "cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." His godly life

is a daily testimony against sin. He is a representative of the truth that he professes. Of these true-hearted followers Jesus declares that He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

Weighty responsibilities rest upon all who have received the message of truth for this time. Entrusted with great light, we should remember that "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." As stewards of the manifold grace of God, we are to be a blessing to those around us, exerting an influence that will draw them to the light of God's Word. "Even Christ pleased not Himself." He lived for the good of others, and we are to work as He worked. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are our brother's keeper.

Christ "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." And that faith which fills us with godly zeal is the only genuine faith. Christ abides in the hearts of those who abide in Him. Only those who are one with Him can bear rich clusters of fruit.

All that we are and all that we have should be consecrated to the Lord's service. Our voice, our influence, and our means should be used in proclaiming to the world God's message of invitation, "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. . . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Christ declares that for the ful-

filment of His purpose of mercy the cooperation of divine and human agencies is required. Angels of mercy are sent to our world to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation.

Unitedly God's children, with voice, with pen, and with their entrusted earthly treasures, are to give Christ's invitation, "Come." And heavenly agencies are holding themselves in readiness to cooperate with human agencies in laboring for the salvation of sinners.

We call upon you, brethren and sisters, to unite with the heavenly agencies in advancing God's great work. Use your influence and your means in His service, doing what you can in the closing years of the earth's history to diffuse the light of the gospel message.

If we are true believers in Jesus, we shall shed light on the darkened pathway of those around us, revealing the gracious character of our Redeemer. And by our influence many will be drawn to "behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." They will yield themselves to His service; for Jesus will be in them "a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." Those who have honored His name, who have been colaborers with Him in seeking the salvation of souls, shall enter into His joy, and sit down with Him on His throne, to share in His eternal glory.

Ellen G. White.

"By love serve one another."
Gal. 5:13.

Power for Service

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8. While it is right to seek and pray for power for service, in order to obtain it, we must seek it in God's way. It is His power, and He gives it. Matt. 28:18. Are we expecting a "rushing, mighty wind"? Before the wind came Gethsemane, Calvary, Joseph's tomb, Olivet, and the "tarry ye here in Jerusalem." The promise reads that the power is to be received after the Holy Spirit, or accompanying it. Then the receiving of the Spirit is our first need. "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Acts 19:2. If not, why not? and why not now, right now? Are we willing to pay the price? It took all the merchantman had to buy the pearl. But it bought the pearl, and paid for it, and the pearl was his. Are we willing to walk in Him as we received Him? Faith that wrought obedience was the first step we took. Let us keep taking that step again and again in all things that come to us in life until a habit is formed. Then we begin to understand: "The just shall live by faith." So, day by day, as the blessed Spirit unfolds the Word, wherein we find the portion of God's children, let us step in and take our possession. Let us praise Him as we go, with joy drawing water out of the wells of salvation. Isa. 12:3.

"Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." Rom. 8:9. Dwelling, abiding, not visiting and returning,—a continual presence. So every one who is in Christ is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He is the source of power for walk, conflict, service, or worship,—the supply of all our need. We have a complete Saviour. Power is thus bestowed, equal, yes, abundant, for all emergencies, enabling us to enjoy the privileges of the life to which He has called us, as well as to refuse all that would rob us of its blessings.

This power, we know, does not act independently of our physical or spiritual condition. It dwells within us; our bodies are His temples. If we, through carelessness

or indifference, by act of the flesh, grieve the Holy Spirit, whereby we are sealed, let us not for one moment think He can use us. No, that is impossible. Would you hold a glass of intoxicating liquor to your lips, and, draining it, pray God to keep you sober? Yet we know that as long as we maintain our separation, our Nazariteship, our enemies are underfoot. He will fulfil His Word to the trusting, obedient one. Settle it in truth. The action of the Holy Spirit in power, in and through the believer, can only be maintained while walking in communion with God. If we neglect to walk in the light, God who is light, while He does not depart from us because we have from Him, can not demonstrate His power through us. But, on the other hand, "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." If Christ is the object of our lives, the Holy Spirit has full possession, and will sustain us in every position in which we are placed, will bring us victoriously out of every conflict, and will clothe us with power for every emergency. The world, the flesh, and the devil are powerless before Him.

We are promised power, not consciousness of power, as one is conscious of physical strength. Failing to feel something which we fancy is the power, we conclude we are without it. No mistake could be greater. God sometimes teaches us our weakness, that we may learn that it is in our weakness that His strength is made perfect. Nor shall we be always conscious of the power, even though we are dependent. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling." 1 Cor. 2:3. Yet it is evident from this epistle, as well as from the account given in Acts 16, that at the time of his visit in Corinth he was the channel of extraordinary power in his ministry of the Word. So now God's children have often been permitted to know after some season of felt incompetency that this was the very time when God used them in blessing souls. He can work where nothingness is felt. Read

of Saul, of Gideon, and later of Wesley and of Moody.

Then we sometimes think, because we are promised we shall be endued with power (Luke 24:49), that we shall be endowed, have a great reserve force or fund to draw from from time to time until it is all used. No, the power is all in Him, and we draw it moment by moment, according to our need, as we are walking in Him, just as we breathe air, breath by breath. Notice Elijah, one day a mighty man of valor before the hosts of Baal, the next a coward, fleeing from Jezebel. For a moment he had forgotten the source of his strength, and we know the result. The maintenance of constant dependence is the condition of continued spiritual power. God has made the conditions plain (John 15:4), and has promised unlimited power. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Verse 20.

In Romans 8 we read of those who walk after the Spirit, who are led by the Spirit, who through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body, whom the Spirit helps in their infirmities, and for whom He maketh intercession. So, whether for walk (Acts 4), conflict, testimony, or worship (Eph. 5:18, 19; Phil. 3:3), our only, our all-sufficient power is the Holy Ghost. We accept this in theory; let us not forget it in practise. As God's Word is true, let us not rest until we are living channels for the manifestation of His power.

Augusta C. Bainbridge.

As the fountain finds its expression in overflowing, as a river in rushing to the infinite main, as trees bursting into life and blossom in the springtide, so God feels it His joy to give liberally, and to give above all we can ask or think or desire, for Christ's sake.—Cumming.

Let us be content in work to do the thing we can, and not presume to fret because it's little.—Elizabeth Browning.

THE FIELD

Washington, D. C.

The appeal for a memorial church in Washington has awakened a most generous response. The notice was very short, and it took a little time to get the matter before the people, and to get the fund started. We were to make a payment of \$2,500 on Monday, February 2, at 7:30 P. M. On Monday morning I had actually in hand \$1,000 with which to meet this payment. The early mail brought in \$1,523. One thousand dollars of this amount was from the "Review and Herald" fund. By later mails and by telegraph the money kept coming in, until at 7:30 P. M. we were able to make a payment of \$4,500 instead of \$2,500. Three thousand two hundred dollars of this amount was a direct, clear payment; the balance was loaned by friends, without interest.

The debt now stands at \$7,900. This is a reduction of the entire amount of \$5,000 since November 1, when the church was purchased. The original price was \$12,900. The church paid \$500 in November, and, with the amount just paid in by them now, the friends in the capital city have raised for this memorial church over \$1,200, and will do as much more as possible.

We deeply appreciate the help given by our people to establish here a memorial of the work of the last message of salvation, which must be heard by this nation and by every man in the world. A great, a thrilling crisis is before us. Every Seventh-day Adventist must realize that here as in no other city we must be prepared to meet this crisis. This city represents the nation. Our work here represents our message to the nation. As Washington belongs to all the nation, and the nation is responsible for what Washington is, so surely is every Seventh-day Adventist responsible for the standing of the work. This is wholly a representative

city. Our work here is wholly a representative work. Now we are sure that a strong, living church, free from debt, ready to do and able to do the Lord's work in a manner that will win and save people of means and influence, does rightly represent our great work before the eyes of the nation and the world. A monument, a memorial of our work, is to be erected here. We do not believe it means a monumental debt. We earnestly request every reader of the "Recorder" to unite with us to clear the nation's church of debt in a few weeks. Oh, how easily this could be done if all would give as many have done who have sent us, like the poor widow, all they had,—have really done what they could! But we can not hope for the "widow's mite" from all. It would mean more help than is necessary. But can not some one who reads this appeal send us \$1,000, or at least \$100? All invested here will bring returns of one hundredfold into the work in means and influence.

