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THE CHURCH

Trusting

When trials come upon us
Which we can not understand,
That soul is blest who seeks the rest
Of a trust in the guiding Hand.

When the way ahead looks gloomy,
And our pathway dark as night,
Then trust in Him; though the path be
dim,
He'll lead thee to the light.

For He will never leave us,
He'll guide our feeble feet,
Till, the darkness past, we are safe at last
On heaven's golden street.
Minnie Embree.

Power for Service

As a people, we have received great light. This light the Lord has entrusted to us for the benefit and blessing of the world. To us has been given the ministry of reconciliation. With power from on high we are to beseech men to be reconciled to God. We are encouraged to pray for success, and we are given the divine assurance that our prayers will be heard and answered. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." "Ask of Me, and I will answer your requests."

The promise is made on condi-

tion that the united prayers of God's people are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another.

No one lives to himself. In God's work each one is assigned a post of duty. The union of all strengthens the work of each. As the faith and unity and love of the church grow stronger, their circle of influence enlarges, and ever they are to reach to the farthest limit of this influence, constantly extending the triumphs of the cross.

God calls upon us to break the bands of our precise, indoor service. The message of the gospel is to be borne to the world. We are to call upon all to rally round the banner of the cross. When this work is done as it should be, when with divine zeal we labor to add converts to the truth, God will greatly bless our efforts. The unity of the believers will bear testimony to the power of the truth that can bring into perfect harmony men of different dispositions, making their interests one.

The prayers and offerings of God's people will be combined with earnest, self-sacrificing effort. Men will be converted anew. The hand that once grasped for recompense in higher wages will become the helping hand of God. The believers will be united by one interest,—the desire to make centers of truth where God shall be exalted. Christ will join them

together with holy bonds of union and love, bonds which have irresistible power.

It was for this unity that Jesus prayed just before His trial, standing but a step from the throne. "That they all may be one," He said; "as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

God calls upon His people, many of whom are but half awake, to arouse, and engage in earnest labor, praying for strength for service. Workers are needed. Receive the Holy Spirit, and your efforts will be successful. Christ's presence is what gives power. Let all strife and dissension cease. Let love and unity prevail. Let God's people move under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If they will give themselves wholly to Him, He will restore to them the strength they have lost by division.

Mrs. E. G. White.

All the best things are costly. Jesus Christ laid down His life to redeem you from sin and death. "Free grace" for you meant Calvary for Christ. A strong, godly character is not to be had gratis. —Theodore L. Cuyler.

If you want to be miserable, think about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you, and what people think of you.—Charles Kingsley.

In Mexico

To the visitor the land of the Montezumas affords an unfailling source of interest and study. The features that demand the attention of the many tourists that visit the country at this time of the year are so varied that it would be impossible to attempt to notice them in a brief article. In scenery it has its full share of the grand and beautiful that is found in America's combination of mountains and valley, river, lake, and ocean. The lofty mountains of Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl, with their eternal snow-capped peaks, are the inspiring landmarks around about the capital of this wonderful land, and are readily distinguished from the tropical lowlands for many miles to south and east.

Mexico has a population of 13,600,000, dispersed over an area of 767,000 square miles, divided into twenty-seven states, two territories, and a federal district. The form of government is patterned after that of the United States. Its principal resources are minerals, silver leading, agriculture, cattle-raising, tropical fruits, coffee, and rubber. There are eighteen or twenty cities with a population of 35,000 and over. The city of Mexico, the capital, has 400,000 inhabitants, and Guadalajara something in excess of 100,000. It is in these two cities that our missionary work has been started. At Guadalajara we have a well-equipped sanitarium and also a medical mission for the poorer classes. Both of these institutions appear to be doing a good work. They are both presided over by the Doctors Erckenbeck. The sanitarium enjoys a fair patronage, but does not seem to be reaching as many of the natives as is to be desired; but the medical mission is patronized by a large number of the poor and middle classes, and is one of the few real medical missions operated by our people. The physician and his assistants are kept busy attending to the scores of suffering men and women who are continually coming to them for relief for their physical ailments, and no opportunity is lost to

minister to them the bread of life. The city of Guadalajara is said to be one of the most intensely Catholic cities of the country, and there is a strong prejudice against both the sanitarium and medical mission, but, notwithstanding the zealous and persistent efforts of some of the priests to hinder the work of these two institutions, they both continue to do a good work.

In the city of Mexico the laborers have been conducting a school, distributing literature, carrying on some Bible work, and in other ways trying to gain a foothold. The field has proven to be a very discouraging one, and this has, perhaps, resulted in a less aggressive policy being pursued than the necessities demand. By far the larger portion of the inhabitants belong to the peon, or laboring class, and are very poor and superstitious, and are thoroughly dominated by the Catholic Church. Of the wealthy and educated class, the women are generally faithful Catholics, with all that implies; the men are what they term liberals, which means infidels, for they have turned away from all religion entirely. It is these conditions that render the country so hard to enter with the truth, but something can be done, as has been demonstrated by the work of other denominations. The most promising agencies for gaining the people seem to be by our literature, prepared especially to meet the necessities of this people; by medical missions, and by teaching. While it is almost impossible to obtain a public hearing, on account of the influence of the church over some and the indifference of others, yet they will read. While the priests oppose our medical work, those who are suffering in body will go where they can find relief, and will generally listen to the one who ministers to them. English schools are popular with all classes, and there is quite an opportunity for suitable persons to engage in this kind of work, either in schools or families. A good work could be done in many portions of the country if three or four families of our people would settle in some good agricultural

district, and help the people by teaching and example. Any who may think of following this suggestion should first inform themselves concerning the country and what would be required to make a success. As it is generally operated now, agriculture is carried on in a very primitive manner, not much farther advanced than it was in Bible times. Intelligent effort would bring large returns in good localities.

During the council meeting recently held in the city of Mexico and Guadalajara, Elder George M. Brown was chosen superintendent of the field, and steps were taken to make the work in Mexico more efficient. Work will be begun at once to prepare tracts and books, and more attention will be given to their circulation, the foreign mission board having been requested to supply at least three more colporters. It was also decided to establish medical missions in the city of Mexico and other cities as opportunity permits.

W. T. Knox.

Guilt of Non-Doing

"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof." That certainly is strong language, even for an angel to use. What can have justified it? What terrible thing had Meroz and its people done, that so aroused the indignation of the angel of the Lord? What had they done?—Why, nothing, and that was the trouble, that was the sin.

"They came not to the help of the Lord," when they ought to have done so. The worst thing that a man can do is sometimes just not to do when he ought to do. If the Lord calls us to do a certain duty, we have to choose between doing that duty, at every risk, or defying God, and braving His curse. Let us beware of incurring the terrible curse for simply not doing when we ought to do. Inaction is sometimes as bad as the worst form of action.—Selected.

"Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life." John 6:35.

THE FIELD

UPPER COLUMBIA

Pullman, Wash.

Upon coming to the Upper Columbia Conference last fall, one of the first acquaintances I had the privilege of making was that of the "Recorder." It is to me a very welcome and instructive visitor.

The first, or nearly the first, work that was given me was to take part in the unfinished business of selling "Object Lessons," the same work in which I had engaged in other conferences. I am glad to be in this noble work here. I feel that when I have sold one of these books, I have done more good than in preaching a sermon.

The first book I sold in this vicinity impressed upon my mind a very important lesson. The family decided not to take the book. I bade them a very kind good day, and gave them a "Signs of the Times." I had not gotten out of hearing distance when the lady called to me, saying, "If you will wait a minute, we will take the book." A little boy was sent to meet me, clasping the money in his tiny hand, and he gladly carried back the book. If I had left the house in an impatient or displeased mood, if I had told the family they had the "mark of the beast," or something of that sort, would I afterward have stood any chance of getting the book into the house?—Certainly not. I always make it a point to treat those who do not take the book just a little more kindly than those who do take it, and usually leave with them one of the new tracts, or the "Signs," or some other literature.

By mistake, I delivered a "Coming King" (wrapped) instead of "Object Lessons." When the gentleman, who was treasurer of one of the state colleges, saw what the book was, he was much pleased with it, and when he saw me again, told me of my mistake, and inquired how

much the two books would cost. He then took both books. I would be glad if all my mistakes would prove no more serious than this one did.

A blacksmith to whom I showed some testimonials, after exhibiting the book, said, "A book like that does not need any testimonials," and readily gave his order. May the good work be completed. F. D. Starr.

