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

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THE CHURCH

"He Careth for You"

"If I could only surely know
That all the things that tire me so
Were noticed by my Lord—
The pang that cuts me like a knife,
The lesser pains of daily strife—
What peace it would afford!

"I wonder if He really shares
In all these little human cares,
This mighty King of kings?
If He who guides through boundless
space
Each blazing planet in its place,
Can have the condescending grace
To mind these petty things?"

"Dear Lord, my heart shall no more
doubt
That Thou dost compass me about
With sympathy divine.
The Love for me once crucified
Is not the love to leave my side,
But waiteth ever to divide
Each smallest care of mine."

A Letter to a Church Elder

Dear Brother: This is a very critical time for the church of which you are a member. You have been placed in a position where you can do much good. In fulfilling your duties as an elder of the church, be true to God in the person of the erring ones in His church. Fail not, my brother, to heed the admonition of the Spirit of God to bring into your heart the kindness, the tenderness, the love that Christ ever manifested. Cherish not a cold, unsympathetic spirit. Let your words be care-

fully chosen. Speak and act in such a way that you will have an influence for good over the church-members.

God desires you to avoid all harshness. Cover yourself with the robe of Christ's righteousness. By speaking the truth in love, you can bring a blessing to many hearts. Allow not a condemnatory spirit to prompt your words. May the Lord soften and subdue your heart, that your words shall be a blessing to the entire church.

Watch and pray. If there are those who do not manifest the spirit of Christ, let not this provoke criticism and retaliation on your part. Enter not into controversy. Tell your brethren that the Lord is working to set things in order; that you can not do this work, but that the Lord will accomplish His purpose.

My brother, it is your duty to labor with those who make mistakes, and try to help them, but never should you do this in a spirit of self-righteousness. Go to the foot of Calvary's cross, and there learn lessons of meekness and forbearance. The Lord is ever ready to give to His servants the wisdom they require in order to discharge their duties faithfully. His grace is sufficient to keep them victorious over the trials and perplexities that daily come to them. May the Lord help every church elder to do his work with unswerving fidelity.

We are in this world to be a help and a blessing to one another, uniting with Christ in the effort to restore the image of God in man.

In order to do this work, we must learn of Jesus. "Take My yoke upon you," He says, "and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." In this promise there are no "ifs." Those who have experience in wearing Christ's yoke of restraint and obedience know what it means to have rest and peace in Him. In obedience there is joy and consolation. Holy angles hover round about the obedient to keep them in paths of peace.

The life of the true believer reveals an indwelling Saviour. The follower of Jesus is Christlike in spirit, in temper. He possesses Christ's meekness and humility. His faith works by love, and purifies the soul. His whole life is a testimony to the world to the power of the grace of Christ. The pure doctrines of the gospel never degrade the receiver, never make him coarse or rough or uncourteous. The gospel refines, ennobles, and elevates, sanctifying the judgment and influencing the whole life. In true believers of the gospel, Christ is revealed as an abiding presence.

Our churches are in need of a spiritual revival. Now is the time for the work of repentance and confession of sin to extend deeper. Now is the time for God's people to allow the Holy Spirit to make clean and thorough work, in order that all selfishness, all wrong, may be uprooted from their hearts. May the Lord help you and the whole church, is my prayer.

Ellen G. White.

The Lord's Way

The Lord always knows the right way, and chooses it the first time. He does not have to experiment to find it. It is safe to move in His way as soon as found; to fail in this will lead to loss. When Israel failed to go into the promised land, but murmured at its very border, it meant a long, sad journey amidst trials, sickness, and death.

The people of God to-day should have finished their final work of warning, and crossed Canaan's border into the kingdom before this.

Every gathering of the people of God in these last days should have been marked by an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, that would have given greater power to the work, and "cut it short in righteousness."

We know the "Spirit is waiting our demand and reception."

While we have great reason to praise God for the blessings that come into our meetings, and for the souls that see light, we are assured that there should be "Pentecostal" out-pourings that would bring souls by hundreds to inquire, "What shall we do?" God never changes, therefore, if circumstances and conditions are the same as on the day of Pentecost we may look for like blessings. On that occasion the disciples had the message of salvation in Christ to give. So have we. They needed the power of the Holy Spirit to send it home to the hearts of sinners. So do we. It is specially mentioned that they were of "one accord" on that day. Fifty days before this, on the day of His resurrection, Christ offered the Holy Ghost to his disciples. "And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." John 20:22. But at this time they had ambitious desires for position. "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest." Luke 22:24. To this feeling Christ replied, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall

not be so." Luke 22: 25, 26. Again He said, "How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" John 5: 44. When all this desire to be honored of men was gone, and they in honor preferred one another, then came the Pentecostal blessing of honor from God only, and it fell on all alike.

The great Shepherd has appointed His ministers to be under-shepherds, and placed them over His work. Their place is to work for His praise, and honor, and glory. In the great apostasy they selected one man and placed him in authority over all the others; they called him "papa," from which comes "pope." Some have gone to another extreme and claimed there should be no organization among Christians. Let us ask for God's plan and walk therein.

The Bible presents the Lord's way. The Holy Ghost fell when they had put away all selfish desire for supremacy. Then the church placed its property in one common fund. Acts 4:32. At this time the Grecians found fault about their widows not having their share. The twelve apostles (the ministers) had the oversight of the work, and collected the people together, and asked for seven men to be found whom they could appoint over this work. When the seven were found and recommended, the apostles appointed them, praying for and laying hands on them. This was done that the apostles might continue to minister in the world with prayer. The apostles evidently had the oversight of the financial matters, for those who brought their money "laid it at the apostles' feet." Acts 4:37; 5:2. Still they had no authority to require this, for Peter said to Ananias: "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" Acts 5:4.

Why shall we not acknowledge God's plan, and let the apostles, ministers of the Lord, have the oversight of the work? Why need we select one man to be over the others? Let all the ordained ministers employed in a conference

meet, and themselves arrange and divide the work, choosing proper ones to preside at meetings, etc. Then let brethren be found who are not only business men, but men of God, and let them be appointed to attend to the common business matters, first being set apart for this by prayer and laying on of the apostles' hands. This leaves the ministry free to carry forward its work. It removes the seeking for office among the ministers, that they may have honor and authority, and probably from one to five dollars per week more pay than their fellow laborers. It removes from the people the question of selecting one to be at the head. There is no need of a committee spending days of time trying to nominate some one to office. And every one who is presented for the place must pass under the crucial test, unknown to him, of the committee searching to see if there is any "objection to him," and if such one is found, it is reported, and soon is common gossip, all of which prevents the blessing of God coming upon His people.