J. S. Washburn.

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WESTERN OREGON

To the Churches in Western Oregon

I am not going to weary you with a long letter about "Christ's Object Lessons," for I have heard some of you say you were tired of hearing "Object Lessons" mentioned; almost afraid to see a minister coming, for fear he was going to say something about this work. And, since I have written so often to you before in regard to this, I will not say much this time.

While some feel as I suggested above, it is encouraging to me to know that a goodly number are so imbued with the spirit of this work that they do not revolt at hearing "Object Lessons" mentioned. And, more than this, they are doing all that is in their reach to see this work done. A feeling of nausea at hearing "Christ's Object Lessons" mentioned indicates a serious form of heart difficulty.

It is sure to prove fatal in the end, unless a radical change comes about. There is no question about this diagnosis. I would suggest that every one who is in this condition go at once to the Great Physician. He will give you His Holy Spirit if you ask believing. This will convince you first of your condition. As you then see your danger and confess to Him your sin, asking yet for more of His Spirit, healing power will come upon you, and your vitality will become normal; your heart will glow with warmth. This will affect also your sight and your speech. The sight of the book will be lovely to you. And as you see the servant of God or a letter coming, that will suggest to you ways and means for doing the grand work God has given to us; you will welcome the help that is brought to you. And your tongue will speak no more in complaint at this work, but with thanksgiving on your lips for a part in such a grand movement as this, you will go forward, with no thought of ceasing your efforts till the last book is sold and our schools are free.

Now comes the question, Can we finish this work before the General Conference?

Here is what we had to do when we started: Quota for our conference, 8,304; value of these, \$10,380. Here is what has been done: Number of books placed in the hands of our people, 5,209; value of these books, \$6,511.25; cash received on these books, \$3,333.25.

This is what we have to do yet: Number of books to place among our people in Western Oregon, 3,095; value of these, \$3,868.75; number of books and value of same to be paid for by the churches, including those that are now in the churches, together with those that are not yet taken by them, 5,637; value, \$7,046.25.

Now then, brethren and sisters, what ought we to do? what can we do? what will we do?

I am sure that many of you are ready to say that we ought to see this work done before the General Conference, at least. Other lines of work are coming,—the special tract campaign. We ought to

have the way clear to take up this work in every church in the conference. I am sure that if we do not get our "Christ's Object Lessons" work done during this present campaign, it is going to be a most difficult thing to accomplish the part of it that will be left. I do not think you are ready to say we should be clear in dropping our work unfinished. And another thing: Do you think we ought to open another conference year, and the time and attention of our laborers be taken from their work in pressing out into new fields and raising up churches, to do the work with "Object Lessons" that the churches ought to do? No, brethren, we ought to rise up, and close out this work this winter.

WHAT CAN WE DO

If we ought to do this, we can, in the strength of the God of Israel. We have left God out of our reckoning too often. When we shall have yielded this thing, He will work wonders for us. He is waiting to do this, as He did when He brought Israel out of Egypt. The churches can pay for their "quota" of books, thus enabling your conference representatives to go to the General Conference with the jubilee banner unfurled.

WHAT WILL WE DO

Remember that God is looking down upon every one of us, and He expects an answer to this question. I personally feel the weight of this question, and feel a responsibility upon me to answer it for the whole conference. What answer will I give to Him who has placed so large a work in my hands? I am trying to answer the question by appealing most earnestly to you, my dear brethren and sisters, to enter into this thing with the spirit of sacrifice that will give you some capacity to appreciate our Saviour's sacrifice for us.

Even if you had to sell something from your farm to pay for the books, it would be nothing more than you would do for yourself. If an effort is made, even at a great sacrifice, to pay for all the books this winter, you can have them to use as God intended they

should be used, as a means of opening the way here and there to get other truth before your neighbors and friends.

I have now written more than I thought I would, but I trust I have not wearied you. I regard you as my colaborers. And, feeling the burden of this great work upon me, I am appealing to you for your cooperation.

I am sending this to you through the "Recorder," which is our best means of communication with our churches. Are you a regular subscriber to this paper? If not, do not let a week pass till you have placed your name on the list of its regular readers. I shall want to reach you again sometime through this channel. And you want to hear what is being done in this conference, as well as in other conferences in this district. There is also much valuable instruction given through this paper in many lines. Send your subscription at once to George W. Pettit, 201 Second Street, Portland, Oregon. F. M. Burg.

Items from the Western Oregon Conference

The sanitarium is crowded with patients.

Several church-schools are now in operation, and other churches have already begun planning for schools another year.

We are glad to say that some of our young people are already working on the suggestion made in last "Recorder" by Professor Hoyt.

Brother J. J. W. Clark, with a new convert, Captain Simpson, is holding meetings at Wheatland, where he reports a good interest.

Elder J. M. Cole is laboring in the interest of "Christ's Object Lessons" work in the vicinity of Salem; also doing some pastoral labor during the session of the Legislature.

Elder F. M. Burg has been laboring among the churches in the central part of the state, encouraging our churches to arise and finish the work the Lord has given them to do at this time.

Dr. Albert Carey has been laboring in the interests of "Christ's Object Lessons" in the vicinity of Portland. One church in his territory is now closing out, and others are moving along accordingly.

Elder H. W. Decker, who is now acting as chaplain of the Sanitarium, is meeting with good results among the patients as well as workers at the institution. One very prominent man has accepted the truth.

Some churches are finishing up the work now as far as their quotas are concerned, and we believe with but few exceptions the "Christ's Object Lessons" work will be closed out before the convening of the General Conference.

We ordered 10,000 of each of the four special tracts, which we believe is simply an index to what will be done by our conference in distributing them. Orders are coming in from all parts of this field. The Portland Sanitarium has already placed an order for 2,000 of these.

Elder C. J. Cole is laboring in the southern part of the state, in which territory a strong effort is being put forth to close out the "Christ's Object Lessons" work. He seems to be hopeful that this work will be closed out at the appointed time, even though all of the books may not be sold.

The Canvassers' Institute will be held at Portland, Oregon, March 5-20, 1903. We desire to see a full attendance of those who are interested in this work. Brother Osborne will be present to assist in the work. Instruction will be given by competent workers on the Bible and simple treatments.

We are hearing of good results from the sale of "Object Lessons." It is not only creating a demand for other literature, but many of

those who have been engaged in this work, although prejudiced against the canvassing work, say they enjoy it, and will follow up this effort with neighborhood canvassing.

The writer has been among the churches near Salem of late, in the interests of the missionary work. To my mind nothing is more important than the "Christ's Object Lessons" work; it will have in its train live missionary workers, live missionary meetings, and old-time methods of scattering our literature.

Elder T. H. Starbuck has spent some time with the church at Molalla, having been called there by a challenge by the Christian minister to debate the Sabbath question. The meetings were well attended, and a good interest manifested. Prejudice has been broken down, and an interest never before shown in our work is manifested by the people.

Brother Osborne, traveling missionary of the Pacific Union Conference, in connection with Brother L. Moran, made a pleasant call at our office on January 28. Brother Osborne is en route to Seattle, where he will work for some time in the interests of the canvassing work. Brother Moran, we understand, is to have charge of this branch of the work in our sister conference. We wish him success.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

After the Olympia camp-meeting I returned to Seattle, and labored some time at Green Lake. During the month of November I visited several of the churches in the northern part of the conference, in the interest of "Object Lessons." Some of the churches have nearly completed their quota, while others are behind. There is a general desire on the part of the brethren to push out and sell the books. I also made a visit to Aberdeen, and two decided to take a stand on the Lord's side by obeying the truth.

I have just returned from another trip among the churches in the interests of the material fund and tract and missionary work.

Am glad to see that the old-time missionary spirit is beginning to be revived in our churches. I held quarterly meeting with the Mount Vernon and Whatcom churches. At Whatcom they have had both a Scandinavian and an English organization for some time, and this has been the cause of more or less friction, but after holding several meetings they all decided to join together in one organization, and are determined to push together harmoniously in spreading the truth of the third angel's message. We also dropped several names of those who have separated themselves from us; but others are coming in to fill up the ranks.

In several of the churches we reorganized the tract and missionary societies, and, in most cases, elected new officers, and arranged for regular weekly meetings. This was done with the view of getting each individual member to work in scattering our literature, that each home in their vicinity may have opportunity to know of the truth.

These churches also decided to increase their club of "Signs," "Life Boat," and "Health Journal," and the Whatcom and Deming churches ordered 1,100 of the new tracts. I also took eight subscriptions for the "Review."