Washington, D. C.

At the services in the new church Sabbath, February 7, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"Whereas, The Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Washington, D. C., has received much help from the friends in the United States outside the capital city; therefore,

"Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to God, who has moved upon the hearts of believers in the third angel's message to establish a memorial of the saving truth for this time in the nation's capital; and,

"Whereas, It is of the utmost importance that this memorial church be absolutely free from all debt; therefore,

"Resolved, That we, as a church, pledge ourselves to do all in our power to clear this church at once from all indebtedness; and, while deeply grateful to our brethren who have enabled us to much more than meet the decisive payment due February 2, we earnestly request their further cooperation in a determined effort to immediately raise the balance still due on this church, and thus establish in the heart of the nation a free memorial, rightly representing the everlasting gospel of the kingdom, that from this church there may be proclaimed to the men of the nation the truth that makes free indeed, and that thus from this city set upon a hill may be published abroad the coming of Him who brings the eternal, the glorious liberty of the sons of God."

The praise service that followed was one never to be forgotten.

We praised the Lord that He had not only helped us financially in much more than meeting the payment of \$2,500 due February 2, but that He was pouring out upon the church His Holy Spirit, thus fitting them for the responsibilities placed upon them by the position to which they were called. We feel that these responsibilities are made infinitely greater and more solemn by the very trust reposed in us by those who have sent means to establish the work on a foundation suitable to this location where the national life centers.

There were deep heart searchings and a most earnest seeking for the guidance of the divine Light. All felt it was the beginning of better days, that the thrilling, the tremendous crisis is just upon us.

We turn with brightest hope to the future, and yet with solemn, earnest supplication for wisdom and light, and we do most earnestly ask that all who have sent means to help will follow with their prayers, that only the glory of God, the saving of souls, and the finishing of His work, may be the fruit of the seed thus sown. All invested here will be returned in means and influence to the general work. We are sure that in every way this investment will prove a great blessing to the work; \$7,900 yet remains to be paid on the church. Two brethren, one in Massachusetts and one in Maryland, have each given \$100; "a friend," \$144.34; Sister Weller has donated \$500. A few more donations as above and all would be paid. Then our people will have made clear their faith to the capital city, and also they will have established the credit of our work in a way that will prove invaluable. While we are thankful for the small donations, we are still hoping that some one will be glad to invest \$1,000 in this enterprise of national and universal importance. We are certain that those who wish to have a part in this work must hasten, for the work will surely be cut short; the crisis is very near, the "ends of the world are come."

J. S. Washburn.

WESTERN OREGON

Notes

Elder T. H. Starbuck has been at Yoncalla for some time, conducting a series of meetings.

Dr. A. Carey is now holding a series of meetings near Dilley, Oregon, and reports a growing interest.

Elder F. M. Burg and Elder H. W. Decker are attending the annual board meeting at Walla Walla College.

Brother S. A. Miller, of Milton, Oregon, a member of the board of Walla Walla College, is paying a short visit to Portland.

Elder J. M. Cole is spending a few days at Albany. He expects soon to spend two or three weeks with the brethren in the vicinity of Chitwood.

The "Christ's Object Lessons" work is coming on cheerfully, and it will soon be closed up, we believe. About half of the churches will finish up by March 1.

Elder F. S. Bunch is now visiting the church-schools in his district. He called on the Salem and Montavilla schools last week, and spent a short time with us at this office.

A church of nine members was recently organized at Hopewell, Oregon. This is a result of the tent meetings held last summer by Elder C. J. Cole and J. J. W. Clark. After the tent season Brother Clark remained to bind up the work there.

Elder C. J. Cole has recently gone to Jacksonville. The work in this territory is moving along very encouragingly. Brother Cole asks us to send him a bill of all unpaid for "Christ's Object Lessons" in his territory by March 1, and he will remit in full.

We are glad to announce that we are now occupying our new

sanitarium at Mt. Tabor. Only two floors of the building have been finished for occupancy as yet, but the others will be fitted for use as rapidly as possible.

The new building is about four miles from the center of the city, on the City and Suburban Street Railway, and enjoys a ten-minute car service. Situated in the midst of a group of fir trees on the west slope of Mt. Tabor, it commands a beautiful view of the entire city.

G. W. Pettit,
Miss. Sec. W. Ore. Conf.

Grants Pass

We located in the above-named place to look after the general interests of the message in Southern Oregon. In November I had the privilege of baptizing two precious souls. Others were becoming interested, when the call came to throw every energy into "Christ's Object Lessons." Although the work has gone slowly, some have done faithful service. The writer took pains to inquire from some who have purchased the book to get an expression as to its value. The results have been gratifying in every instance. I confidently believe prejudice is being broken down by it, and that the way is being paved for further good.

I will mention one incident. Mrs. Cole canvassed a lady who was raised an Irish Catholic, and read to her a portion of a chapter treating on "God's seeking love." It touched the lady's heart. The result was that although she did not buy a book, she did a little later buy a Bible. She brought it to us to show her purchase, but said, "It is all Greek to me." After a little personal labor she gave her heart to the Lord. Now the Book which before to her was as unintelligible as Greek is becoming as a letter from a personal friend. "Christ's Object Lessons" did it, and yet it was only a canvass without a sale.

We are making a decided effort in this conference to have our banner afloat before General Conference.

Brethren all over the field, send in for your books, and thus receive your full quota of blessings. This will leave the workers free to take up other labors for souls who want to know more about the truth.

We go now to Jacksonville to hold some meetings.

C. J. Cole.

February 12.

CALIFORNIA

Sacramento "Pretty Thoroughly Canvassed"

In a letter just received from Elder Isaac Morrison, of Sacramento, he says: "Sacramento was pretty thoroughly canvassed for 'Christ's Object Lessons' over a year ago. I found about eight persons one day who had the book. Every day that I canvass I find some who have the book. Every one who has it speaks well of it. One man said it was the best book he had ever read. This afternoon (Jan. 21, 1903) I found three persons who had it. One lady said, 'I like it very much; it is a great comfort to me.' Another said that she liked the book so well that she had been loaning it to her neighbors to read. The third lady's face lit up as she saw the book in my hand, and she spoke very highly of it. Every day I find people whom I think will be interested in the truth. I take the number of their houses, intending to visit them again with envelopes of tracts, and thus find openings for Bible-readings.

"Mrs. Morrison is kept so busy with her Bible work that she can not get out with 'Christ's Object Lessons' as much as she is anxious to do; still, she sells many copies. This week two of her readers have commenced to keep the Sabbath. She has more openings for Bible-readings than she is able to fill. I continue to find interesting cases with whom I wish her to hold Bible-readings. We find more people here who seem ready to be interested in the truth than in any place where we have ever labored. It seems as though the Lord has 'much people in this city.'"

In a previous letter Brother Morrison states that Sister Morrison, while holding a Bible-reading one evening, took five orders for "Christ's Object Lessons." Just as she was about to leave, two Japanese ladies gave her orders for two more copies.

Thus it is that the Lord blesses those who have a willing mind to do His work. Dear reader, what are you doing to help circulate that most excellent book, "Christ's Object Lessons"?

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Sec. California Tract Society.

Financial Receipts for January, 1903

TITHES

Alameda, \$233.01; Arcata, \$23; Arroyo Grande, \$69.05; Bakersfield, \$28.06; Berkeley, \$35; Bishop, \$60.20; Burrough, \$95.32; Calistoga, \$138.32; Chico, \$31.40; Concow, \$25.85; Eureka, \$153.72; Ferndale, \$47.75; Fresno, \$1,660.20; Grangeville, \$244.50; Glennville, \$49.47; Guerneville, \$36.76; Healdsburg, \$1.50; Laton, \$8.00; Lemoore, \$62.15; Lockwood, \$23.32; Lodi, \$5.49; Mendocino, \$4.05; Monterey, \$129; Morganhill, \$77.26; Napa, \$31.77; North San Juan, \$4.75; Oakland, \$1,184.42; Paso Robles, \$25.28; Pepperwood, \$36.75; Petaluma, \$58.76; Placerville, \$85.05; Red Bluff, \$102.20; Redding, \$25; Reno, \$52.85; Sacramento, \$202.88; San Francisco, \$200; San Jose, \$60.90; Santa Cruz, \$67.78; Santa Rosa, \$84.83; Sebastopol, \$83.28; Selma, \$105.55; Smith River, 40 cents; Soquel, \$39.25; St. Clair, 84.10; St. Helena, \$237.20; Stockton, \$337; Tulare, \$37.65; Ukiah, \$141.85; Vacaville, \$77.76; Valencia Street, San Francisco, \$173.30; Watsonville, \$78.70; Williams, \$5.00; Willits, \$12; Woodland, \$98.75; personal, \$169.75; total, \$7,137.14.