It places a portion of the responsibility of the work on each of the workers. Men who are qualified to be ministers should have opportunity to share in its plans and responsibilities. Those who are not to be trusted with them should not be ordained to the ministry. God's ministers should be more than mere preachers. They should be men of wisdom and sound judgment. God's ways are perfect ways, and all His paths are peace.

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"Thy words were found and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by Thy name. O Lord God of hosts."—Jer. 15:16.

Improve the very first opportunity that offers to take part in the service, and thus help to avoid the "painful pauses" at the beginning.

THE FIELD

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Conference Tithes Receipts

Report for July, August, and September.

Seattle, \$862.14; Elma, \$45.51; Aberdeen, \$171.07; Cedarhome, \$94.21; Wilkeson, \$8.30; Connie, \$17.81; Deming, \$30.44; Olympia, \$123.02; Kent, \$115.85; Vancouver, \$456.96; Ridgfield, \$52.26; Puyallup, \$55.22; Everett, \$69.60; Carrollton, \$11.30; Pe Ell, \$71.55; Tacoma, \$115.05; Centralia, \$231.04; Mt. Vernon, \$52.51; Sara, \$5.25; Montesano, \$21.70; Green Lake, \$86.64; Hoquiam, \$44.41; Shelton, \$143.05; Colby, \$37.55; Friday Harbor, 100.28; Whatcom, \$93.24; Enterprise, \$64.75; Kelso, \$38.27; Mossy Rock, \$15.65; Personal, \$204.65.

Offerings

Southern Publishing Co., \$1.50; D. C. Church, \$2.75; Haskel Home, \$16.82; Australia, \$219.73; S. S. Donations, \$210.17; First Day Offerings, \$181.99; Relief of Schools, \$1.00; Missionary Acre, \$5.94.

Daisy Cuddy,
Secretary.

Aberdeen

The series of meetings held at Aberdeen and Hoquiam, beginning August 25, were brought to a close the evening after last Sabbath. Elder T. H. Watson, assisted by the brethren of the local churches, conducted the meetings. The attendance was reasonably good from the first, in spite of the inclement weather which we had at intervals. Quite a number of denominations were represented, both on the inside and the outside of the tent, the congregation on the sidewalk and the immediate vicinity outnumbering those on the inside of the tent on two evenings.

The musical feature of the meetings was in charge of Professor Roscoe Shryock, of Keene Academy, Texas, and Brethren N. C. and B. N. McLafferty, of the American Medical Missionary College, Chicago.

Near the close of the Aberdeen

meetings, the young people of the local churches rendered a very excellent and instructive program, consisting of papers and short addresses on Bible science, viz., the foundation of all true science as given in God's Word, beginning with Genesis 1. A few of the subjects presented were Geology, Minerology, Astronomy, Botany, Chemistry, Meteorology, Physics, Zoology, Histology, Biology, Anatomy, Physiology, Psychology, and Mathematics. Many truths were presented which are but little known to most Bible students. Appropriate songs were interspersed at intervals to emphasize particular truths brought out in the different papers. The young people were imbued with the thought that the Bible is the source of all true knowledge, as was shown by the spirit of their addresses.

The general interest continued to increase, especially among the young people, and culminated in fifteen souls being buried with their Lord in baptism, the ages of the candidates ranging from nine to eighty years. The ceremony of baptism was very impressive, the presence of the Spirit of God being plainly manifest. The Lord has indeed abundantly blessed the efforts of Elder Watson and his co-laborers here. The last Sabbath was the occasion of a special manifestation of divine presence in the union meeting of the churches of Aberdeen and Hoquiam, and was a fitting close to the work done here.

Other souls have taken a stand for their Master, to fulfil the requirements expressed in Rev. 14: 12, besides those baptized, and we have all been built up in the faith during these meetings. May the Lord be ever near His needy people, and help them at all times to sow beside all waters, withholding not their hands, for they know not which shall prosper, this or that. We hope to meet many more in the kingdom, who have been helped "on the upward way" by the work done in the meetings just closed in our midst.

Greg C. Robinson.

August 28, 1903.

News Items

Elder E. L. Stewart has returned from a trip to Walla Walla, and from visiting some of the churches.

Elder T. H. Watson has finished his work in the Gray's Harbor country, and will go to Tacoma to begin meetings.

New treatment rooms have just opened up in Whatcom, with Brother and Sister J. S. Emerson in charge.

Elder H. C. J. Wollekar has finished his portable tabernacle, and will begin meetings this week at Whatcom in the Scandinavian language.

A canvasser's training class has commenced in Tacoma. We are glad to see our canvassers doing so well.

A small industrial school will open October 14, near Vancouver.

Elder W. W. Sharpe and wife are holding a series of meetings in Whatcom. They are also doing a good work from house to house with tracts.

Elder W. F. Martin, with his tent company at Kalama, is endeavoring to give the third angel's message to that people. He reports twelve new Sabbath-keepers.

Brother T. H. Kearns, who is almost entirely blind, has come to Seattle from Everett, and is selling one hundred copies of the "Signs" a week. He hopes to increase his club soon.

Sister Rose Watson, who has sold papers so successfully in Seattle, has gone to Tacoma to take up the work.

October 10.

Sin has no fascination for a dead man, nor for one whose "life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3:3.

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

WESTERN OREGON

News Notes

Elder Burg has returned after an absence of three weeks, having gone at the invitation of the Pacific Union Conference to attend the annual camp-meeting and conference in British Columbia. The British Columbia Conference is practically free from debt, and a good degree of prosperity has attended the work throughout the field during the year. The sanitarium and school work are live issues with them. The question of opening a health restaurant in Vancouver is under consideration. A beautiful tract of over three hundred acres of land has been donated to the conference for a school farm, and steps have been taken looking toward the erection of suitable buildings and the opening of an Industrial School for the province.

From British Columbia Elder Burg went to College Place to attend the meeting of the College Board. He reports excellent prospects for the school. At the opening there were about one hundred students in attendance, aside from the primary department, and prospects for a larger number to come. The board of management, together with the principal and faculty, have taken hold to make this year's work at the college a success financially, as well as in the school work proper. The finances of the college received very careful consideration at this meeting of the board; and the brethren upon whom the burden of the institution rests have taken hold with a determination to "make ends meet" in the finances of the school. In this as in all other ways within their reach, they desire to cooperate with our conferences and churches that make up the college district, in finishing the work so nobly begun and carried forward for the past two years, of clearing the college of the debt that has so harrassed it in the past. The end is in sight, and one grand forward march for the goal will bring the hoped-for reward. The college management is looking expectantly to the conferences

for the full returns from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and from what has been done, they are encouraged to hope for the finishing up of this work in a very short time.