I leave to-night for Friday Harbor, to visit the company there, and on my return expect to organize a church here at Green Lake. We have purchased lots, and expect to build a house of worship in this thriving suburb sometime this spring. There are a goodly number of our people residing here, and we shall probably have a church of between forty and fifty members. We have meetings in a hall here each Sabbath, and find that the interest is growing.

H. C. J. Wollekar.

January 22.

Keep up hope in bad times. We have the same sun and sky and stars, the same God and heaven and truth, the same duties and the same helpers. Hope thou in God.—Goodell.

CALIFORNIA

From the California Laborers Abroad

Those who left America in November for the English and European fields have now been on this side of the Atlantic a little more than a month, and the most of them are fully settled into their future work. As stated in our last letter, about one-half of the company went direct to London on arrival in England. Others located in various parts of the United Kingdom. Brother McCord went to Halifax, I think, a place near Leeds. Brother and Sister Castle, after a few days' stay in London, visited some of the churches in the North England Conference. Brother Parsons went to Belfast, Ireland, but certain conditions and circumstances made it seem expedient for him to join the workers in London for a time, which he did. As it was thought best for me to begin work in Birkenhead, my family located here.

After a sojourn of about three weeks in London, Brethren Eversen and Gauterau left for their respective fields on the continent, the former going to Rome and the latter to France. They have not been in those fields long enough for them to make any definite report yet, but we hope they will be able before long to send some cheering accounts of themselves to the "Recorder."

Reports from Brethren Baker, and Frank and Walter Bond, speak of rapid progress in their studies and good success in their house-to-house work. I hear very little of Brother Marchus' school work, but am informed that he is doing some good work with the papers. Brother Parsons writes that he is able to sell from seventy-five to one hundred papers each day. Brother Halladay has so lately arrived that he has scarcely dropped fully into his place as yet; but I believe he will be able quickly to adapt himself to his surroundings and exert a helpful influence.

Circumstances are demonstrating that the plan to have these brethren take their initiative work in London, in conjunction with the

training-school, is a wise one. Any one who has not had previous experience among English people would gain time in taking this very course upon entering this field. By doing this they may be enabled to adapt themselves far enough to the ways and idioms of speech in vogue here, so as not to handicap their efforts in meeting the people.

I was asked to attend a ten days' institute for workers at Nottingham, the celebrated city of lace industry. At this meeting, which convened January 12, I met Brother McCord and Brother and Sister Castle. Brother McCord was present only two days, and I had hardly time to talk with him about his work. I gathered, however, that he is of good courage, and well contented with his chosen field. Brother and Sister Castle were present all the time, and seemed to be as busy as any one could well be. During the institute a tract society for the North England Conference was organized, and Brother Castle was appointed its secretary.

It had been arranged for me to open a series of hall meetings in Birkenhead about the middle of January, but an unforeseen circumstance has come in to delay my engaging in that work so soon. Of this I may speak more fully in my next letter.

In conclusion I am able to say that I believe every one of the California delegation in this field is of good courage. In fact, there is nothing to give any other feeling. Here are millions of people who have never heard the sound of the last message of mercy, and the field is white to the harvest. With the Saviour's promise that "he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal," why should we not rejoice and sing in our work, in anticipation of the soon-coming "harvest home"? We would that all might see the importance of this ingathering work, and rally to its support in every way possible.

J. O. Corliss.

Birkenhead, Eng., Jan. 14, 1903.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matt. 19:19.

"Object Lessons" Fund

We herewith begin the publication of the statistics relative to the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" in the Healdsburg College district. These figures go back to the first copies sent out, and therefore include all of the sales from the beginning of the work. The total of books sent out to churches and individuals does not represent the exact number of copies whose sale will apply on the Healdsburg College debt, for the reason that some of them are in foreign languages; and these, it was decided when the work began, are to apply on the debts of our schools in foreign countries.

The figures here given are only to Jan. 1, 1903. Sales since that date will be published later.

The names of individuals given do not represent those who have sold books on church quotas, but are only isolated persons, or those who for other reasons have got their books direct from the tract society, mostly before the quota was made. These have not been arranged alphabetically, nor the sales by each segregated; some therefore appear several times.

Church	No. of Copies Sent	Paid
Alameda	228	\$ 96 25
Alton	20	3 70
Angels Camp	76	75 00
Armona	110	107 00
Arroyo Grande	40	38 14
Auburn	33	
Bakersfield	50	15 00
Berkeley	166	49 00
Bishop	26	27 25
Buena Park	10	10 00
Calistoga	412	80 00
Chico	100	
Crows Landing	71	69 70
Crystal Springs	1	1 25
Escondido	24	24 00
Eureka	1,485	71 25
Fresno	651	314 30
Forestville	103	53 25
Garden Grove	25	25 00
Glennville	50	62 50
Grangeville	66	51 25
Grass Valley	1	1 25
Guerneville	28	28 50
Hanford	160	120 10
Haywards	22	
Healdsburg	1,731	224 65
Laton	50	18 75
Lemoore	6	7 50
Little River	10	11 50
Lockwood	75	
Los Angeles	106	1 25
Merced	24	30 00
Millville	75	77 75
Monrovia	16	16 00
Monterey	107	47 50

Morganhill	44	\$10 00
Napa	265	124 50
Norwalk	67	63 50
Oakland	857	201 65
Pacific Grove	25	26 50
Pasadena	51	51 00
Paso Robles	50	
Petaluma	163	85 21
Placerville	61	62 00
Pomona	114	112 30
Rainbow	10	10 00
Red Bluff	82	60 75
Reno	181	56 75
Sacramento	403	279 50
St. Helena	513	139 25
San Diego	84	86 25
San Francisco	1,351	738 70
Sanitarium	400	177 80
San Jose	604	194 25
San Luis Obispo	24	15 00
San Pasqual	13	14 50
Santa Barbara	18	14 00
Santa Cruz	126	62 50
Santa Paula	1	1 20
Santa Rosa	325	127 00
Sebastopol	162	62 00
Selma	201	15 00
Sonora	70	70 00
Soquel	71	78 00
Southern Tract Soc.	50	8 25
Stockton	238	84 00
Tulare	48	1 75
Ukiah	131	62 35
Vacaville	70	40 00
Vallejo	10	10 25
Ventura	22	21 00
Wadsworth	50	
Watsonville	220	102 80
Willits	14	
Woodland	91	81 00
Mrs. E. E. Parlin	10	10 00
John McMillan	1	1 25
C. L. Taylor	10	10 00
Minnie Lanning	10	10 00
Miss Ora M. Peoples	1	1 50
Dr. E. L. Paulding	10	15 00
Myrtle Cushman	1	1 25
Mrs. Carrie Johnson	5	7 50
Mrs. A. E. McKibben	10	15 00
William Hartman	10	10 00
Mrs. S. M. Holmes	1	1 25
Mrs. J. E. Conant	2	2 50
C. B. Secord	15	15 00
Mrs. M. J. Myers	5	7 50
Mrs. W. G. Buckner	10	15 00
Mrs. A. M. Howard	10	15 00
Polydore Novak	15	15 00
E. J. Williams	2	3 00
Thomas T. Heald	6	7 50
Mrs. M. G. Ross	1	1 25
W. W. Wheeler	12	15 00
H. E. Hollingsworth	1	1 25
T. H. Pearman	6	7 50
Mrs. M. T. Cole	2	2 50
J. B. Crayne	1	2 50
Carl Christiansen	10	10 00
Elder H. F. Courter	15	15 00
G. W. Eddy	10	10 00
Mrs. H. Reams	10	10 00
F. M. Burg	30	30 00
Mrs. Lucy Bush	2	40 00
John Custer	10	10 00
Miss Anna M. Streeter	1	1 50
G. H. Gibson	15	15 00
Mrs. H. M. Wallace	1	1 25
E. Richter	10	10 00
Mrs. M. E. Doble	10	15 00
James W. Connick	2	2 50

Mrs. Wm. V. Sample	10	10 00
Mrs. V. Hardy	2	2 50
Mrs. George Geer	5	6 25
George Geer	10	10 00
H. A. St. John	25	25 00
J. E. Wilson	10	10 00
B. L. Francisco	1	1 25
C. Burkman	1	1 25
J. Hutchings	2	2 50
Mrs. M. T. Poston	1	1 25
Mrs. Ella Sheffer	15	15 00
W. L. Sims	10	10 00
Mrs. M. F. Baumrucker	3	3 75
George Manual	3	3 75
Sadie B. Yarnell	1	1 25
S. T. Hare	15	15 00
J. H. Hodge	6	7 50
H. P. Miller	1	1 50
James Hodge	1	1 50
Mrs. Etta J. Hodge	1	1 25
A. J. Morton	10	12 50
A. J. Osborne	10	15 00
Mrs. Ella H. Osborne	10	15 00
Mrs. G. E. Hollister	1	1 50
S. Tatsuguchi	5	6 25
T. O. Lewis	10	10 00
E. J. Harvey	5	7 50

Total 13,895 \$5,670 85
J. A. L. Derby.