TRUST FUNDS

English tent fund, \$105; foreign missions, \$1,124.02; Home of the Friendless, \$11.47; material fund, \$16; Washington church, \$1.00; total, \$1,257.49.

California Conference.
M. H. Brown, Secretary.

The "Sentinel" for March 12, 1903

Will be called the "Love of Power and Power of Love" number. It will be fully illustrated, and will show in a graphic way the difference between the pope's "love of power" and Jesus Christ's "power of love," the contrast being shown by a full-page illustration. Special prices to our churches are as follows: 5 copies for 7 cents; 10 for 14 cents; 25 for 35 cents; 50 for 70 cents; 100 for \$1.25, and 1,000 for only \$12. Every leading man in your vicinity should be given a chance to read this special number. Let all take hold of this work now. Address all orders to California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland. California and Nevada brethren and sisters, please take notice.

A. J. Bourdeau.

Excellent Religious Liberty Literature Cheap

We have a limited number of the following excellent religious liberty tracts, which are offered at reasonable rates:—

"Religious Liberty: What Is It? Why Is it? How Should It Be Used?" 24 pages; "Law and Its Enforcement," 16 pages; "Protestantism, True and False," most excellent, 24 pages; "Fighting against God," most excellent, by A. F. Ballenger, 16 pages, fully illustrated; "The Conflict of the Ages," by G. E. Fifield, 16 pages; "Primary Principles Distinguishing between the Spheres of the State and Religion," 12 pages; "The Rights of the Minority," 12 pages; "The National Government and Religion," 16 pages; "The United States as a Christian Nation," 8 pages; "Religious Liberty in the XIX Century," 32 pages; "Shall Religion Be Taught in the Public Schools?" 12 pages; and "The Columbian Year, and the Meaning of the Four Centuries," 42 pages, an address delivered by A. T. Jones on Columbus day, 1892.

A package containing all of the above twelve tracts (230 pages) will be mailed to any address, postage prepaid, for only fourteen

cents; postage-stamps accepted. Do you want to avail yourself of this opportunity to secure these excellent religious liberty tracts, which, owing to their scarcity, you may not be able to secure at any price in the near future? If you want to be intelligent regarding the encroachments of Rome upon religious liberty and the rights of conscience, send for these tracts, and read them. Address California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

A. J. Bourdeau,
Secretary.

UTAH

At this writing our country is enveloped in a blanket of snow, which seems to gladden the hearts of those who realize the benefits derived from having a deep snow fall in the mountains, to supply water for the coming season.

We hope that the harvest of abundant crops will not be the only feature noticeable this season, but that there may be also an abundant harvest of souls for the kingdom of God as a result of the work that has been planned for the coming season in this field.

It is said by our workers in Salt Lake City that in their visits they find more interest manifested in the truth than ever before. There are also some good meetings being conducted in our old mission chapel, with a growing interest. Brethren Christiansen and Whitehead are holding a series of meetings at Provo, and report a good attendance. At the close of their meetings there, it has been planned that they work toward Southern Utah, in new fields, and we trust that God will open the way before them and their efforts be crowned with success.

The food work is still being pushed forward, but only at the pace that characterizes the rest of the work in this field. However, we are not discouraged, for we have learned that where the battle goes slow we must press the harder for victory.

The Salt Lake City Missionary Society has ordered "Signs," "Life Boats," and the four new tracts,

to use in missionary efforts that have been carried on to some degree since the organization of the society.

We are following out the new order of things by making our work self-sustaining and keeping out of debt.
W. J. Felt.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Riverside, Cal.

I am now here in this beautiful spot,—the city of Riverside,—located amidst the finest and most extensive orange groves in California. The climate here now is matchless, clear, warm, calm, and just like spring. The bright, sunny days are a treat to me, after leaving the northern part of the state. The orange crop escaped the frost,—it was a marvel. I am busy at work pushing the "Object Lessons" here now. The dear Father above grants all the success, and all the honors are the Lord's. To-day I was granted sixteen or seventeen orders for "Object Lessons," besides five other orders. God helps us when we come to Him all helpless and undone; He is our all, and in all.
Walter Harper.

February 11.

Los Angeles

Our institute closed January 27, lasting two weeks. There were only a few who availed themselves of the instruction given. Others had planned to be present, but were kept away for different causes. Those who came were benefited, and felt well paid for coming. Some expressed it in these words: They would not have missed the instruction for one hundred dollars. We greatly appreciated the help we received from Brethren C. H. Jones and H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press. Their experience in the work enabled them to be of special help to us. They were with us only a few days, yet we were thankful for this.

Brother S. C. Osborne was with us most of the two weeks, and took quite an active part.

Many have thought the canvassing work done in Southern California. I would say, If any think so, they are mistaken. This is a splendid field in which to sell books. Those who are engaged in selling our books are doing well. Two young men have been canvassing in Los Angeles for a short time, and took \$200 worth of orders in two weeks. They did not get in full time, either. I canvassed a few hours in the country, and took \$10.56 worth of orders. This county is settling up very fast, and very few have our books here.

May the Lord help our people to see the need of getting our books before the public before it is too late. I shall be pleased to hear from any one who wishes to canvass.
J. H. Parritt.

143 Carr Street, February 1.



Gather in the Children

Slowly, but surely, the branch Sabbath-school work is coming to be regarded as effective missionary work. These branch schools can be conducted wherever a few children can be gathered together. The following extract from a letter shows what may be done by an isolated family:—

"A year ago mother and I were talking to a neighbor lady about the training of children in spiritual things. We told her that we had our lessons every Sabbath, and invited her children to meet with us. The next Sabbath two bright boys, aged ten and twelve, came and studied with us. They said if we would have a Sunday-school, they would come every time, but they were needed to work on Saturdays. We thought it would be best to have them come when they could, although we would have much preferred having them come on Sabbath. They came four or five Sundays, and became so interested that we told them to bring others. They did some

real missionary work, and so did we. All children love my mother, and she invited every one she could. The two boys and two others have come nearly every time since. Others have come as they could get a chance. Sometimes we have had as many as thirty at a time. Every one seems so interested when he comes, but it is hard to keep the large number coming right along.

"The children all know that we keep the Sabbath, and we make every explanation of Christ's words and example point to the commandments of God. Those who have come every time know about Christ's soon coming and the judgment and resurrection. Each week a card with a Scripture text written on it is given to each child, and they are very much interested in learning the verses. They have learned nearly all of the Sermon on the Mount, besides many proverbs and other familiar texts. We always spend a full hour, and sometimes a little more. The children are always on time, sometimes coming an hour and a half before the time for the beginning."

Another sister, living in a large city, began last fall to hold a branch Sabbath-school at her home on Sabbath afternoons. She invited the children of the neighborhood to attend. In a recent letter she says:—

"Our regular attendance is about thirty, but when I can do a little visiting, we have as high as seventy. Many of the children would not miss our school for anything. A number of the boys are ready to leave any play to come. I am getting acquainted with the parents, and am selling some 'Object Lessons.' This work is branching out into many openings for good missionary work. I use the 'Little Friend' lessons in the school, and illustrate them as well as I can."

In one place there are four branch schools held regularly on Sabbath afternoon, besides the regular Sabbath-school held Sabbath morning. One of our ministers, in writing of this place, says: "One great advantage of the branch work is the keeping of the

young people busy in the Lord's work on Sabbath. It also helps to develop in them a spirit of work. It also opens the way for other lines of work. When people know we are doing what we can to help their children, they become more friendly, and some are asking questions upon themes which, if studied, will lead them into the truth."

Some of our workers in mission fields have found this plan a helpful one. Sister Minnie Hoffman, in Finland, writes of a branch school which she has been holding in Borga. In addition to the teaching of the Bible lesson to these children which she had gathered together, she told them of the people in other countries. These little Finnish children became so interested in the heathen in Africa that they obtained from their parents and friends a donation of \$9.80 for our African mission.