Miss Cora Perkins, of Newberg, has been engaged to teach a family school at Horse Shoe Landing, near Dayton.

Mr. John Hanson, of Dilley, has been asked to take charge of Brother Geo. S. Parmele's private intermediate school over at Otis, on the Siletz Bay.

The writer has been visiting churches in Yamhill County and neighboring places, in the interest of an organized effort to place our literature in larger quantities in the homes of the people.

McMinnville: I spent Sabbath, September 27, at McMinnville, and a company of fifty were present at the services. There are a goodly number of young people at this place whom I found to be interested in doing faithful service for the Master.

Hopewell: Here I spent September 29 and 30, meeting with a few of our people on Monday night. The willingness on the part of the people for service, called to mind the scripture in Psalms 110, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power."

Willamina: At this place I spent a few days, and on Sabbath, October 3, although rainy, our people gathered in from the foot-hills, miles away. We had a most excellent meeting and the Lord, by His good Spirit, witnessed to the words spoken. In a social meeting following, several testified of a negligence on their part to warn souls of the soon-coming Saviour, and pledged themselves to be more diligent hereafter. I shall long remember these good meetings and bear in mind before the throne of grace these faithful ones.

G. W. Pettit.

Every Christian of every age and calling is appointed an ambassador for Christ.

"God remakes a broken heart and fills it with love, but He can not fill a divided heart."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Second Annual Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The British Columbia Conference is now one year of age, and has just had its second annual session, which was held in the tent at Queen's Park, Westminster. The weather for the most part was of a very inclement character. Heavier rains fell than have been experienced for many years previous. This prevented much outside attendance, but did not dampen the ardor, or apparently lessen the interest, of our young people. All who attended camped on the ground, which was kindly allowed us by the City Council.

In addition to Elders Young and Wilson, there were in attendance Elder Knox, President of the Pacific Union Conference, and Elder Burg, President of the Western Oregon Conference.

It was expected by many that one of our physicians would also be present. However, this loss was somewhat met by very practical and instructive talks on the importance of healthful living.

The burden of the message was, "The Hour of His Judgment Is Come," and we must get ready. Many stirring testimonies were given, and all enjoyed the presence of God's Spirit. It was, indeed, encouraging to notice the part taken by the youth and children in the meetings. The attendance at Sabbath-school was about sixty, and well exemplified the "church at study."

The business of the conference was well conducted, Elder J. L. Wilson occupying the chair.

The churches represented were Vancouver, Victoria, Mission City, Cumberland, and Rossland.

The President's address was interesting and helpful, calling to mind how God's hand has prospered all departments of the work during the last year. About thirty-five members have been added to the several churches of the province, and the Salmon Arm Church was added to the list of organized churches. Much has been accomplished in the matter of treatment rooms in the capital and terminal

cities. A considerable amount has been donated in lands, stock, etc., toward the farm and intended industries. The tithe reached \$1,700, despite the many labor troubles.

The ministerial labor has been bestowed chiefly in Armstrong, Cumberland, and Vancouver. In the former place Elder Young has labored during the summer, and as a result, nine persons have taken their stand with God's people. Effort must be continued in this and other inland towns. Ministerial and Bible work should be done in Victoria, and the treatment rooms should receive more attention. This work ought to be extended to several inland towns as soon as the way opens.

The president referred to the labors of Brother C. E. Davis, at Port Simpson, during the year, among the Indians. Brother Davis has been partly supported by the conference and partly self-supporting. Further provision should be made for the work there.

Elder W. T. Knox expressed his pleasure at hearing of the good work done during the year. He gave some excellent suggestions relating to different phases of the work.

Financial reports of the Treasurer of the Tract Society and of the Association of Seventh-day Adventists were read and adopted.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. L. Wilson; Secretary, J. J. Dougan; Treasurer, Tract and Missionary Society; Missionary Secretary, Sister M. M. Wilson; Executive Committee, Elder J. L. Wilson, Elder W. C. Young, Wm. Manson, Alex. Gilmore, and J. J. Dougan.

Resolutions were passed relative to different features of the work. First, that as it appeared to be in harmony with the great threefold message entrusted by God to us as a people, the truth should be taught to the North Coast Indians. Accordingly, it was voted that at an early date the president should personally visit this field and ascertain the exact needs, and how best to meet them.

Second, That in future all employees of treatment or bath rooms

should be paid on a small salary basis and receive a percentage of their earnings, the amount to be determined later.

Third, That at an early date a sanitarium be established in the province.

The matter of establishing a conference school was carefully weighed, and about \$150 was donated towards the erection of a school building.

In planning for the intended industrial farm, it was resolved to place the management in the hands of the executive committee.

The Committee on Licenses and Credentials reported: For Credentials—J. L. Wilson, W. C. Young. For Missionary License—C. E. Davis, Mrs. M. M. Wilson, Miss Isabelle Reith.

Secretary of British Columbia Conference.

CALIFORNIA

To the People of the California S. D. A. Conference

The season of busy work with the crops is now practically past, and the winter is at hand. Now why should not the winter be spent in just as busy work in the field of God's work of the third angel's message, as the summer has been spent in the fields of grain or fruit? The work in the fields of grain and fruit, the Lord hath blessed with an abundant harvest; and as busy work in the field of the great message committed to us, will just as surely be blessed with a more abundant harvest. And should not pure, Christian gratitude for the abundance of the harvest which God has given from the field, vineyard, and orchard, cause all to put forth earnest effort in the field of God's great message of truth now during the winter? This field of God's message in California is just as ripe unto harvest, as has been any field of fruit or grain in California this year. I earnestly pray that all who know this message will now enter upon the work in this field with as good heart and as diligent hand as you entered that other field during the season just closing.

The work that has been done this season in the field of God's message by the workers of this conference, has been greatly blessed. In Spain, as a result of the work of the Bond brothers, a whole family has embraced the truth, in which the father is a teacher of a number of years' experience. In the North England Conference, where several of our workers are, the results are such that we are informed by the president of that conference that the conference is expected to be self-supporting within a few months.

At the St. Helena Sanitarium, with not a crowded, but a fairly good patronage, the work has been so conducted that six thousand dollars has been cleared and paid on the debt within this present year, and since Dr. Evans took charge.