(To be Continued.)

A Word of Appreciation

The following has just been received from Prof. J. L. Shaw, superintendent of the Indian Mission Field:—

"The box of fruit sent by steamer 'Coptic' came to hand, and we found it in good condition. The workers are enjoying it very much. We gave it into the hands of Sister Burrus and Sister Quantock, to make a division of it, as they were the ones with whom the donors were most intimately acquainted. The other box has not yet arrived, but when it does, we shall give it into their hands for distribution.

"I think your plan of lining the box with water-proof paper very thoughtful, and an excellent plan to prevent dampness, etc., in transit. I wish to thank you and the dear brethren in the home land in behalf of the workers here for the interest they have taken in preparing and sending this fruit to us. It shows a kindness and love on their part which we shall not soon forget."

We are sure the friends at St. Helena and Healdsburg would like to know that their donations of fruit to the missionaries in India were received and appre-

ciated. If they, or any others, wish to make a donation to these workers at the close of the fruit season this year, let them remember that we stand in readiness to forward any that is sent in our care. The shipment will probably go forward shortly after the first of October.

W. V. Sample,
Pacific Press Pub. Co.

January 28, 1903

If your name appears in this list, your "Signs of the Times" subscription expired Jan. 28, 1903: G. M. Green, R. G. Crum, Mrs. A. A. Churchill, Arthur Fox, Mrs. E. H. Garrett, O. B. Stevens, Sara E. Peck, Mrs. Eliza Veeder Dow, Benton Webster, Miss Lee A. Peck, S. Palstine, Mrs. May Kellogg, H. Payton, M. L. W. Ogden, G. W. Nelson, Fred Haub, Mrs. C. H. Ross, Mrs. M. M. Waterbury, Alice M. Lewis, J. W. Hammond, Olive Potts, M. A. McElhany, R. J. Floyd, Bettie Rutherford, Lena Crew, O. M. Berry, Mrs. Mary Koch, Mrs. Florence Merrill, and Peter Peterson.

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The New General Conference Tracts

Have you seen those new General Conference tracts just issued, entitled "We Would See Jesus," "Signs of Our Times," "The Gospel Remedy for Present-day Isms," and "What Do These Things Mean?" If not, you should at once send 35 cents to the California Tract Society, which will pay for a year's subscription to the "Bible Students' Library" and the "Apples of Gold Library." By taking advantage of this offer, you will also receive these new General Conference tracts, and also a copy of that 80-page pamphlet by E. J. Hibbard, entitled "The Two Laws," just issued. The price of the 3 new tracts is 1 cent per copy, or only 72 cents per 100, post-paid. We are receiving orders for tracts by

the thousands. Orders for 4,000 tracts have been received at this office in a single day. Who will be the first to subscribe?

Address California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal. A. J. Bourdeau, Secretary.

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California Tract Society.

ARIZONA

Tucson

In many respects Arizona is a peculiar field. No one can fully realize this till he has actually entered upon the work here, and followed the winding path of the people down to their present position, and tried to lead them out into the glorious light and liberty of the gospel, where they stand as free men in Christ Jesus. Many true hearts and faithful souls are to be found among the people, waiting for the precious message of the third angel. Some of these have been in contact with the wild ways of frontier life so long that their idea of Christian life is not as high as it is in some places; therefore it is necessary to stay with them longer and give them more instruction before accepting them into the church. For this reason, wherever a company is raised up, it is necessary for a worker to stay with them for some time. But when they are once imbued with a knowledge of the truth, its sav-

ing power is precious to their souls. For a few months during this last year we have been located in Williams, in the northern part of the territory. Here six decided to obey the truth and follow the Master. Three of these have gone or moved to other places in the territory and Texas. Three are still in Williams. When the cold weather came it was found that Mrs. Williams' health was not good there, so it was decided that we should move to Phoenix, and Brother J. E. Bond and wife should take up the work in Williams. Brother Bond writes that the work there is still full of interest, and that other souls are much interested in the precious truth. I visited Flagstaff before going to Phoenix, received one person into the church, and found others only waiting for a more favorable season to be baptized. Some here had been laboring under a cloud, but the words of truth and the sweet influence of the Holy Spirit seemed to scatter darkness, and the clear light again shone upon His children. Praise be to the Lord, and long may His goodness be remembered. Brother Bond has since visited this little company, and while some differences have arisen with regard to some things, all has been settled in the spirit of the Master. Here we tried to encourage the children to take up the "Life Boat" work, and add their mite to the annual offering. The result of the united effort of the older sisters and children was the largest offering ever made by the Flagstaff church. We arrived in Phoenix a little before the week of prayer. The Lord was very near us during the week, and one dear soul gave herself to the Master. The work is opening up in Phoenix, and the Lord is leading in the work of opening up a sanitarium there. A large two-story brick building seems to have been reserved by the Lord for this work. Already nearly, if not enough, of its rooms are rented to pay for the rent of the building. Only one thing seems necessary to start this work on a decidedly paying basis, that is, money to furnish a few more of the forty-seven rooms, so that they can be

occupied. Who is there among us that wants to have a part in this line of the Master's work? Dr. E. C. Bond will receive all such donations with a thankful heart. Brother Webster spent a short time in Yuma, and found a very encouraging field, but thought the time for work before conference so short, and his health not sufficient to take up so great a work, so came on to Phoenix. He is now giving valuable assistance in planning and fitting up the sanitarium. I have been here in Tucson nearly two weeks, and the Spirit of the Lord seems to be working to revive and carry on His work. I expect to go on to Sanchez soon, to visit the church there, then I will try to tell you more about the work in that place and Southern Arizona.

C. D. M. Williams.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Bring the Best

Christ wants the best. He, in the far-off ages,

Once claimed the firstling of the flock,
The finest of the wheat;

And still He asks His own, with gentlest pleading,

To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents at His feet.

He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love;

He only asks that of our store we give to Him the best we have.

And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember

How once our Lord poured out His soul for us,

And in the prime of His mysterious manhood

Gave up His precious life upon the cross!
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,

Through bitter grief and tears gave us the best He had.

—Anon.

As oft with worn and weary feet

We tread earth's rugged valley o'er,
The thought, how comforting and sweet,

Christ trod this very path before!

Our wants and weaknesses He knows

From life's first dawning till its close.
—Selected.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Sabbath-Schools—

The work of spreading the third angel's message outside of our conference is so important that it ought not to be allowed to languish. The conference organization is doing well in having so many of its regularly-paid laborers work in foreign fields. But this is not enough. This is only helping in one way; while this work needs to be helped in every way that is possible. Besides, California is the only conference that has done as it has done. True, the movement is spreading; but no other conference has yet set free all workers who will go to foreign fields, to be paid as such the same as if they worked in the home field. Therefore, even if this plan were enough when universally employed, it is plain that as yet it can not, in any fair degree, be counted a proper working of the foreign fields. Therefore all other means must likewise be employed.

The Sabbath-school donations have for a number of years been one of the greatest helps in supporting foreign missions. This must be so still. It will never do to slacken this stream of means, nor divert it from the channel through which has been carried such splendid help to foreign fields.

Yet we find that some of our Sabbath-schools are using all of the regular Sabbath-school donations for the expenses of the school, or for the support of the church-school or other home work, thus diverting these donations wholly from the foreign work. This is not only crippling the foreign work, but it is shutting off the giving of much that would otherwise be given. For since, in such cases, the funds are all used for the home work, there are many who have ceased to make regular Sabbath donations. This way of using the Sabbath-school donations is therefore crippling in both directions; it cripples the foreign work, and it cripples the home work. Evidently this can not be the best way to do. Of course, each school has power to use its donations as it may choose. But why choose the way which

is not best, but is only crippling in both directions? Why not continue to use the regular Sabbath-school donations in the best way, and then take also the better way to support the church-schools, as well as all other home work?

And there is a better way,—the way to which the Lord is now calling us all,—the way of the second tithe. Everywhere that this is adopted the results are so entirely satisfactory that all are only pleased with it, and thankful for it. This way supplies abundance for all home needs.