Once more we desire to call the attention of the readers of this paper to the testimony which says: "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath-school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will in turn take it into the home circle." Does not the witness of these who are carrying on the branch Sabbath-school work prove that God is ready now to fulfil His promise? Surely what these have done many others could be doing.

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.

Pleasant Work for Our Young People

All our young people, and nearly all the older ones as well, enjoy reading the "Instructor." We would not willingly be without this bright, cheerful, and helpful paper. Have you seen any other paper published for young people which is more attractive, and at the same time full of more valuable information? I have not. And yet there are papers, not nearly so good, whose circulation is more than four times as great as that of the "Instructor." This is because they are pushed ahead by those who are interested in their circulation.

It is a sad truth that the young people of to-day are forming a habit of reading light, trashy literature, which destroys their taste for anything better. Ought we not to do all we can to give them something which will create and cultivate a taste for clean, helpful reading? When we have something at hand which will have this very effect, why not pass it on?

Now our young people—our boys and girls—are the very ones to help circulate the "Instructor," because they realize its value themselves. Can not all our young people's societies take hold of this work and make a regular and thorough canvass of their own neighborhood? I am sure that such an effort would result in greatly increasing your own interest in the work, and also in placing this excellent paper in the hands of many who will rejoice to find anything so good. People are hungry for just such reading, but they do not know where it can be found. We ought to tell them.

There are many families of Seventh-day Adventists who do not have this paper, so you can begin your work by trying to place it in the homes of all members of your own church, especially where there are any young people in the family.

The publishers of the "Instructor" are trying hard to increase its circulation, and they have asked for the help of the young people in this effort. We have all expressed our sorrow at the great loss that has come to the "Review" office through the recent fire. Now we can show how sorry we are by helping them to recover from the misfortune by increasing the circulation of their papers, one of which is the "Instructor." Let us see how many new subscriptions we can send in from our conference.

When you go out to canvass you will do well to take sample copies of "Our Little Friend" with you; then when you visit families where there are children too young to read the "Instructor," try to take an order for the smaller paper. In many houses you will doubtless take orders for both papers, and bring joy to the hearts of the little

ones, as well as to the older children of the family.

Another good result may follow this work. You will become acquainted with the people, and may find excellent opportunities to follow this with other missionary work. Perhaps you will find places where the children can be gathered into a branch Sabbath-school, or you may find openings for Bible-readings. In all such cases you can enlist the help of your mothers, or some older members of the church, and a work will follow the results of which we may not know till God rewards each one of us according to the efforts that we have made to advance His truth.

Which one of our societies will be the first to try this good work? Sample copies of both papers will be sent free upon application to your state tract society.

C. R. K.

A Novel Review

It was the second Sabbath that we held a Sabbath-school in the village of ———, and I was to review the school. Fifty or more were in attendance, the most of whom had not heard the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists before coming to the tent which we had pitched there only about six weeks before. I was very anxious that the review should be interesting, and it was with a prayerful heart that I took my place for the exercise. In the appointment of teachers we had sought to choose those who had had experience. I began the review by calling the name of one of the teachers and asking her to state the point in the lesson that had especially interested her class, which, after a little embarrassment, she did. I then asked a few general questions upon the point, in which the entire school seemed to take a lively interest. Another teacher's name was then called, and the point of interest in his class was held before the school for a few moments by general questions, opportunity also being given for thoughts upon it from individuals. In this way we passed from

class to class. The review proved so interesting that after the Sabbath-school we were led to discuss the plan. The thought then came to us to carry the idea farther, and ask each teacher to appoint one scholar of his class to note the point that seemed to be of special interest, remembering it during the week, and when called in the review the following Sabbath, present it in brief. It worked splendidly. Some said it was the best "Sunday-school" they had ever attended. We excused the use of the term upon the grounds of habit, but were encouraged to present the plan of review before other Sabbath-schools, quite a number of which, to our knowledge, have tried it with pleasurable results.

The idea is to appoint a different scholar in each class every week, until all have had their turn, and then begin again, and go around. There are at least five points of advantage in this plan of review, which may be briefly enumerated as follows:—

1. It does not receive the mold of one mind, but of the entire school, or of as many classes as are asked for points.

2. Every class is heard from, and the work they are doing will be shown.

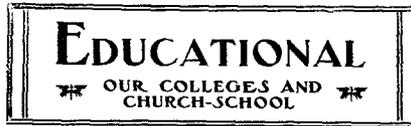
3. The interest in the review is more intense, because of the curiosity aroused when the eyes of all are upon one class, each class having its turn.

4. The changing from class to class lends diversity to the exercise.

5. Every person in the school will have a special duty to perform at least once every five to eight weeks. This gives opportunity for none to be idlers, and no one feels neglected.

The intermediate and even the primary classes take part in these reviews, and feel that they are part of the school, and not side issues.

As no one plan can be carried to the exclusion of others in Sabbath-school work, we do not think this idea of review should have a monopoly, but are sure it will be of interest to those who try it.—A. R. Hyatt, in Sabbath-school Worker.



To the Teachers and Pupils of the California Church-Schools

The editor of the "Advocate of Christian Education" has made an urgent appeal for help to place the March number of that periodical in the hands of the public school teachers of the United States. There never has been an effort to reach this class with this phase of the third angel's message, and it is time something was done in this direction. Can not the church-school teachers of California and their pupils see that the public school teachers of this state receive copies of this number of the "Advocate"? Here is an opportunity for us to do some missionary work. It is time that the public school teachers of the land had placed before them the principles of Christian education. The successful canvasser approaches the carpenter along the line of carpentry; to the blacksmith he is interested in blacksmithing; the electrician finds him much taken up with the wonders of electricity; and thus he touches a responsive chord, and succeeds in placing in the hands of the otherwise uninterested listener that which the canvasser believes will be for his present, and, perhaps, future, welfare. So we in carrying the message to the teachers of the land must approach them through the channel of their chosen profession. The truth must go to them through the educational phase of the message. Therefore let us begin this work by placing before them the valuable matter on the principles of Christian education, as will be found in the March number of the "Advocate." Can not each church-school see that the teachers of the county in which it is located are supplied with copies? If the number of teachers in the populous counties is too great to be supplied by the church-school or schools located in said counties, then the churches would do well to take hold and help in the

good work. But what is done must be done quickly. Perhaps the better way would be to secure lists of names of the teachers, and send on to the "Advocate" office, and ask that the papers be sent direct to the given addresses. This will save time. The money for the papers should be sent with the lists of names. The rate is very low, only four cents a copy, and when fifty or more copies are ordered the price is three cents a copy.

Another matter that I must speak of in this connection is this: Our church-school teachers have a very important work to do in teaching history in their schools. The history of our country is peculiar because of the prominence of the principle of religious freedom. Now, the church-school teacher should, of all people, be thoroughly acquainted with this subject in all its bearings. In no way can he be more thoroughly prepared to teach it to his pupils than by reading the "Sentinel of Liberty." No teacher in our schools should be without it. He can not afford to be without it. It contains just what he needs to be properly informed in all phases of this most important subject, that he may present it to his pupils from the right standpoint. But more need not be said. Dear teachers, let us subscribe for and read the "Sentinel of Liberty."

J. S. Osborne,

Supt. Church-schools.

Healdsburg, Cal., February 9.

Ten Rules for Killing a Church-School

1. Neglect to pray for the school.
2. Do not assist the school financially; the gospel is free.
3. Never visit the school, or, if you do, make your report as unfavorable as possible.
4. See that no close union exists between the school board and the teacher. Rather, have him feel that the board are critics instead of friends.
5. Let the parents make it a point to talk over all the weak points they see in the work of the

teacher, and be sure to have the children present.

6. Never speak a word of encouragement to the teacher; it might make him vain.

7. If there are defects, real or imaginary, in the teacher, do not mention them to him; but be sure to tell them to the patrons of the school. They should know about them, of course.

8. When any real difficulties are encountered, get discouraged. Accept them as certain evidence that the school work is a failure,

and not in order of the Lord. Do not pray.

9. Never for a moment suppose you can do anything to assist in the work. The board and the teacher should be able to run the school.

10. If at any time the teacher finds it necessary to discipline your children, make a stir about it, for your children are good, and do not need any correction. Afterward treat the teacher coolly at prayer-meeting and on Sabbaths.