In Healdsburg College there is good promise of the most prosperous year in the history of the institution. The school opened September 30 with sixty students present; and at the time this letter goes to press, there are over eighty present; and it is confidently expected that the number will reach the two hundred mark before the students for this year are all in. From last year's school, and from the Young People's Conventions, thirty-two young men and young women, with some of the teachers, went into the field to place the truth, by means of our literature, in the hands of the people. They were successful in disposing of over \$5,600 worth of books. That is excellent. But even more excellent than that is the effect of it upon themselves. It would do you good to see them and hear them tell of it all. Many of them sold books enough to carry them through school for two years. Indeed it is found, and has been abundantly proved, that this is the easiest and the very best way for our young people to obtain the means to carry them through college. And we hope, and are endeavoring to have it so, that there shall be constantly in the field many of our young people thus

preparing for college, and at the same time publishing the truth of the grand message committed to us. We hope that at the close of school next year there shall go forth from the college and the Young People's Convention, a much larger number than there was this year, to do only a so much grander work. In addition to all this, the Conference Committee, in conference with the College Board and the teachers, has ascribed that at the close of the school year, each college teacher who is a preacher shall take with him two students of those who have made the best progress toward the ministry, and go into the field to preach the message. And all through the school year this is to be held before the students as an incentive to their putting forth their very best endeavors in preparation for the ministry.

Thus Healdsburg College is proving itself entirely worthy for the full confidence and hearty support of all the people. And to finish the sale of "Object Lessons" and so wipe out the old debt, is the worthy way in which *all* can just now help the college in the best way. All that shall be done in this way only helps the College to do its true work.

To all who have copies of "Object Lessons," yet unsold, there has been sent, and to all who have not yet taken their copies of "Object Lessons," there will be sent, on application, a leaflet to be handed out *with the book*, that will itself practically do the selling of the book. Please ask your librarian for them, or send to the Tract Society for them.

The church-school work is growing in strength and in the character of the work done. At the end of this school year the work of the church school will be finished for a considerable number of children in all parts of the conference. These children are not old enough, nor far enough advanced to go to college. Therefore *intermediate schools* must be established for carrying these forward in their education. There will be needed *three* of these

at the opening of the next school year: one in the Hanford, Armona, Fresno district; another somewhere in the Bay district; and the other in the Humboldt district. The people in each of these districts should begin to think *now* on this, to consult together where will be the best *place* for each school. Let each person in each district ask himself *not* where he wants the school, but where is the true place for it. With each of these three schools there must be a tract of land sufficient to give occupation to the students in gardening, fruit-growing, etc. Who will give this land in each place? There will be needed also, in each district, donations of money to buy the necessary material for the buildings and the planting. In the actual *work* of building and planting, let us have it that the students themselves, under competent leaders, shall do all the work that can possibly be done by them. For these must be schools of industry—schools in which industry and the industries shall be as truly taught as is book-study. Now, please, let each person in each of these districts begin to think on this, make it a constant study, until our annual camp-meeting next spring, begin now to save and to lay up money to be given to this enterprise in each district when it shall finally be decided to actually start it, so that when it shall be done it shall be done without debt. And then, at our next annual camp-meeting and conference, if by all this study and by thorough counsel, all things shall indicate that the time has fully come to "rise and build," it can be promptly done.

The people of this conference have done a good work in giving liberally in donations to other fields. *Now* just as good work can be done in giving liberally to build up the work in our home conference, where it is just as much needed to save and bring into the work of the Lord our now splendid young people, and train *them* to go forth to other fields. *Bear in mind* that this is not a decision to do all this. It is only a statement of a need

that is certain to come, and that is almost at the doors, so that when the time comes, *you*, to whom the deciding belongs, shall be ready to make the decision, and to make it wisely and effectually.

The abundance of crops all over the conference this year, and the good prices that have prevailed, make an abundance of means. This *ought* to largely increase the amount of the tithes to the conference treasury, if all are faithful in the payment of the tithe. So far, the tithe for the year holds equal to that of last year. In one average church of which we know, the regular tithe from the usual sources is considerably more than it was last year. This indicates that it ought to be so in at least *most* of the churches of the conference. I believe that it will be so as in the coming quarter the crops shall be finally disposed of and the money all received. Please, brethren and sisters, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith; saith the Lord." Do not slack in faithfulness in this. With the amount that you have bestowed in support of our workers in other fields, and the liberal support of the work in our home conference, I can not see how that it would be possible to devote your tithe more truly to its true purpose than is being done. This gives true encouragement to all to truly "bring all the tithes into the storehouse;" for you know that it is being truly devoted to its true purpose.

And now, dear brethren and sisters, be faithful. You know the good meetings that we have held over the greater part of the conference. You know the precious truth that was opened to us in our study of the Bible. Cherish that and all other truth. Let that truth reign in your lives. And so "I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

Alonzo T. Jones.

San Jose

The quarterly meeting just passed was a precious season for this church.

During the celebration of the ordinances the sweet spirit of the Lord came in to such a degree, that hearts were melted, and at the close of the service almost involuntarily, a praise service began, and several were on their feet at once, until nearly all had expressed thanks and renewed vows of consecration.

The business meeting in the evening was marked by harmony and despatch. Nearly all branches of the church work seem prosperous. Several have begun paying a second tithe, and one special feature worthy of mention is that they have ceased calling for collections on the Sabbath, except for some special foreign call. The effect of this upon the service is apparent. What we hope now to see is an increase in all lines of missionary work.

D. T. Fero.

English Camp-meeting

Undoubtedly it would seem rather strange to the readers of the "Recorder" to attend a camp-meeting where there were no small family tents. It seemed rather strange to some of us who were accustomed to large camps, in connection with such meetings. But in attending camp-meeting in England, we have tents for services and the people live in apartments while attending the meeting.

Our Leicester camp-meeting was held from July 31 to August 9. The weather was all that could be desired and we all felt that God had marvelously blessed us in this respect. Since the meeting we have had an abundance of rain and some rather cool weather.

A most excellent spirit pervaded the entire meeting, and many expressed themselves that it had been the best camp-meeting they ever attended. It was utterly devoid of the spirit of strife or confusion, and the Lord drew very near to His

people during the ten days' meeting. The conference business passed off without discord. The hearts of the people seem knitted together by the one great object of carrying the gospel to the people, and that without delay.

Eleven souls were baptized during the meeting, eight of these being new converts. Thus the Lord is leading one by one to fully identify themselves with the truth. Three of these persons had been converted through the effort in this city previous to the camp-meeting. One of these is now attending the school in London.

A feature of the meeting that deserves special mention was the dining tent. For some time prior to the meeting it was thought that it would be almost impossible to arrange for a dining tent, on account of the great cost. It is not so easy to arrange for such things in England, in some respects, as in America; however, it was finally decided that we would make the effort. We therefore arranged with one of the brethren who has had considerable experience in this line in the states, and every one expressed themselves as highly pleased with the results. Many people from Leicester availed themselves of the opportunity of testing the food usually eaten by Seventh-day Adventists, and were agreeably impressed with it. We believe that a good dining tent is a great help in our camp-meetings, for when it is properly conducted and is thoroughly representative, it adds much to the interest, and assists the people to get hold of the idea of healthful living.