Please, then, brethren and sisters, do not cripple the foreign work to help yourselves at home. Keep up the foreign help, and take the better way of helping your home work. In any event, please do not cut off any supply to foreign missions; do not turn the Sabbath-school donations from this much-needed work.

Alonzo T. Jones.

Jan. 29, 1903.

Men Wanted

- To be courageous like Joshua.
- To be self-reliant like Nehemiah.
- To be obedient like Abraham.
- To be persevering like Jacob.
- To be decisive like Moses.
- To be administrative like Solomon.
- To be above reproach like Daniel.
- To be long-suffering like Paul.
- To be prayerful like Elijah.
- To be master of passions like Joseph.
- To be bold like Peter.
- To be self-surrendered like Noah.
- To be godlike like Enoch.—Selected.

“If the early morning hours spent by Christians over the newspaper were given to the Bible, keeping the paper till later, what a change would be wrought in the tone of our Christian life!”

“He that saveth his time from prayer shall lose it. He that loseth his time for communion with God shall find it in blessing.”



Educational Literature Fund

There is in the United States an army of workers, paid from government funds, which far exceeds in number the standing army of this country. I refer to the public school teachers of the land. The militia may be needed for public defense, but the welfare of the nation rests more heavily upon the teachers than upon its soldiers. Our country is what the schools make it. There is no more conscientious class of workers than our teachers. To them the truths of the third angel's message should be made known. Many from the ranks of this army will be attracted to this truth, and will become earnest workers in carrying the last message to the world. Those who have been trained as teachers, if converted to the truth, will continue their work for the children. God will aid them in the preparation of an army of missionaries.

From the Educational Literature Fund we must draw for the publications of tracts, pamphlets, and leaflets, which will carry the truths of Christian education to these teachers. Who will help by donating to this fund? The following call, made by a church-school teacher in West Superior, Wis., shows that such a fund is needed. He writes: “Kindly send me fifty copies of the March ‘Advocate.’ I ought to have at least 500 for this territory, but my income is limited. This is a cardinal point in the United States. If there is any one who can pay for more ‘Advocates’ than I have ordered, I shall be glad to see that they are placed in the hands of teachers; 500 would be none too many for us.”

Five hundred needed in one city. Thousands of copies should be sent into the South. Some of our Western states, where the Sabbath-keepers are scattered, find it impossible to place this copy of the “Advocate” in the hands of all the secular teachers. Hundreds of copies must be sent out from the “Advocate” office. The Educa-

tional Literature Fund must supply the means. What can you do to help forward this work. Sums of any size will be acceptable. Make checks or money orders payable to the “Advocate,” or to E. A. Sutherland, Berrien Springs, Mich.

School Management

A TEXT-BOOK RECOMMENDED FOR CHURCH-SCHOOL TEACHERS

Dear Teachers: I would like to say a word to you in regard to the subject of school management. I believe it is true that more teachers fail in discipline than in scholarship or teaching ability. But the two are so closely connected that it is hard to teach successfully unless one manages successfully. Now there are certain underlying principles which are necessary to successful school management, and consequently to successful teaching. These every teacher must know. If he neglect the proper understanding of them, he invites failure. Our church-school teachers should be wide-awake, progressive teachers. They should use every means within their reach to make the work they have accepted of the Lord a grand success, the success it deserves, the success that it must be if it meets the mind of the Great Teacher. Therefore I would urge all our California church-school teachers to read and study most carefully some good work on school management during this winter term. This can be done in connection with, and in addition to, your other private study which you are carrying on to better fit you for your work. I have been carefully looking over some of the best works along that line, and I would recommend that the teachers purchase “White’s School Management,” American Book Company, corner Pine and Battery Streets, San Francisco, Cal., price one dollar, and read it thoroughly. It contains the soundest principles that I have ever seen put forth in any work on this subject. The teacher who thoroughly imbibes them, and works accordingly in his school, will be doing a work in character-

building both for his pupils and himself that will be a credit even to Seventh-day Adventist church-schools. Respectfully,
J. S. Osborne.

A Lesson from Nature

Have you noticed the Lombardy poplar? It draws its branches up around itself so as to cast little more shade than a telegraph pole, and no bird seeks a nest under its closely-drawn leaves. It is a good type of a selfish person.

Across the way is a beautiful maple. From its sweet heart sap flows every spring, giving delicious food to its owner. Its broad branches make homes for many birds; and children play, and travelers rest, under its generous shade. When frost comes, its harsh touch only makes the maple more beautiful, with its crimson and gold. Even adversity is turned to the good of others by the maple. What a type of unselfishness!

There is one thing about unselfish people,—they get more than they give, as a rule, leaving out the added happiness that comes from forgetting self. It is a law of nature that giving brings its own increase.

Two little springs came up side by side in the heart of a greenwood. "I shall stay here and take care of myself," said one little rill; and it soon became stagnant, and dried up with the summer heat. "I can at least water the wild flowers under the trees," said the other brook; and it slipped through the tangled grass, out into the meadow beyond, where it was met by another tiny stream, and soon together they were turning the wheel of a busy mill.

Each one naturally has a selfish heart. Only keeping near to Christ, who pleased not Himself, will keep us unselfish. Is it not well, then, for us to take pains to acquire the fruits of the Spirit,—the graces that adorned the life of the Master?—Selected.

All godlike things are joyous. They have touched God, and so they carry with them an irresistible gladness everywhere.—Faber.

Report of the Church-School Work of California for the Second Month

SCHOOL	Number Boys Enrolled.....	No. Girls Enrolled.....	Total No. Enrolled.....	No. New Pupils.....	Average Daily Attendance...	Average No. Belonging....	Per Cent of Attendance...	Tardinesses.....	Visits by Board.....	Visits by Others.....	Scholarship.....	
San Francisco:—												
Advanced Department...	11	14	25	5	22	23.5	92	17	0	9	88	
Primary Department....	19	12	31	2	23	27	86	37	0	26	90	
Oakland:—												
Advanced Dep't.....	15	19	34	3	27	28	96	13	0	12	92	
Intermediate Dep't....	9	13	22	1	20	821.8	96.5	13	0	9	84	
Primary Dep't.....	21	18	39	3	23	829.3	81	15	2	8	88	
Healdsburg:—												
Advanced Dep't.....	10	21	31	8	27.1	28.4	95.3	16	1	9		
Intermediate Dep't....	16	17	33	5	28.3	29.6	95.5	45	1	7		
Primary Dep't.....	23	21	44	3	35.8	38.2	93.7	46	1	8		
Fresno:—												
Advanced Dep't.....	20	18	38	3	34.6	37.5	93	66	0	5	89	
Primary Dep't.....	13	10	23	2	20.7	22.5	92	23	0	6	86	
Eureka	33	28	61	5	55.3	60	92.2	89	0	11	88	
Pepperwood.....	14	17	31	2	22	24	91.6	8	1	24	91	
Santa Rosa.....	5	11	16	1	8	10.3	77.5	27	5	10		
Petaluma.....	13	20	33	2	24	27.3	88	19	0	5		
Sebastopol.....	7	6	13	0	8.3	9.8	85	21	1	3		
Alameda.....	7	11	18	4	16.9	17.9	94.4	9	0	1	94	
San Jose.....	8	9	17	0	11.2	12.6	89	15	2	6	93	
Burrough.....	12	8	20	3	17.2	18.3	86	6	0	1	87	
Hanford.....	2	8	10	1	7.5	9.1	82.4	13	1	4	92	
Armona.....	10	15	25	8	20.8	21.7	95.8	43	1	10		
Bakersfield.....	2	4	6	0	5.6	6	94	0	1	1	94	
Glennville.....	9	7	16	6	13	14.7	88.4	8	1	1		
Red Bluff.....	2	1	3		Partial report only.							
Reno, Nevada.....	11	18	29	6	23	25.9	90	36	0	2	83	
St. Clair, Nevada.....	5	9	14	6	7.7	8.2	93.3	28	0	9	93	
Sanitarium. No report	3	7	10	0	9.1	10	96	2	0	5	88	
Totals.....	267	314	581	74	457.9	501.7	91.7	528	28	181	88.4	

I hope to be able to give a full and correct report from every school for the third month in the next issue of the "Recorder." Teachers, will you please help me in this by sending in your reports promptly, and be sure that they are correct?

I would call attention to the increase in the enrolment this month over that of last month; also that the per cent of attendance in many schools has dropped down a little, the total for the list being 1.6 per cent lower than for last month.

But, oh, look at the tardiness! 528 against 346 last month. Teachers, what is the matter? This ought not so to be. Let us eradicate this evil.