If these rules are faithfully car-

ried out, the church-school work will, in all probability, be a failure in your church; and some, if not all, of the church's flock of children will go down to ruin. Read Phil. 4:8.—G. B. Thompson, in New York Indicator.

Fernando College

Recent reports inform us,—

That the dormitories of the Southern California school are full of students.

That the plan of supporting the church-school teachers from the second tithe that is paid in by the membership of the conference has been extended to the faculty of the Fernando College; hence no charge is made for tuition.

Some headway has been made on their farm. The teachers and students have set out 20,000 strawberry plants, which will begin to bear before the present term closes. A patch of green peas will yield supplies for their table within a few more weeks, and an acre and a half of potatoes are growing nicely.

Be a Missionary at Home

After an enthusiastic missionary meeting a young lady went to the speaker and told him that she would like to become a missionary. Looking at her earnestly, the missionary said:—

"I suppose you have been working in the Sunday-school, and seeking to win the scholars there to Christ."

"No," answered the young lady, "I never felt called to teach children; I am not suited for them."

"Well," said the missionary, "perhaps you have been helping in a mothers' meeting, and trying to bring those at home to Jesus."

"No," answered the young lady, "I can not say that I have done any of this work, but if I went abroad I might be able to begin there."

"Believe me, my dear young lady, if you can not work for Christ at home, you will not find it easier to do so abroad. We want as missionaries those who have proved themselves soldiers of the Lord Jesus."—Selected.

STATISTICS OF CHURCH-SCHOOL WORK OF CALIFORNIA FOR THIRD MONTH.

NAME OF SCHOOL	Number Boys Enrolled.....	Number 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	12	14	26	1	21.5	23.2	92	15	0	7	87
Primary Department...	19	13	32	1	25.1	26.5	94	17	0	18	89.5
	31	27	58	2	46.6	49.7	93	32	0	25	88
Oakland:—											
Advanced Department	12	15	27	0	25.2	26	96	13	0	1	.....
Primary Department...	21	19	40	13	21.3	25.8	82	19	0	4	86
Intermediate Dep't.....	9	13	22	2	20.6	21.6	95.5	20	1	1	87
	42	47	89	15	67.1	73.4	91.4	52	1	6	86.5
Healdsburg:—											
Advanced Department	12	24	36	5	33.2	33.9	97.7	18	1	13	.....
Intermediate Dep't.....	18	18	36	3	32.8	34	96.4	51	0	14	.....
Primary Department...	23	22	45	1	37.3	38.3	97.2	64	0	22	.....
	53	64	117	9	103.3	106.2	97.1	133	1	49	.....
Fresno:—											
Advanced Department	21	19	40	2	32.7	35.5	92	92	0	5	82
Primary Department...	13	10	23	0	20.5	21.9	93	22	1	2	88
	34	29	63	2	53.2	57.4	92.5	114	1	7	85
Eureka.....	14	17	31	14	21	23.9	87.8	35	0	3	86
Pepperwood.....	9	12	21	8	15.3	16.3	93.6	39	4	10	90
Santa Rosa.....	13	20	33	0	29	31.9	91.2	59	0	22	.....
Petaluma.....	7	6	13	0	9.4	10.4	90	17	0	3	.....
Sebastopol.....	7	11	18	0	17.2	18	98.3	0	2	4	95
Alameda.....	8	10	18	1	11.1	13.4	83	31	1	22	91
San Jose.....	15	11	26	7	18	20.3	88	5	1	7	90
Burrough.....	2	9	11	0	7.4	8.3	89.1	21	1	1	92
Hanford.....	11	18	29	4	23.5	24.9	94	58	0	3	.....
Armona (Hansen).....	2	4	6	0	5.9	6	99	0	0	0	96
Glennville.....	2	1	3	0	3	3	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bakersfield.....	9	7	16	3	11.1	13.5	88.8	10	6	4	.....
Red Bluff.....	12	18	30	1	24	28.4	85.5	9	2	3	85
Reno, Nevada.....	5	10	15	1	12.8	13.8	92.4	24	0	16	94
St. Clair, Nevada.....	5	7	12	2	9.7	10.9	89.5	10	1	1	90
Sanitarium. No Report..											
Totals.....	281	328	609	69	488.6	529.7	92.2	649	21	186	90

The above report for the third month shows some gains over the preceding. It will be observed that the total enrolment for this month is 609, an increase of 28 over that of last month. With the enrolment of the school not heard from, which is perhaps 36, the total enrolment for the entire conference is 645. Notice that the average daily attendance, the average number belonging, and the per cent of attendance have also increased. But look at the tardinesses; also at the number of visits made by members of school board,—a grand total of 21! Quite a number of blank scholarships, too.

J. S. Osborne,
Church-school Superintendent.

MISSIONARY WORK

The Book Work

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BIBLE-READINGS

	Orders.	Value.
Geo. Hagerman, Santa Monica.....9	\$	16 00
J. H. Parritt, Los Angeles.....25		39 50

STEPS TO CHRIST AND GT. CONT.

M. Vroman, Los Angeles.....	100	00
George Scott, Los Angeles.....	95	00
Total.....34	\$251	00

An Inspiring Meeting

Sabbath, February 7, was an enjoyable day to the Salem Church, and to the representatives of Portland, Monitor, Dallas, and Independence churches who were present. The occasion was a missionary convention. Although it was very rainy, the church was nearly full, and the clouds, instead of having a depressing effect, seemed to shut us in with the Lord and His blessing.

Elder F. M. Burg, president of the conference, led out with a stirring appeal to finish the work with "Christ's Object Lessons." At the close of his talk, representatives of the various churches evidenced by their discussion of the subject a quiet determination to finish the work as soon as possible. Following this Brother H. H. Johnson, the state agent, spoke on "Christ's Object Lessons' work finished, What Next?" He showed that the tract campaign which is just being introduced is the promised work, which has been given to us at the completion of the "Object Lessons" effort. He also proved by many experiences that the "Object Lessons" work was simply a preparation for a still wider work on the part of all our people. A jubilee song (a portion of the words for which had been composed by Elder Burg, for the occasion) was then sung by a male quartet. This was given by way of a forerunner of the greater jubilee, which we all may enter into when this work is completed.

The next service was opened by

a short study of Isaiah 54, followed by a talk by the writer, entitled "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Its aim was to impress the fact that each one, no matter how humble, or how few his talents, should do his part, by making his life a light to those about him. As a preparation for this, the necessity for an entire consecration was emphasized, and we then held a consecration meeting. The Lord came wonderfully near, as various ones expressed a willingness to give up all for Him. Brother Winslow interspersed these testimonies with the various stanzas of that well-known hymn, by the blind Fannie Crosby:—

"Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine."

As the congregation joined in the chorus:—

"Nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed
Lord,
To Thy precious bleeding side."

Their voices seemed to rise in one united prayer of consecration for service. To close this session the congregation sang "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," with an enthusiasm which showed a determination to put its sentiments into their daily lives.

The third session was taken up with a discussion of "Our High Calling," by Brother Pettit; "Preparation for Service," by Brother Burg; and "Our Church-schools," by Brother R. L. Wildman.

One feature of the meeting which may seem peculiar to some of our readers was the rule of the church to not speak in a loud tone of voice during intermissions. If a conversation was to be entered into, the parties stepped into the schoolroom adjoining. It certainly brought in a quiet, reverential atmosphere, that was appreciated by those visiting the church for the first time.

We believe no one left the meeting feeling that his coming had been in vain. H. H. Hall.

"We love Him, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19.

Canvassing Work in California Conference

In the interests of the canvassing work in particular and the work in general, I have visited quite a number of the churches in this conference.

While there seem to be but a few who are anxious to go out into the field as canvassers to sell our large denominational books, yet there are some who are at work, and others who are making preparation to enter the work in the near future.

One brother who has just entered the canvassing work with our books for the first time writes that he received his outfit for canvassing for "Marvel of Nations," and has canvassed part of four days, putting in eight and one-half hours' actual work, giving, in all, twenty-two exhibitions of the book. As a result he took eighteen orders, all for the gilt-edge book. This work was done in the neighborhood where this brother lives and has lived for years; but he has been a Seventh-day Adventist only a short time. This is a sample of what others might do if they would consecrate themselves to God, and then undertake the work as this man has done, not in a foreign field, but near home.