The workers are all of good courage, feeling that the Lord is helping in the efforts that are put forth for the advancement of the message.

C. H. Castle.

The more earnestly you are at work for Jesus, the more you need times when what you are doing for Him passes totally out of your mind, and the only thing worth thinking of seems to be what He is doing for you.—Phillips Brooks.

From the Field

Since the latter part of August I have been attending camp-meetings in different sections of the Pacific Union Conference, beginning in Southern California. This meeting was held in Los Angeles, in a section of the city that has recently been opened to settlement and has been rapidly occupied. The attendance was all that could be desired from the standpoint of numbers, and apparently a good interest was manifested. The one objectionable feature and most serious drawback to the ultimate good of the meeting was the many business features that crowded upon the attention of the people. The brethren entered heartily into the consideration of the business of the conference, and an excellent spirit prevailed. A report of the meeting has already appeared in the "Recorder."

A long journey from the extreme southwestern portion of the conference to the northeastern was necessary in order to attend the last camp-meeting of the season, which was held in Montana. About twenty-five living tents were pitched in a beautiful spot at the edge of the town of Hamilton. The meeting began under rather discouraging circumstances, the weather being very stormy and disagreeable, but those in attendance were evidently there because they felt the need of the blessing of God.

The result was most excellent meetings from the very first. Before this meeting closed all the laborers of the conference were in attendance.

The principal feature of business that claimed the attention of the meeting was the conference school at Bozeman. This is an intermediate school, established about a year ago in temporary quarters; and supported by the contributions of the people. The work of the school was so satisfactory last year that the people are encouraged to secure a permanent location for it, and a committee was appointed to find a suitable tract of land.

On account of the meeting in British Columbia, I was obliged to leave Hamilton before this meeting closed.

The second annual meeting of the British Columbia Conference was held at the old capital of the province, New Westminster. It was hoped by those in charge of the work that a good attendance from the town would be had, and that a church would be established in this beautiful town, but the weather proved to be altogether too inclement. The result was that the few of our people present were about all the audience at any time. Much interest was taken, however, in the Bible studies, and all appeared to be greatly encouraged. A full report of this meeting has been promised. The conference showed a healthy growth in all lines.

On the way to the Utah Conference I had the privilege of attending the opening exercises of Walla Walla College, which was one of the most encouraging for a number of years, both in the point of numbers of students, and in the excellent spirit that seemed to prevail. While there, interesting meetings were held by the College Board and the Medical Society of the Upper Columbia Conference.

W. T. Knox.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Memorial Church, Washington

On September 23 a payment of one thousand three hundred dollars was made on the Memorial Church and only twelve hundred now remains to be paid. This church was purchased November 1, 1902, for \$12,900. Now that more than nine-tenths of the entire amount has been paid, we feel sure that all who have not yet given, as well as those who have, will unite in one last effort to close up this account before November 1, 1903.

Every state and territory in the United States, also Canada, British Columbia, the Hawaiian Islands, the West Indies, and England have contributed toward this memorial church. Now let us unite to "finish the work" immediately. Surely a year ought to be long enough in which to establish this first memor-

ial in the capital city of the last message that the way may be clear for the building of greater memorials of the same work—the Review and Herald publishing offices, the offices of the headquarters of the General Conference, a school and a sanitarium.

There may be some one who reads this appeal who will be able and anxious to send the whole amount still due at once. It may be that there are twelve readers of this paper who will send us \$100 each, but probably the larger part of the amount still due will be sent in in smaller sums from the many friends interested.

To those who fear that more than enough will be sent for this purpose I will say that any surplus above the needs of the memorial church building will be turned over to the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the Washington Seventh-day Adventist Sanitarium, etc. Once more I plead that this first work be finished at once, preparatory to the complete establishment of the work in our Nation's capital, a step which by the light of the spirit of prophecy, we know to be the beginning of the end, the immediate forerunner of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain, the finishing of the work and the coming of the King. Oh, let us hasten, for we are even now many years behind in this work.

All money in the hands of the tract society or conference treasurers, as well as personal donations, should be sent at once to the office of this paper or to J. S. Washburn, 1728 Fourteenth Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

In a testimony written July 5, 1903, are these words:

"Our brethren in Washington have been favored in finding properties suitable to use in carrying on various lines of our work. This is a fulfilment of the light given me, that in different sections of the country we should be able to secure, at low prices, properties that could be utilized for our institutional work. In Washington a few

months ago a meeting house, in good condition, and admirably adapted to the needs of our work, was offered for sale at a price much below its first cost, and was purchased by our people there. I am glad that this church is so nearly paid for.

"Again and again the Lord has presented Washington to me as a place that has been strangely neglected. In looking through my diaries I have found some things that I wrote more than twelve years ago in regard to the work in Washington, and the necessity of establishing there some memorial for God. The following was written March 12, 1891:—

"Nearly the entire day I have been entertaining visitors who desired counsel. Brother Robinson, superintendent of the New York and Washington district, came in company with Brother Wright to consult with me in regard to the advisability of building a church in Washington, D. C., combining a church, a mission home, and a reading room in one building, to cost probably twenty-five thousand dollars. They proposed to invite our brethren all over the field to give one hundred dollars each toward this enterprise.

"When we were in Washington during the week of prayer, I had made a similar suggestion to Elder Washburn, saying that as the situation appeared to me, important interests should be established in this city. I could see no better way of letting the light shine forth from the very seat of government, the capital of the nation. It seems strange that some memorial of present truth has not been established there before. I advised that a meeting house be built.

"The brethren of the Washington City church are poor, and while they will do all that they can, they are not able to carry the whole burden. The church must be located in a desirable part of the city. The purchase of a suitable lot and the erection of a plain but large, well-ventilated and skillfully-constructed

building—something that will stand as an object lesson of neatness and thoroughness—will require a considerable sum.’

“In my diary of 1898—fourteen years ago—I find precious matter in regard to entering new fields. I will quote a few paragraphs:—

“The commission given to the disciples is given to us, and to us also is promised the power promised to them—the power that they received on the day of Pentecost, when, like a rushing, mighty wind, the Holy Ghost came down and filled the room in which they were sitting. Under the influence of this power they went everywhere, preaching the word, and thousands were converted.’