Then, again, last month 32 visits by members of the church-school boards; this month, 18. This

number goes the wrong way, too. How is this, church-school boards? Are you interested in the schools? Are other patrons interested also? Last month 218 visits; this month, 181. Is your interest waning, patrons?

Two more schools report scholarship this time than last.

A set of examination questions has been sent out to the schools, and a report of the results therefrom will soon appear. We hope it may show good work.

J. S. Osborne,
Supt. Church-schools.

The common problem—yours, mine, every one's—
Is not to fancy what were fair in life,
Provided it could be; but, finding first—
What may be, then find how to make it fair,
Up to your means—a very different thing.

—Selected.

**MEDICAL
MISSIONARY**

Dedication of the Hydratic Dispensary in San Francisco

On the evening of Sunday, Jan. 11, 1903, an impressive dedication service was held in the Laguna Street church. Prettily decorated, and filled to the doors, the sacred edifice was the scene of the formal setting apart for use in the service of God in ministration to suffering humanity the basement of the church building. The program that had been prepared proved highly appropriate, and was enjoyed by all present.

The rostrum was occupied by the pastors of the Laguna Street and Valencia Street churches, the president of the California Conference, and other members of the board of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

Elder A. T. Jones delivered the opening address, on the "Medical Missionary Idea," and in his remarks emphasized the vital importance of recognizing that God's way to health is in obeying His laws, hence sin and sickness are closely related; for as sin is disobedience to God in the spiritual realm, so sickness may be said to be the result of disobedience to His physical laws. Getting rid of disease and getting our bodies into the condition where they are proof against it is essentially a part of the preaching of the gospel. This is the medical missionary idea. The speaker expressed the hope that as a part of the church building had been dedicated to serving God in following the example of the Saviour, who went about doing good, and especially healing the sick, so might every individual there present dedicate himself or herself to a like ministry, and thus be factors in spreading the gospel for soul and body, the forgiveness of sins, and the restoration of physical health.

A musical program was a pleasing feature of the service, and included a chorus of extracts from the sacred cantata, "Queen Esther." Following the musical item a historical statement of the

circumstances that had led up to the event of the evening was presented by Pastor W. S. Sadler. He observed that, in all probability, the present occasion was the first of its kind, so far as the dedication of a part of a place of public worship was concerned. That a hydratic dispensary should be found so closely connected with a church as to be in the very building was a distinct departure from the usual order of things, and he considered it the key-note of a genuine advance along medical missionary lines. While many thousands of dollars' worth of church property was standing idle the greater portion of every week, it was a great satisfaction to know that at least one place of worship had made provision whereby its premises might be devoted to serving God and humanity on every day, as well as being open for the preaching of truth one or two days in each week. So he regarded this innovation as a sign of real progress. It will be remembered that one time when Jesus was on earth, a poor blind man appealed to Him for help, when Jesus was with a crowd, going from place to place. The Saviour bade the people call this afflicted one to Him, and asked him what he wanted done for him. If such work as ministering to sufferers was not too small for the Saviour to be engaged in, surely it should not be considered beneath us as His representatives. The Hydratic Dispensary, which was formally dedicated to God that evening, would provide means whereby the sick poor could find relief for a trifling outlay, or, if totally unable to pay anything, free of cost.

Mention was made of the various steps that have been taken enabling the dispensary to be established, and among them were noted the generous and practical cooperation of the church-members; of persons interested who were in no way associated with the church; of the California Young People's Self-denial Fund, which erected the electric-light bath; of the donation of time and labor and material from various persons who had in this way helped the cause along. It was

also a matter of remark that the whole of the expenses incurred in the work had been defrayed; not a penny of debt was hanging over the dispensary, for it had been undertaken with the resolve that debt should not be incurred, and this resolution has faithfully been adhered to. As a result of this policy, the treasurer could report that, not only had all bills presented been paid, but there was still something left in the treasury.

Brother E. E. Parlin then presented the treasurer's report, which showed that donations, varying from two cents to \$50, had been received amounting to \$1,302; the disbursements to date had been \$1,269.87, leaving a surplus in hand of \$32.13. Of the total amount donated, about \$850 had been received from persons outside of San Francisco.

Dr. R. A. Buchanan, head of the San Francisco branch of the St. Helena Sanitarium, made a few remarks to the effect that the treatments given in the dispensary would aim to reach the cause of the disease, not merely treat the symptoms. Many cases have already been helped at the dispensary during the two months which it has been working previous to the dedication. Some one hundred patients have been relieved, and there is every indication of a large and increasing work for the dispensary to do.

After an earnest dedicatory prayer by Pastor B. F. Richards, the congregation, in sections, visited the rooms constituting the dispensary, where the various treatments which the nurses will give were demonstrated.

H. W. Rose.

The Body

Take care of the body, the house of the soul,
If you would its inmates keep hearty and whole,
No leak let there be, where wrong thoughts may steal in,
No windows left open to black gusts of sin.
For souls may take cold and catch fevers as well
As folks who in rickety tenements dwell;
So look to it faithfully, Christian, I say,
This home of the spirit, this temple of clay.

—Selected.

MISSIONARY WORK

The Book Work CALIFORNIA

Report for Two Weeks, Ending Dec. 31, 1902

MARVEL OF NATIONS

	Orders.	Value.
C. B. Secord, San Francisco.....	18	\$18 50
M. S. Drake, Fresno.....	1	1 50

HOUSE WE LIVE IN

J. J. Hill, Fresno.....	2	2 40
Total.....	21	\$22 40
Miscellaneous sales.....		45 10

Report for Two Weeks, Ending Jan. 16, 1903

MARVEL OF NATIONS

C. B. Secord, San Francisco.....	31	\$31 00
A. J. Bonham, Philo.....	6	9 00
George Cary, Healdsburg.....	4	5 00
Total.....	41	\$45 00

What a Tract Did

In 1875 Dr. Coke gave a tract to a family in Virginia. The family numbered fourteen, and that tract was the instrumentality used in the conversion of the whole family.

A tract distributor, passing through a sparsely-settled country district in Canada, gave away many tracts. One of them, entitled "Repent or Perish," was found floating in the Frazer River. A man saw it, took it out, dried it, read it, and by it was converted to God.

A preacher invited a man to attend a meeting. The man refused, but he consented to take a tract. A few weeks afterward that same man stood up in meeting and confessed that that tract had led him to Jesus.

During the secession war of America a chaplain was passing through a hospital, and he left in an empty bed a tract, which was a copy of the hymn, "Will You Go?" The soldier came to his bed, picked it up and read the title, and dropped it. A second time he picked it up, and read,

"We are traveling home to the heaven above;

Will you go?"

and then threw it down again. Soon afterward he picked it up again, and read it through. Then, after deliberating over the matter in his quiet hours, he finally wrote on it, "By the grace of God I will

go," and signed his name. Some months later he was killed in battle in Virginia, but he was saved by the tract.

It is often the case that a man who will not enter a church or listen to the preaching of the gospel, will read, when alone, a tract or a paper, which may be more effectual for his salvation than a sermon.

There are many cases where a tract has been the instrumentality which has restored from despair a precious soul. Passing through Switzerland, a tract distributor presented a tract to a man in a town notorious for gambling. On his return, some days later, he met the man, who exclaimed, "I thank you for saving my soul and body!" He then explained that on that day when he received the tract he had lost heavily in gambling, and was contemplating suicide, but the tract arrested his attention, and led him to Christ.

Instances of this sort could be multiplied, for these little printed missives have been known to prevent crimes, to save lives, to heal the broken-hearted, and to bring discouraged, disheartened, and despairing ones to Jesus. We never know, nor can we realize, the good we are doing in distributing tracts.

Personal Experiences with "Christ's Object Lessons"

Although the writer is kept busy in the tract society office; yet he has felt it his duty to do what he could in helping forward the campaign with "Christ's Object Lessons." During the month of December the Lord gave me "favor and success" with about fourteen parties, to each of whom I sold a book.

CASE I

The first party I canvassed was an elderly Catholic lady, on whom I called several times while on my way home to dinner. The book was left with her for several weeks, and she read it with interest, but did not at first feel prepared to buy. I accordingly took the book back, but, after a month or two, called again, and left a copy with her. This time she

read still more in the book, nearly completing it, and promised to buy it. I told her that I was not so anxious to sell the book as I was to have her read it for the good it would do her and her family. My first call with the book was on Thursday, July 17, 1902. She bought and paid for it Tuesday, December 23. It thus took me five months and six days to make the sale. When she finally bought the book, she begged me, with tears streaming down her cheeks, to pray for her and for her sons, who were gamblers. In order to follow up the interest, I am now sending her a copy of the "Signs" each week from my private club.