Another brother has taken one dozen of "Power for Witnessing," to sell to his neighbors, and expects in the near future to so arrange his affairs that he can spend his entire time in evangelistic canvassing.

Another brother is planning to enter the work as a resident canvasser, taking the county in which he lives as his territory, and canvassing the county, first for one book and then for another. In this way it will be possible for the canvasser, if he has a family, to be at home often, and at no time be very far away; again it will be the means of his becoming acquainted with the people, and, as from time to time he passes over his territory, he can follow up each interest as it develops, and so keep in touch with the interested ones. There are many other points in favor of this kind of resident can-

vassing work, that space will not permit to mention here.

All the churches visited have taken hold of the tract work in earnest, and express themselves as determined to take hold of the tract and paper work as never before. We trust that the good resolutions that have been made will be renewed day by day, until the work is finished in the earth.

Think it all over carefully, brother, sister, you who have been impressed by the Holy Spirit, time and time again, that you should take hold of the work in some of these branches, and yet have put it off, until, as you look back over the past, you feel as though your life had been a failure, so far as actual work is concerned. It is not what we have done, but what we might have done, that causes us to feel that our life has been a failure. Activity is the divine law of life, and it is the spirit of "do something, and do it now," that is needed everywhere among the believers of this overdue message. Do not stop to look over the mistakes of the past and at the failures you have made. Leave those now at the altar of consecration, confessing them all to God. Then, like the apostle of old, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I [not Paul] press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Who will be next to take up the work in the place where the Lord calls you? "Procrastination is the thief of time," and the time in which we have to do this work is short.

A. S. Kellogg.

Brother D. Richards, of Dilleys, Oregon, writes that apparently he has done but little in the canvassing work during the last few weeks, but has had many good experiences in talking with the people concerning Scriptural truths.

Since the Word of the Lord endureth forever, let us identify ourselves with its eternity by doing it, and then entering into its everlasting reward.—Paxton.

Excellent Missionary Names

A SUGGESTION

The California Tract Society desires the names and addresses of all the parties to whom the Northern California brethren have sold "Christ's Object Lessons." If you will stop to consider the matter, you will find that these parties are the very ones to whom the "Signs," the "Sentinel," or the "Pacific Health Journal," or some of our other papers, should be mailed. The book "Christ's Object Lessons" which they have purchased is preparing their minds for other phases of the third angel's message.

Let every church-member in the California Conference follow up his sales of "Christ's Object Lessons" by mailing either the "Signs," "Sentinel," or the "Pacific Health Journal," or even all three, to each party. Call on them regularly, and visit with them with these papers. Show them that you have a real interest in their welfare here and hereafter.

Send all names and addresses on a separate sheet of paper, and address the same to the California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal. These names will be used to good advantage.

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Secretary.

A Real "Object Lessons" Testimony Meeting Held at Salem, Feb. 7, 1903

Brethren and sisters, I stand up this morning to tell you of the goodness of God. During the last few weeks I have enjoyed His blessed presence. I know there is a God in Israel. My love for the people has grown more and more, and, as I have tried to labor for souls, the Lord has poured His Spirit upon me. I know we must do this work with "Object Lessons." It is a work of God. Pray for me.

The work at Monitor is forward. Judging from the efforts made up to this time, I believe our work on "Object Lessons" will be finished before the conference year is

ended. We are all of good courage.

The church at Dallas is of good courage. We realize that this work with "Object Lessons" is from the Lord, and we are pushing it forward.

I know it is a blessed thing to be in the work of the Lord. Although I have not had many experiences with "Object Lessons," I know it is a blessing to go out with a book, and present the truth to others. My soul has been blessed in the work. I am of good courage, and I intend to go forward with the work until it is finished.

On page 344, "Christ's Object Lessons," we read, "There is no excuse for slow bungling at work of any character." It also says that those who will, may overcome these fussy, lingering habits. The Lord is well pleased for this people to set a definite time for the accomplishment of a definite work and bend all our energies to that end. We have set a time for the finishing up of this work, and the Lord is well pleased with it. In thinking over this matter, I felt that I must get to work, as I wanted some rich experience. I went to one business house, and left a copy of the book, and, as I was passing along, would hand some one a copy, and perhaps tell them to keep it two or three days. In one case, I went to the bank to make a deposit. I told the banker I knew he was busy, so did not take time to talk with him about the book, but told him to take it home, and look it over. I have had several experiences of this kind, and have sold a goodly number of copies.

Yesterday morning, on the car, I was talking with one man, telling him about our work with "Object Lessons," and I said to him, "If you were asked to give \$1.25 in the interests of education, you would not hesitate." He said, "No." I then asked him if he would take a copy of the book, and he said he would, although I did not have a copy with me. I also had another experience. On

my way to Portland the other evening, a gentleman sitting behind me remarked that he wished he had the evening paper. I was reading a copy of "Object Lessons" at the time, so I handed it to him to look at. After a while he bought a paper, and started to hand the book back. I said, "What do you think of it?" He said, "It is fine; it is good." I asked him if he would like to buy it. He said, "Yes, sure." He reached down in his pocket and handed me the money. I have had several experiences similar to these.

I know this is the Lord's work, and I have received rich blessings in trying to sell "Object Lessons." My whole heart is in it. Wherever I go, I take the book, and have sold quite a number of copies.

The Lord has said, "Be not discouraged, and be not dismayed," and I promised the Lord I would not be discouraged. I have had quite a number of good talks, and have sold some books. I am still determined to go out and do what I can by the help of the Lord.

I am full of courage. There is a glorious crown just waiting for you and me. Let us be faithful, and press together to gain that crown. I can not canvass, but I went out, and the Lord sold the books.

That is what the Lord did for me. He helped me to sell "Object Lessons." I have sold twice my quota, and He has blessed me. I always take the Lord with me.

I will tell you how easy it is to sell "Object Lessons" in our neighborhood. One man attended a meeting in which the work with "Object Lessons" was discussed. He told his children he would like to have one of the books. A few days after his daughter called at my house, and my wife showed her the book. She said, "Bring it over, and father will surely take one." A short time after my wife went over, and the first thing he asked was, "Did you bring the book with you?" She said, "Yes," and in

ten minutes he handed her the money for it.

In one church I visited there was one brother who did not want to take up work with "Object Lessons." One afternoon we all went out, and had a good experience. In the evening we got together, and had a good time in relating our experiences. It was one of the best meetings I ever attended. The other day I heard of this brother through other members of that same church, and they said he had been selling "Object Lessons" ever since that first experience. He had been selling two at a time; some days he would sell four. I believe we would all have this experience if we would start out right.

Why Not Be Tract Societies

The trouble with many of our tract societies is that they have forgotten that their chief business is to circulate tracts. Why not return to the old-time zeal in distributing our smaller publications? A goodly window display of the new General Conference tracts, "We Would See Jesus," "Signs of Our Times," "The Gospel Remedy for Present-day Isms," "What Do These Things Mean," and of other tracts with attractive titles, such as "Labor and the Money Power," "From Sabbath to Sunday," "The Temporal Millennium," "Seal of God and Mark of the Beast," "Miracles and Delusions," "Hypnotism: What is it?" "Is Sunday the Sabbath?" "Christian Patriotism," "The Eastern Question," "Marshaling of the Nations," "Alarm of War," etc., will attract the attention of people as they pass by your office.

Last week a laborer, on his way to work, an Irishman, looked at our display of tracts, periodicals, etc., in the window, and, stepping into the office, said, "I want that tract 'Signs of Our Times.'" Before leaving he purchased 100 of them. The next day a fashionably dressed lady stepped in and asked for a tract like the one in our window telling about "Christ's Second Coming." These are but illustrations of the interest that

may be easily awakened in our tracts if we but take the pains to show people what we have to sell.

Why not turn your house into a small tract society, and sell hundreds of tracts and pamphlets to your neighbors and friends?

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

Is the Master Calling You

Another holiday season is past, and a new year has come to us. What record shall be made in the books of heaven, of your work and mine, during 1903? The answer to this question must be made by each one individually.

In view of the nearness of Christ's coming—in this generation—in view of the great truths which God has revealed to us, in view of the great, sinful world, in view of the ignorance of these precious truths by some who even profess Christ, in view of the impending judgment, shall we not arise and go about our "Father's business"?

If Christ Himself should visit you and ask you if you could not do this work or that for Him, if you could not take a message from Him to such a person, or in His stead go to relieve suffering or want in such a home, do you not think you would gladly comply?