“What a work might have been accomplished if we had done our duty years ago! Can we stand clear in the sight of God if we now fail to understand our duty? The Lord calls on us to awake to a realization of the opportunities presented before us to let our light shine in the city of Washington, by establishing there memorials that will hasten forward the proclamation of the third angel’s message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

“Let us take hold of the arm of infinite power. Let us walk humbly before God, but let us be giants in meeting discouragement and difficulty. We must have increased faith. Let us praise God. He is our strength, our shield, and our defense, our front-guard and our rearward.”

J. S. Washburn,
1728 Fourteenth St., N. W., Wash-
ington, D. C.

“I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.” Hosea 14:5.

“Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”

“The amount of strength we may receive from Christ is limited only by our willingness. His ability is greater than our desires.”

**SABBATH-SCHOOL
AND
YOUNG PEOPLE**

“Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens—Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh! abide with me.”

—Lyte.

Who Knows What Is Best

Our ideas of “good” and “bad,” “desirable” and “undesirable,” ordinarily pivot on our selfish interests considered from a very limited outlook. In a dry season, when water in the springs and streams is low, and the cattle thirst, and the mills can run at only half time or less, a heavy rain is welcomed as a good and desirable thing by those whose personal needs are thus supplied. Yet at that very time the farmer who has the grass lying freshly cut on his best meadows, and the father who is with his wife and children at a distance from his home in an open wagon without an umbrella, consider that first shower anything but good and desirable. And so it is with well-nigh every experience in life; we can not look at it apart from our personal and selfish interests. Is it not cause for gratitude on the part of all the world, ourselves included, that we can not choose as to God’s lesser or greater providences? Our Father knows what is good and desirable for all and each of His children, as they do not. “The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice.”—Sunday-school Times.

“Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.” Luke 6:36.

“Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” Rom. 14:12.

Making One’s Self Necessary

“If I were only necessary to somebody,” lamented a girl the other day, “I should have something to live for. But if I were to drop out of the world to-morrow, it would not make any real difference to any one.”

“But there is your father,” said an older friend.

“Yes; but he is away at his business all day, and often out of the city. Jane, our old cook, does the housekeeping, and he really could get along just as well without me. He is so wrapped up in his business, anyway, that he scarcely notices he has a daughter.”

“Is Jane’s housekeeping good?” asked the other.

“Not very. When father has to entertain his friends, he takes them to the club; but he would rather do that, anyway.”

“Well,” said her friend, “you are evidently making yourself as unnecessary as possible, my dear child.”

“What do you mean?”

“I mean that you are avoiding every opportunity you have, and they are many, of making yourself necessary to your father. You let a servant make the home instead of doing it yourself. You take the attitude that your father doesn’t notice you, when you ought to be noticing him instead. If I were you, Mabel—and I do not say this unkindly—I would put all thought of self away, and study the situation entirely from his side.

“I would make his home so comfortable and his table so dainty that he would be proud to bring his friends there, as I know he used to do. I would show myself loving and responsive always, even though your father is an undemonstrative man. I should even interest myself in his business, since he is so absorbed in it.

“But I think you would soon find that he has an interest in other things, too, that you have never tried to meet. I believe that in six months, by these simple means, you would make yourself so necessary to your father.”

with a twinkle of fun in her eye, "that Jane could never hope to equal you."

But Mabel did not smile. Truth is not always comfortable to hear. "I've had a new view of myself in your looking-glass, Mrs. Dashiell," she said; "and I don't believe I know how to be necessary to anybody. But, at any rate, I've got my eyes open to the reasons why." Then, as Mabel is an energetic girl, the next year will probably see a victorious rival to Jane fully developed in the little household.—Forward.

Culture Vs. Conversion

There are some people who put culture in the place of the new birth. Culture is certainly all right in its place, but culture will not admit any one into heaven.

Suppose I have a field of ground, and shall begin to plow it on the first day of April. First I plow it one way, then I plow it crosswise. Then I would plow it again, and harrow it, and roll it, and brush it, and cultivate it, working at it six days in the week from April to October.

My neighbor comes along and says: "Moody, what are you doing in that field?" "I'm cultivating it." "What! are you going to put nothing in it?" "I believe in a high state of cultivation."

My neighbor would laugh at me for my folly. Yet that is just what people are doing who are substituting culture for conversion. Unless the seed is sown in the field, its cultivation will amount to nothing. Unless the grace of God is planted in the heart, we can not see the kingdom of God. "Marvel not that I said unto you, Ye must be born again."—D. L. Moody.

"It takes close acquaintance with many other people to introduce us to ourselves."

"God never made a law without also making a penalty for its violation."

"What God wants is men great enough to be small enough to be used."

Individual Effort

Text: "He first findeth his own brother Simon." John 1:41.

"We ought to begin with those who are nearest at hand. The text has greatly impressed me, 'He first findeth his own brother.' This was the spirit of Jesus when He said, 'Begin at Jerusalem.' Many people have their eyes so uplifted that they fail to see the privilege lying at their feet. Many Christians have so large a conception of the field in which they think they ought to labor that they have left undone a thousand and one little things which God has placed just at their hand. We ought to begin at the center and work out; then we influence the whole circle. The most of us begin at the circumference and try to work in; in doing this, we influence just a little bit of territory round about it, and it is a narrow conception of service. If you say it is difficult to work with those with whom you live, then this is your condemnation. If because of your inconsistency or weakness you dare not speak, may this drive you to your knees to-day."

Influence

Every Christian is producing two sets of influences. Two currents of power issue from him, which set in motion the wheels of life around him.

One is the unconscious, involuntary influence of his real character; the other is the voluntary influence of what he consciously says and does, what he says and does for a special purpose. Now these two currents that flow from him may be opposed to one another. The character may be saying one thing and the lips and conduct another. A man preaches love to Christ and to men; but if his own heart and life are not saturated with this love, if it is not an experience in his own heart, he will preach in vain; for the language of his nature will be opposed to the language of his lips; the influence of his character will contra-

dict the influence of his words. The power of character arises from its truthfulness.—Hugh Macmillan.

Two Views

"I've only one life here to live," said a young man flippantly, "and I'm going to make the most of my time." He was first in every pleasure; he visited every country in search of new delights, and at the age of forty had burned the candle of his life at both ends and drifted out into eternity. Having lived for self, he had few mourners, and ere the grass was green above his last resting-place, he was forgotten.

"I've only one life to live here," said an earnest-faced young man, and his eyes looked out upon the world with all its needs, temptations, and suffering. "Only one life to live, so I must make the most of my time." Up and down the earth he traveled. The friendless found in him a friend, the sorrowing ones a comforter. The weak and hopeless ones were cheered, the tempted were strengthened, and the degraded lifted up and encouraged to better living.