CASE 2

The other day the California Tract Society was obliged to have its two awnings lettered. As I was settling with the gentleman who did the work, I told him the story of "Christ's Object Lessons," and showed him the book. He at once said: "Why, yes, I take the book. Take out a dollar and a quarter for it." He also promised to sell some copies for me, if possible. I am now sending him the "Signs of the Times," in which he is much interested.

CASE 3

This was an Englishman, whom I met in Oakland. I showed him the book, and told him its story, and he immediately purchased it. He left before I could secure his address.

CASE 4

Mr. J. H. M. is the traveling salesman for one of the largest fountain pen concerns in New York. I had talked with him several times regarding religious matters, and he showed great respect for Seventh-day Adventists and their work. Accordingly, on one of his recent visits, I told him the story of "Christ's Object Lessons." He immediately said that he wanted one copy of just such a book to send to a lady friend of his in Oregon, as a Christmas gift. Just as he was about to leave, I suggested to him that he

ought not to be making a present of a book which he himself did not possess, and had not read. He laughingly said, "That's so; I'll take one to my wife." Besides buying two copies of the book, both he and his wife promise to sell as many copies as they can. They are both delighted with the book. I know him to be a sincere Christian gentleman. Am also following up this interest by sending them the "Signs of the Times" and the "Sentinel of Christian Liberty."

CASE 5

Mr. C. W. D. is the local representative of Sherman, Clay & Co., one of the largest piano dealers on the Pacific Coast. He called one day, and tried to sell me a piano. Instead of that, I turned the tables on him, and, before he left, sold him a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons." After buying the book, he engaged with me in conversation for half an hour regarding religious matters. He is a member of the Campbellite or Christian denomination, and is an anxious seeker after truth. The "Signs" is also being mailed to him from my club.

CASE 6

Mr. P. is manager of a concern which manufactures gas mantels. As he had done considerable work at my house, I took the liberty of calling at his office, and leaving a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons." After about four weeks I called again, one evening after the day's work, and had about an hour's conversation with him regarding his soul's welfare. At first he said: "I will tell you frankly, my only ambition is the 'almighty dollar.' I would not read this book under any considerations, for I don't have time for religious reading. My time is taken up from early morning till late at night, and the only reading I can afford to do is that found in the dailies." "But," said I, "you are surely aware that you are doing yourself a great injustice in making money your sole ideal." I then told him the story of the book, and he became interested, and said that he would

be glad to help in such a work.

I then said to him, "My friend, believe me when I tell you that I am ten times more anxious to have you read 'Christ's Object Lessons' than I am to have you buy the book." That surprised him. He had brought the book to the counter, and was about to wrap it up for me to take it back, but after our conversation he said, "I wish you would leave it here another week or two; I have not looked at it yet, but will keep it in a nice clean place in my desk, and will promise to read it during the spare moments I can find." He was deeply interested in the plan of this denomination to sell 300,000 copies of the book, and told me he would like to have me report to him how I succeeded in selling copies by mail. The book is still with him. I think he will buy it; but, even if he should not, the missionary experience with him will be worth more than the sale of 10 or even 100 books.

CASE 7

Mr. — is an old German cobbler. I sent a copy of the book to him by Mr. —, for him to examine. When I called to ask him what he thought of it, he stated that some one had already given him a copy.

CASE 8

Mrs. W. M. G. is a prominent W. C. T. U. woman in this city. I showed the book to her and another W. C. T. U. lady. Having told her the story of the book, I gave her a copy for examination, placing within the same the little booklet of testimonials written by prominent California ministers of the various denominations. After examining the book for about two hours, she returned and paid for the same. The other W. C. T. U. lady still has the copy which I gave her for examination, and will purchase it.

CASE 9

J. H. W. R. is the superintendent of a Fruitvale, Cal., Sunday-school (a suburb of Oakland). He called to buy half a dozen Oxford Bibles. I had a long talk

with him, and incidentally told him the story of "Christ's Object Lessons." When he called for his six Bibles, I wrapped up a copy of "Object Lessons" with the Bibles, and told him to keep it a week. Accordingly, just seven days later, he called and paid the \$1.25 for the book, stating that he had given it as a Christmas present to a friend of his.

CASE 10

J. A. F. is a real estate agent in this city. He called to talk real estate to me. Before he left, he had under his arm a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons," which he had paid for. Have had several interesting talks with him on Christian education, as he is anxious to place his son under better influences than can be found in the public schools.

CASE 11

Mr. G. is a Dane living in Alameda. After an interesting conversation with him regarding the coming of the Lord, and other Bible topics, I told him the story of "Christ's Object Lessons." He said, "Yes, I think that is a good book, and I'll take one." He bought a Swedish copy.

CASE 12

Mr. C. H. F. is the local representative of the Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict Co., manufacturers of the Remington typewriter. I presented the matter to him, telling him the story of the book. He promised at once to take two copies of the book, and paid for one on the spot. He has since told me that he sent the book to his mother, and wrote her a letter, asking her to show it to her friends, and sell as many copies as possible. The "Sentinel" is now being mailed to him every week.

Many other cases might be mentioned of parties who are interested in this work. These experiences are given, in the hope that they may encourage some other business man who thinks he is "too busy" and too "confined" to his office to be able to sell "Christ's Object Lessons." So far I have not really "can-

vassed" a single individual, but the Lord gave me "a willing mind" to do the work, and that has been sufficient. All that we need to do is to watch for, improve, and make opportunities. I find that, if one is judicious in approaching merchants and other busy men, he will find them longing for some one to talk to them of the higher life,—the things that are really "worth while."

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Sec. Cal. Tract Society.

The North England Tract Society

The North England Conference, over which Elder E. E. Andross presides, has recently organized a tract and missionary society as a department of the conference. Brother J. Gillatt was chosen to give his time to the book work, and the writer was elected missionary secretary and treasurer. The office of the North England Tract Society is located at 19 Leyton Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Probably no other tract society has so completely left out the commercial feature as has this one, and consequently more time is left to push the tract and missionary phase.

This is a small conference so far as the number of church-members is concerned, but we have a large field; and we have energetic workers, as will be seen from the report of "Present Truth" and "Good Health" circulated. During the month of December there were sold in this conference 17,766 copies of the "Good Health," and for only one week, ending December 25, were sold 28,632 "Present Truths." The Lord is working in this field, and plans are now being laid for more vigorous efforts.

We desire the prayers of the brethren and sisters in California, and all who read the "Recorder," that the work may ever be onward, and that it may not be retarded by human weakness.

C. H. Castle.

Tehachapi

The following communication comes from Brother Walter Har-

per: "I reached here about 3:30 A. M., yesterday. The weather is cold; the ground is frozen hard and still freezing, with plenty of snow near by on the hills. I went into the country to canvass, and yesterday the dear Lord gave me orders for a dozen 'Object Lessons,' besides an order for one other book for \$2.50. He alone can give us the necessary courage, tact, and success. If all would only break through the obstacles the enemy has placed in the way, we would shortly see the path cleared and sing the jubilee, for God is in this blessed work."

"Jan. 30, 1903."

What a United States Army Chaplain Writes

We are in receipt of an excellent recommendation for "Christ's Object Lessons" from a chaplain in the United States Army. It reads as follows:—

"I have examined the book 'Christ's Object Lessons,' by Ellen G. White. It is a book that should be in every home. From it children will receive life-long lessons for good, and thank their parents in after years for placing a book of this character in their hands. Grown people will receive illumination on many of the most important of Christ's teachings. I consider the person who sells such a book as a benefactor and a blessing.

"Very respectfully,

"Joseph Clemens,

"Chaplain 15th Inf., U. S. A.

"Monterey, Cal."

Brother Lee Moran, who was at one time state agent for the Illinois Conference, but during the two years past has been connected with the vegetarian restaurant in Los Angeles, has accepted the position of state agent for the Western Washington Conference, and entered upon his duties.

Brother A. J. Bourdeau writes that the California Tract Society has just shipped nearly 49,000 pages of excellent religious lib-

erty literature to the 120 senators and assemblymen of the California Legislature (over 400 pages to each), a parcel also being sent to Gov. Geo. C. Pardee and the state printer. A letter has been sent to each one also, asking his opinion of this reading matter, and of the "Sentinel," which the tract society has been sending to them. Thus the precious seed is being sown among all classes. The California Tract Society has just ordered the "Sentinel" to be mailed to these 122 parties 4 months more, making in all a period of 8 months during which these senators and assemblymen will be visited by this excellent weekly magazine.