But does He not visit your heart again and again, and say, "My brother, My sister, will you not go and do this for Me?" "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Many opportunities are open before us to work for the Master in this new year. Shall we not improve them?

The first one of the new tracts prepared by the General Conference Committee is now ready. It is entitled "We Would See Jesus," and treats on the second advent. This, and the others to follow, ought to be scattered like the leaves of autumn. This is one kind of work the Master is calling on us now to do for Him.

Then there is the work with our pioneer periodicals, the "Signs" and the "Sentinel." One or the other of these is adapted to all

classes, laboring men, business men, professional men.

Many have felt disappointed because the "Sentinel" was made a monthly, as it was too large and too expensive for individual and church missionary society use. Now it is a weekly again, and every church ought to have a club to circulate among business and professional men,—those who are leaders in public thought and molders of opinion.

There is also a work which some one ought to take up in every church, and that is the securing of subscriptions from all our own people for the "Review." Every Seventh-day Adventist should have it regularly. Where individuals are too poor to pay for it, a fund should be raised by other members to pay for the paper for such persons.

The circulation of our larger publications by our regular canvassers is another important work, and hundreds of new ones should be enlisted. Some have sold books during the holidays, intending to take up some other work after the first of January. But does the Master relieve us so easily and so quickly from doing His work? Are there not many, many souls yet to be warned in your vicinity, and is not the need as great in January as in December?

A recent communication from Sister White says, "The canvassing work is to be revived" and "carried forward with increasing success." Thank the Lord for these encouraging words. In the same communication are these words: "Let no one think that he is at liberty to fold his hands and do nothing. That any one can be saved in indolence and inactivity is an utter impossibility." Should not these words stir our hearts and cause us to take up work of some kind for the Master?

To-day the Master is calling to those for whom He gave His life, asking them, "Who will go and carry My message of love and salvation to a dying world?" Who will respond to His call, and enlist? Those who do this will find that the "love of Christ will touch and transform them, making them willing for His sake to do and dare." —S. N. Curtis, in *New England Gleaner*.

"Its Selling Qualities"

We are in receipt of the following encouraging words regarding "Christ's Object Lessons," from Joseph Clemens, chaplain of the Fifteenth Infantry, United States Army, Monterey, Cal.:—

"I have examined the book 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and wish to speak of its selling qualities. While in college, for years I sold books, and trained hundreds of others for the same holy calling. I have examined articles of many kinds offered to canvassers, and am prepared to say that illustrated Bible books of this character are sold easier, and give better satisfaction to buyer and seller, than any other books or articles sold by agents. Very truly,

"Joseph Clemens,
"Chaplain Fifteenth Infantry."

Considerable money is coming in to the tract society from all parts of the state from the sale of this book. The money is being transferred to the brethren in charge of the college, and is being used to pay off notes against the college. Thus the debt is being steadily reduced. Let all who are interested in Christian education, as represented in Healdsburg College, now engage with renewed zeal and activity in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." A few more lifts and the struggle will be over.

A. J. Bourdeau,
Sec. Cal. T. and M. Society.

Shall the Message Reach the Army and Navy

Military life is not conducive to spirituality. Is not this special reason why we should rise up and take the gospel to this class of people? Furthermore, in the troublous times that are just ahead of us, we will find it wonderfully to our advantage to have leading army officials understand about our position, our principles, and our work. With this in view, we have written personal letters, and sent copies of the "Life Boat" to every one of the one hundred and twenty-five military posts in the United States, and also to leading military officers, and Y. M.

C. A. secretaries who are connected with the army and navy work.

The best evidence that the Lord has gone before us in this move is the host of appreciative responses that we have received from prominent military men, from the Adjutant-General's office in Washington, D. C., down to the chaplains of the smallest military stations.

The commanding officers of some military posts say that they can use to good advantage as many as a hundred copies of the "Life Boat" each month. Will you assist us to raise a fund to defray this expense? God will surely hold us responsible if we do not follow up immediately these most providential openings.

This work will undoubtedly develop in a few months as large and as interesting a correspondence as our prison work has done; and this will be an additional expense. But in what other way can we give them the whole truth?

We desire the names and addresses of your friends and relatives who are serving in the army and navy, so that we may interest them in this work. Will you pray that God will direct in the opening up of this needy field to the truth?

David Paulson, M. D.

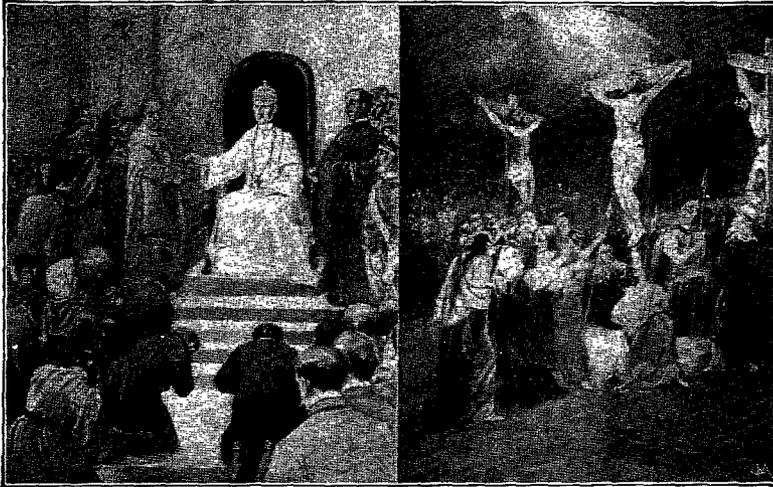
The National Reformers

Wilbur F. Crafts, of the National Reformers, asked the California pastors to set apart February 22 to the discussion and adoption of resolution-petitions for a Sunday law, which are to be forwarded to the California Legislature now in session.

Now is the time to circulate the "Sentinel of Christian Liberty" in your vicinity; also the tract, "Rome's Challenge: Why Do Protestants Keep Sunday," and other good Sabbath tracts. Price of the "Sentinel," in clubs of five or more, only 70 cents a copy per year. Reduced price of "Rome's Challenge," only \$2.00, post paid. Address California Tract Society, Oakland, Cal.

"Ye should follow His steps."
1 Peter 2:21.

"The Love of Power and the Power of Love"



Will be the subject of a special issue of the "Sentinel of Christian Liberty" which will be published March 12, 1903.

This shows very clearly the difference between real Christianity and the Papacy. It is important that this number be widely circulated in every state. The trend of Protestants to the Roman Catholic Church is too well known a fact to discuss here. These people do not know the true character of the Papacy. We who do know and understand these things will be held accountable if we do not do all in our power to warn them.

How One Prayer Was Answered

A friend had prayed for her unbelieving husband for many years. As yet the answer did not come, and her heart was bowed down; but she held fast to the promises of God, and waited in hope.

One evening at the church prayer-meeting, being more than usually burdened, she rose timidly, and, with deep emotion, said: "It is not usual for us ladies to speak in the meeting, and I have feared to be intrusive, but my burden is too heavy to bear. For many years I have longed to ask you to help me pray for my husband. Will you do it now?" Every heart was melted, and many eyes moistened while they joined in pleading prayer. Mr. H—— was much loved in that community, and they prayed as one pleadeth for his own son.

This special number of the "Sentinel" will be a great factor in helping to give them the truth on this important subject.

The wholesale price, quoted below, has been placed so low that thousands of copies should be circulated in the Pacific Union Conference.

In quantities the prices will be: 5 copies, 7 cents; 10 copies, 14 cents; 25 copies, 35 cents; 50 copies, 70 cents; 100 copies, \$1.25; 1,000 copies, \$12.

Order supplies of your conference tract society.

Just as Mrs. H—— had made her request and sat down, her husband came to the door to accompany her home, as was his custom. Seeing the service was not ended, he took a seat near the door. On their way home he said to his wife, "Who was the gentleman they were praying for?" "He is the husband of one of the members," replied the wife. As they ascended the steps of their house, he said again, "Wife, who was it they were praying for?" "The husband of one of the sisters, Charles." "Well, wife," replied he, with feeling, "that man will certainly be converted. I never heard such prayers as those."

That night, awakening from sleep, she heard her husband in agitated voice cry: "Wife, wife, they were praying for me! God

heard those prayers; I can not sleep. Will you get up and pray for me?"