After fourscore years of kindly, useful deeds, he, one day, with a smile, closed his eyes upon this world's scenes. His many friends came crowding round to take a last farewell. Through tearful eyes they looked, and saw God's peace upon the quiet face; the same gentle smile rested about the lips, and the willing, helpful hands were clasped across the quiet breast. How many loving words those lips had spoken! How many blessed deeds those hands had done!

And now, though many years have passed, his words and deeds are not forgotten, and over his grave fresh flowers bloom, planted by loving hands.

You and I have but one life to live here upon earth. What shall we make of it? The choice lies with us. Shall we live for self or for the Master?—Young People's Weekly.

Pray for the Prosperous

There is one hard thing to bear in this world, and that is prosperity. The fact that we do not feel it as a burden does not affect the truth that it is hard to carry it and stand upright. To be honest, generous, considerate, fair, magnanimous, in "prosperity,"—ah! this is not easy. Yet this it what it means to stand upright. Under a worldly prosperity one is in great danger of getting spiritually stoop-shouldered and weak-kneed. Pray for the prosperous!—S. S. Times.

There can be no pleasing speech without sturdy thought.

Royal, Oregon

The brethren and sisters here at Royal have for several years been considering the question of starting a church school. A number were deeply impressed that it was in accordance with God's will that we move out in this direction. Others were doubtful, some hesitated on account of scarcity of means, needful to carry on the work successfully. But the dear Lord led us on toward the light.

In August of 1901, Brother Pettit came here and visited among the people, presenting the necessity of church schools in the light of God's Word, as found in the Bible, and also the testimonies. A meeting appointed at the church was well attended. The spirit of the Lord was there. Hearts were touched and softened, and before the meeting was closed nearly all present decided it was God's will that we establish a school for our children wherein they might be taught and led in the straight and narrow way that leads to life eternal. A school board was elected and steps were immediately taken to secure the services of a capable teacher, consecrated to the Master's service. Such a teacher we found. We sought the Lord at every step and were desirous of knowing His will in every detail of the work in opening our school. The Lord prospered us and we had a good school of four months. There were

sixteen pupils enrolled, and only six days absence during the entire term. Last winter we had no school as no teacher was available. Plans are now being made to open a school in November to continue four or five months. Brother J. J. Westrup will be the teacher. We expect to include the ninth grade in our school work. There will probably be an enrollment of sixteen or more pupils.

Many of our neighbors, some of whom were bitterly prejudiced against this branch of our work until our previous term, express an interest in the school and say they think it a good plan to have a school where the welfare of the soul is considered, and wish us success in the undertaking.

When we have the most earnestly sought the Lord we have enjoyed the greatest blessings. Pray for us that we may walk humbly and carefully before God. Let us all be of good courage in the Lord, who is soon to appear in the clouds of heaven and gather home His faithful children.

Mrs. W. N. Wheeler.

What God Hath Wrought

The appended article is an extract from a private letter from Elder E. W. Farnsworth, of Australia, to Elder Rupert, and was published in the "Southwestern Union Record." Since it tells so much of what has been accomplished at the Avondale Industrial School in Australia, we believe it will be of interest to our readers, who are interested in industrial education:—

"Our school is in a prosperous year now. We have paid off \$7,500 of its indebtedness in the last year. We have about 130 students, and they are a good class of pupils. The farm produces about all that the school needs for food, except the one item of flour. We raise all the fruits that you do in Texas, besides oranges and lemons; and we also raise about all the things that grow in the more northern states. We have about one acre of tame blackberries, and

the students gathered sixty-five bushels from them this year, and they told all the poor neighbors to come and get the rest, and how many they carried off we do not know. They raised all the apples, pears, peaches, apricots, quinces, grapes, melons, squashes, pumpkins, sweet and Irish potatoes, corn and oats, that they could use, and some more than they needed. They had ten acres of oats which stood just about as high as my head, and I am not short. I should think it would yield at least eighty bushels to the acre. They will have about 400 bushels of corn, and I suppose that it will be worth about \$1.00 a bushel. They have taken 7,000 pounds of honey from the 164 stands of bees. The honey is worth from five to six cents a pound.

"There is another thing about which I wish to tell you, You know we have had a terrible drought in many parts of Australia, but during the last two years it has been nearly all over this continent. Over 40,000,000 sheep have perished, and how many thousands of cattle and horses I do not know, but hundreds of thousands of them; even the kangaroos and rabbits have died in unknown numbers. Well, in the midst of all this, our little farm where the school is situated, and a little spot about five miles in extent, has been green; and the daily paper at Sydney said it was the only green spot in all New South Wales, which was the truth; and it might have said in Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria. As a result of this great drought the state governments are feeding, and assisting in one way and another, thousands of people. The great bee man, who lives not many miles from our school, and has 300 stands of bees, did not take a pound of honey this year, and he told us that he would have to feed every stand he had to get through the winter, and you can well imagine that there are cattle and sheep all about our farm that are nothing but shadows. This is not only a picture of things about our school this year, but it was just or nearly so last year.

"I do not mean that the school

is getting rich or anything of the kind, but what I do mean is that it is evident that the good hand of God is over us and we do hereby rejoice. There are some things which make it difficult to describe the situation here in a brief letter. One item is this: When the school was located most of the brethren were not in favor of the place. The soil looked barren and bad, and to look at it, and compare with the soil of the western states of America, it was very poor indeed, and yet the angel of the Lord, who has been giving us counsel these many years, said that this was the place, and that the land would produce well if it was well cultivated; and so, on the strength of the counsel given, the school was located here, and when we put all this history together, it is a cause of great rejoicing to all of us.

"I tell you, there is vitality, and life, and power, in that blessed old promise, 'I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground.' 'And I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city; one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.' Amos 4:7. I believe that we shall see more and more of these things as we get hold of more faith in God, and do those things that He commands us to do. We have been greatly encouraged by the tokens of God's care over us in these respects."



Educational Convention

An educational convention was recently held at Healdsburg. The California Conference Committee, Healdsburg College Board, the College Faculty, and representatives from the Pacific Press and Sanitarium were present at this convention, and the various lines of work connected with the third angel's message were carefully considered, and plans laid which

will help greatly to advance the work. The conviction rested upon the hearts of all those present, that the time had come to do more thorough work than ever before in the lines of Christian education at Healdsburg College, for by this training in Christian education our young people will be fitted for the various lines of gospel work. A committee of five was appointed to take up the "Object Lesson" work and push it during the fall season. A committee was also selected to lay plans for the circulation of some book that may be chosen in behalf of our sanitariums. This book will not be put into the field before next June, and for this reason it is felt that earnest and energetic efforts should be put forth to finish the special work of selling "Object Lessons," so that the field will be clear to sell the book selected to lift the debt from our sanitarium.