An Encouraging Letter

The following is a copy of part of a letter received from C. E. Tift, of Friday Harbor, a few days ago:—

"The 'Christ's Object Lessons' ordered for this church are nearly all sold, and we will order more soon. I went out in Friday Harbor two and one-half hours, and sold eleven, with promises of more. Sold some in Shaw Island, where I live, making fourteen, besides three from Brother Ward. I am going out again soon.

"We have never had a tract society, but intend to organize one to-morrow; then will do some work with tracts. The members seem to be quite alive to the work."

It does us good to get letters like this, and I trust they will be more frequent. One church, Everett, lately ordered one hundred envelope packages of tracts, and are going to use a large number of the four new tracts, besides.

W. H. Coffin,
Missionary Secretary.

Jan. 23, 1903.

And if thou dost not receive straightway, do not even then despair; for to this end He said, "Knock," to signify that even if He should not straightway open the door, we are to continue there. —Chrysostom.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The General Conference

NOTICE TO DELEGATES AND VISITORS

It has now been definitely decided that the next General Conference will be held in Oakland, California, March 27 to April 12, 1903.

The members of the Oakland church and the other churches around the bay will open their doors for the entertainment of delegates, as far as possible, but rooms outside will have to be secured for visitors.

In order to secure accommodations, it will be necessary for delegates, as well as visitors, to send their names to the secretary of the Committee of Arrangements at the earliest possible moment, stating definitely just what accommodations are desired, whether single rooms or beds in a large room with several others, dormitory plan. We suggest that all who can bring blankets, as the nights will be cold, and extra bedding will be needed.

A first-class vegetarian restaurant will be run for the accommodation of all, and meals will be served on the European plan. Good meals can be had at from fifteen to twenty-five cents.

Rooms in private houses and in lodging-houses can be secured at from one to five dollars per week, according to size, furnishings, and location. The committee will be glad to secure rooms for those who desire.

Delegates and visitors coming from the East can avail themselves of the special colonist rate, which will be in effect from February 15 to April 15. This rate is \$33 from Chicago to Oakland or San Francisco, and \$25 from Missouri River points. These tickets can be had over any line, and will allow stop-over privileges at stations in California only. These tickets will not permit the holder to ride in a standard Pullman sleeper, but are good in the tourist sleepers, day coaches, and chair cars.

A double berth in tourist sleeper will cost \$6.00 from Chicago to San Francisco, and \$5.00 from Missouri River points. The tourist sleepers are now run and managed by the Pullman Company. Seats are upholstered, bedding provided, good toilet rooms for both ladies and gentlemen, porter in charge. As now run, they furnish a very comfortable means for traveling. Twenty or more coming together can secure the control of a car.

Nearly all roads run chair cars, for which there is no extra charge.

The regular clergy rate from Chicago to San Francisco is \$36.25; from Missouri River points, \$30. This is the regular rate either coming or going, and is what the delegates and our regular workers will have to pay returning by any route.

Double berth in standard sleeper Chicago to Oakland is \$14. Clergy tickets are good either in tourist or standard sleepers, or in day coach.

Check baggage to and get off at Sixteenth Street Station, Oakland. Those coming over the Santa Fe or Southern Pacific Coast Line will land in San Francisco, and will have to cross to Oakland on the ferry-boat. Take the broad-gauge line, and at the mole at Oakland pier take the Berkeley local train to Sixteenth Street Station (about five minutes' ride). Then take the Twelfth Street electric car, and get off at Twelfth and Brush Streets. This lands you right at the church door.

Those coming by way of Ogden via the Southern Pacific will get off at Sixteenth Street Station, Oakland, and then take the Twelfth Street electric car, as above.

Hold your checks, and deliver them to the person authorized to receive them at the church. When you are registered, and are located, your baggage will be delivered to you.

For further information concerning transportation, the making up of special parties, etc., address H. E. Osborne, Battle Creek, Mich.

For further information concerning location, accommodations, etc., address C. H. Jones, care Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.
C. H. Jones,
Sec. Com. of Arrangements.

To General Conference Bulletin Subscribers

Former subscribers to the "General Conference Bulletin" will please remember that all subscriptions expired with the last issue of 1902, containing the week-of-prayer readings (Vol. 4, No. 8). It is therefore useless to request a change of address in our old mailing list, as some are now doing.

To secure the "Daily Bulletin" during the approaching session of the General Conference, you must subscribe, by remitting fifty cents to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Oakland, Cal., or by ordering through your tract society, if you prefer. Let us repeat with emphasis, All "Bulletin" subscriptions have now expired. No former subscribers will receive the forthcoming issues, unless they renew, as herein indicated.
H. E. Osborne,
Sec. General Conference.

An Excellent Rule

John Wesley's mother once wrote to him when he was in college, "Would you judge of the lawfulness or the unlawfulness of a pleasure, take this rule, Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind, that thing, to you, is sin."

Loyalty to Christ means carrying forward in our century the work He began in His; not only worshiping Him on our knees, but working with Him on our feet.—Parkhurst.

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Elder W. T. Knox and his brother-in-law, H. G. Childs, returned from their trip to Mexico February 10.

Word is received from Brother Alfred Whitehead that a series of meetings is now being held in Provo, Utah, with fair attendance. The results are not yet visible.

Elder W. C. White returned to his home in St. Helena January 30, after spending several months in the East, in company with Elder A. G. Daniells and others, in planning for the advancement of the work.

One hundred and thirty "Recorder" subscriptions expired during the month of January. Notices have been sent to each one, but if you find that your paper is cut off, it would be well to investigate, and send in your renewal at once.

Dr. T. J. Evans, who has been connected with the medical work in Southern California during the past nine months, arrived at the St. Helena Sanitarium Thursday, February 5, to take the supervision of the medical interests of that institution.

In our last issue there appeared an appeal in behalf of the work in Washington, D. C., the national capital. We trust this article was read carefully, and that it met a responsive cord in many hearts. Donations should be sent to your conference treasurer, who

will forward them to this office at the close of each month. A record of receipts will be acknowledged through this paper.

A canvassing institute was opened in Seattle, Wash., February 6. The president of the conference, assisted by Brother S. C. Osborne, is directing the work. The attendance is fair and the interest excellent. There are bright prospects for a large work's being accomplished in the Western Washington Conference this coming season in the work of circulating our literature.

The four new tracts which were issued by the General Conference for the special campaign are meeting with an encouraging reception. We sincerely hope that not only every church, but every member of each church, will plan to use many of these silent messengers in setting before the world the message for this time. The day for labor is fast passing, and the night draweth on, when no man can work; so let special efforts be made to use the time allotted to us to the very best advantage.

The General Conference Daily Bulletin

Arrangements have been made to issue a daily bulletin during the thirty-fifth session of the General Conference, to be held in Oakland, Cal., March 27 to April 13, 1903. A large staff of editors and assistants will be engaged in the preparation of the paper, by which we hope to make it even better than it has ever been in the past. It will contain complete statistical and general reports from our various conferences and mission fields, information regarding our organizations and institutions, as well as full stenographic reports of all conference proceedings and of the Bible-studies. The "Bulletin" should be carefully studied by all our people who desire full information with reference to our work in all parts of the world, as brought out in the conference. The subscription price is fifty cents for the session. All orders should be sent to the Pacific Press Pub-

lishing Company, Oakland, Cal., and at an early date, to insure the receipt of every number from the first. Orders may also be sent through any state tract society.

A. G. Daniells.

Annual Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held at Room 203 Parrott Building, San Francisco, Cal., March 11, 1903, for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

W. T. Knox, President.

E. E. Parlin, Secretary.

Notice

There will be an opportunity for a number of young men and women to attend the General Conference in Oakland and obtain their board by assisting in the Vegetarian Cafe that will be conducted for the convenience of the delegates and visitors.

All who are interested in this proposition should write immediately to E. G. Fulton, 755 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

Notice

An opportunity is offered two good teamsters to obtain a Christian education and pay expense of room, board, and tuition in labor. Arrangements must be made before coming. Address at once Healdsburg College, Healdsburg, Cal.

Addresses Wanted

We are desirous of obtaining the present addresses of the following individuals: A. Anderson, C. W. Wentworth, J. W. Kelchner, T. L. Thuemler, Charles Tucker, and Ira Young.

Any person knowing the present location of any of the above-named parties will confer a favor upon us by dropping a postal card to the California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Secretary.