There was joy in the presence of the angels that night, for the lost was found. What knowest thou, wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? The prayer of faith still prevails.—Selected.

An Answer to Gamble

Those living in California will want to send for that new tract, "The True Seventh Day," which is a complete refutation of Mr. Gamble's arguments that Sunday is the seventh day. It is No. 78 of the Apples of Gold Library, twenty-four pages, price one and one-half cents, twenty-five in a package. Discount of 40 per cent on all orders for unbroken packages. One church recently ordered 2,000 copies to use during Mr. Gamble's visit.

All parties located in Nevada or California (Southern California territory excepted) should send their orders to the California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

A. J. Bourdeau,
Secretary.

A Large Estate

Elizabeth Pellit, a maiden lady, recently died in New York City. Her home was in the hall-room of a tenement house, and at her death all her earthly possessions could be put in one common trunk. No executor or administrator was needed. Living in narrow circumstances, she had denied herself all luxuries, and even many comforts.

But in the forty years of her Christian life she had been able to give over \$30,000 to the work of the Lord. She had supplied the money to send out one missionary to Salvador, and also for another who is to go out soon. Did we say she needed no administrator? It was because the Holy Spirit had administered upon her estate in the name of Jesus, and rich will be her reward in heaven.—Selected.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

SPECIAL NOTICES**The General Conference****REDUCTION OF FARE**

In our last issue we stated that the next General Conference would be held in Oakland, March 27 to April 12. No doubt many of our brethren and sisters on the coast would like to attend this conference, a part of the time at least, and for the benefit of such we have made arrangements with the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe, and the California Northwestern Railroad companies for a special rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip on the receipt certificate plan. Those coming to the conference will state the fact at the ticket office at the time of purchasing the ticket and the agent will give receipt for the amount paid. This receipt, after having been signed by the transportation agent in Oakland, will entitle the holder to a return ticket at one-third the regular rate. This rate will apply on the Southern Pacific from Portland, Oregon; Ogden, Utah; El Paso, Texas, and intermediate points, and on the Santa Fe from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and intermediate points.

These tickets can be purchased fifteen days before the meeting and are good to return at any time up to and including two days after the meeting closes, or from March 12 to April 14.

The members of the Oakland church will entertain delegates as far as possible, but visitors will have to secure lodgings at hotels or lodging-houses or in dormitories. Rooms can be had at from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per week, according to size, furnishing, location, etc. Dormitories will be fitted up for gentlemen, and those bringing their own bedding, straw tick, etc., can have lodging in one of these at, perhaps, fifty cents per week. Wire mattresses will be furnished if desired. Those wishing to engage rooms in advance should write at once to C. H. Jones, secretary Committee of Arrangements, care Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal., stating what accommodations are desired, when they

are coming, and about how long they will remain, and we will do the best we can for you.

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

Check baggage to and get off at Sixteenth Street Station, Oakland, and then take the Twelfth Street electric car and get off at corner Twelfth and Brush Streets, right at the church door. Hold your checks and deliver them to the person authorized to receive them at the church. When you are registered and located, your baggage will be delivered to you.

C. H. Jones,
Sec. Com. of Arrangements.

New Publications**FOR GENERAL CIRCULATION**

"We Would See Jesus," B. S. L., No. 173. Price, 72 cents a hundred.

"Signs of Our Times," B. S. L., No. 174. Price, 72 cents a hundred.

"The Gospel Remedy for Present-day Isms," B. S. L., No. 175. Price, 72 cents a hundred.

"What Do These Things Mean?" B. S. L., No. 176. Price, 72 cents a hundred.

"The True Seventh-day," A. G. L., No. 78. A review by A. T. Jones of some of the anti-Sabbath arguments set forth by S. W. Gamble. Price, 1½ cents, or \$1.00 a hundred.

FOR PERSONAL STUDY

"Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 7, cloth binding, 75 cents; limp leather, \$1.25. For any of the above, address your state tract society.

"No unconsenting soul can be made to sin, and so sin is inexcusable. The door has the bolt inside, and no hand but mine can throw it."

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., at 12 M., 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.

Beware

Beware of glib-tongued individuals who claim to be periodical agents for the California Tract Society. We have our regular bonafide agents, and these will be able to show you a written statement signed by us, showing that they are reliable.

It will be safe for you to either send your orders direct to the Tract Society, or hand it to some S. D. A. minister, to forward to us, or to patronize any of our authorized agents. California and Nevada please take notice of this.

Augustin J. Bourdeau.

A Strange Conversation

Many curious means of quickened consciences and subsequent repentance and conversion have been reported. Few are stranger than that of a certain young telegraph clerk, who was under a sense of sin. At his office one morning he had to receive and forward a telegram. To his great surprise, he spelled out these words, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

The message was not meant for him, but, as he passed it on, he drank in the words, and it proved a message of mercy to him. He believed, and was saved.—Selected.

"When Jesus lives in us, it is not we who move others; it is Christ incarnated in our conduct. 'I tried to be a skeptic,' said a young man, 'but my mother's life was too much for me.'"

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The meetings in Provo, Utah, are being conducted by Elder A. G. Christiansen and Brother Alfred Whitehead.

Brother A. J. Bourdeau writes that during the first six weeks of 1903 the California Tract Society sold over 450,000 pages of tracts.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

That "Christ's Object Lessons" is an excellent book with which to introduce the principles of Christianity to others is evident to all who have followed the testimonies that many of our brethren have presented through recent issues of this paper. If every book put in circulation is followed up with a friendly visit or a kind letter, the judgment only will reveal the good that will be accomplished by this careful work of hunting for the lost sheep. But why follow up this work?—Because many people buy a book and lay it aside, and the rush of the daily cares of life keeps it out of sight until their attention is called to some special subject; then the desire to study the book commences to grow, and it is not long until the seed has taken root. Let the "Object Lessons" work be completed and then followed up by systematic work, and no one will feel that his labor has been in vain.

Among the nations at the present time there seems to be a large amount of unrest brewing. On every hand the waters seem to be troubled, and statesmen are planning to meet, and if possible to postpone to a future day the conflict that seems inevitable. In the East, Turkey is again becoming the center to which many eyes are cast, as all Europe is interested in her movements. In the Far East, China seems to be planning for another general uprising. While this situation conveys to the minds of the people of the world various unsettled ideas of what may be forthcoming, it should cause every child of God to seek a closer walk with Him who knows the end from the beginning, and extra efforts should be put forth to complete the work which our Master left with His people when He was here on earth. The present disturbed conditions among the nations furnish one of the grandest opportunities to introduce to our neighbors and friends the literature which will enlighten them as to what the final outcome of all this trouble will be. We are glad that many have commenced to do work along this line; but the fields are still broad, and are calling for more laborers to come forth and give the good news of salvation to the inhabitants that are in darkness and know not the way to the light. Will you be a light-bearer?

Missionary Statistics

The latest reports from the different missionary societies engaged in carrying the gospel to the heathen world indicate that there are 4,697 ordained missionaries, 1,197 laymen, 4,409 wives of missionaries, 2,879 unmarried women, or a total of 13,282 persons laboring under the direction of mission boards for the souls of others. Besides this number, there are 71,458 native workers, of whom 4,337 are ordained. The income to support this great work was \$19,147,699 during the past year, of which \$16,310,424 was

raised in the home land from which these societies are operating, and \$2,837,675 came from the fields in which the missionaries are working. The total number of communicants amounts to 1,315,544, while the total number of native Christians is 4,046,503. There are 25,583 schools and 972,181 scholars.

The Methodist Episcopal is the largest society in America. In great Britain the "Church Missionary Society" (Episcopal) is supporting the largest number of workers and raising the greatest amount of funds.

A Correction

In the "Recorder" of February 12, we forgot to state that all Seventh-day Adventists residing in that portion of California south of the Tehachapi and Santa Ynez Mountains should order their supplies from the Southern California Tract Society, Fernando, Cal. All members living north of the aforesaid boundary line in California, and those residing in Nevada, should order all publications from the California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Secretary.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The first annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company, for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the company's office, Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal., on Thursday, March 12, 1903, at 12 o'clock M.

A. Boeker, President.
G. H. Heald, Secretary.

Wanted

Energetic ladies to demonstrate and sell health foods; those of experience preferred. Reference desired. Address at once, J. J. Knapp, Portland Sanitarium Food Company, Second and Montgomery Streets, Portland, Oregon.