In planning the work for the coming year in the college, it was decided to make some changes in the College Faculty that will tend to strengthen the educational work throughout the Union Conference. Professor M. E. Cady, who has been president of the Healdsburg College for the past four years, has been left free to do more work as Educational Secretary of the Pacific Union Conference. Although elected to this position nearly two years ago, it has been impossible for him to do much general work on account of being connected with a local institution. During the year to come he will spend his time between Walla Walla College, Healdsburg College, and Fernando College, and will aim to help the church-school superintendents in placing the church-school work on a better basis. Professor E. D. Sharpe has been chosen as president of the Healdsburg College Faculty, in the place of Professor M. E. Cady, and Professor H. G. Lucas has been elected vice-president of the College Faculty. Professor Cady still remains president of the Healdsburg College Board, and will devote a portion of his time to the Healdsburg school, aiding those who are called to carry new responsibilities. The Healdsburg

College Board has every reason to believe that the work as now reorganized will bring strength and power into the educational branch of the work.

All those desiring information regarding the Healdsburg College, or wishing to secure calendars, should address Professor E. D. Sharpe, President of the Healdsburg College.

Healdsburg College Board.

A Rare Opportunity to Attend School

We realize that there are a number of young men who are desirous of fitting themselves for usefulness in giving the last message of mercy to the perishing world, who have not the necessary means to defray expenses. Healdsburg College has therefore made provision to assist ten or fifteen such persons to secure an all-around education, mentally and physically, under the direction of competent instructors. Several young men have availed themselves of this opportunity and are securing such an education. The school is conducted in the following manner: The teachers and students spend one hour in study before breakfast, after which they saw, by machinery, and split wood until about twelve o'clock. After dinner they have one hour for recreation, then spend the remainder of the afternoon in school. At six o'clock lunch is served, and the evening is spent in study.

The few hours of faithful work pay tuition, board, room rent, laundry, light, and heating. Our offer is a splendid opportunity for young men of limited means, but possessing courageous hearts, to obtain a Christian education in exchange for honest labor to meet the necessary expenses, and build up the physical health for hard study.

Any young man wishing to avail himself of such an opportunity should write immediately to the undersigned for further information and arrangements before such privileges are gone.

E. D. Sharpe,
President Healdsburg College.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

The Graysville, Tenn., Sanitarium

So many of the friends of the cause in California became acquainted with the sanitarium at Graysville, Tenn., through the visit of Elder Kilgore and the writer last April, that I thought they might be interested in the progress of the work on this institution. I am glad to say though the work has gone slowly, yet, it has not entirely stopped since we first began it. I am sorry indeed that we can not report that it is ready for the reception of patients. The occasion of this is the lack of means with which to rush the work. While in California, we visited San Jose, Los Angeles, Fresno, Armona, Selma, St. Helena, Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, Oakland, San Francisco, Alameda, Sacramento, also Reno, Nev. At all these places we were cordially received and liberally remembered. Our cash donations amounted to about \$400, which was a great help to this needy institution. At each of these places pledges were made, aggregating about \$1,000. These pledges are not due until the first of next January. Notwithstanding this, several have paid their pledges, which has been a great help to our work. If others are prepared to do likewise, it will greatly assist us in completing the building.

We have the assurance that there are enough patients to fill the building, waiting to enter as soon as it is completed. If we had the means at our disposal, this much desired result could be brought about within sixty days.

It was not our privilege to visit all the churches in California, and none outside of that conference. Our request for assistance need not be confined to the above named churches, but all who read these lines are specially and personally

requested to favor us at their earliest convenience, with a remittance for the benefit of this institution. We can not tell you how thankful we would be, if we could complete this building at once, so as to occupy it before cold weather. It is now being plastered and if every one would, according to his ability, remember this work an article would soon appear announcing the opening of the institution.

Please send money, even though it be a small amount, to the Southern Conference Association, at Graysville, Tenn.

Smith Sharp,
Manager.

A Word about the St. Helena Sanitarium

The following interesting description of the sanitarium was written by a patient, E. A. Graham, a teacher from Cleveland, Ohio:—

St. Helena Sanitarium certainly has one of the most delightful locations imaginable. Nestling as it does, against the hillside, it commands an expansive sweep of the beautiful cultivated valley below. Here one finds nature in her happiest moods. Those who love her in wooded haunts, may climb the hills and penetrate into the canyons, where she is very prodigal with her treasures.

I have found no place in California more conducive to rest and renewed vigor for body and mind than the St. Helena Sanitarium. It is situated right in the heart of nature, and those who are not strong enough to ramble over the hills, and through the canyons may enjoy the lovely outlook from the wide verandas of the main building.

One can scarcely imagine so complete a change from the turmoil and demands of city life. Here the tired heart and brain may rest and gradually store up new vigor and strength for the burdens of life.

Added to the natural attractions of the place are the many comforts and conveniences of the sanitarium, and the devoted and efficient serv-

ices of physicians and nurses for those who need especial care and attention.

MISSIONARY WORK

Work Among the Veterans

At Yountville, nine miles from St. Helena, is situated the California State Veterans' Home. In this institution are about eight hundred men, many whose days of life are almost numbered, and all are well advanced in years.

Some months ago an effort was started to call the attention of these aged men to the salvation offered by our Saviour. A little company of workers began going down every other Sabbath to conduct a song service, distribute reading matter, and to become acquainted with the men. Those in charge of the Home freely gave their permission for us to hold services in the chapel, and have since done all in their power to cooperate with us.

At first the attendance was small, but has steadily increased, and now from sixty to one hundred attend regularly. After the song services had been held for some time, a number of those present signified a desire to have a Bible study in connection with the meetings. Since that time a line of Bible study has also been carried forward.

In the hall at the Veterans' Home, last Sabbath afternoon, about eighty men assembled at the bugle call for "religious service." After a few words of welcome by the leader, the opening song was sung, and followed by prayer. Then for half an hour the choir sang gospel songs of warning, entreaty, and invitation. The softening and subduing influence that filled the room gave evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Hearts were melted, and tears were seen in many eyes.

Elder M. H. Brown was present and spoke briefly of the love of Him who "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death." A strong appeal was made to the

veterans to show their gratitude to God, and loyally to serve the King of kings, to fight the good fight of faith, that they might lay hold on eternal life. The Spirit of God carried conviction to many hearts. In conclusion a familiar song was announced, and all were invited to join in the singing. After the benediction a little girl was stationed at each door to distribute literature to the men as they passed out. Many, however, lingered to shake hands with the workers, and to express to them their appreciation of the service.

The singers reassembled on the veranda of the hospital building, and sang to the men who were unable to attend the larger gathering. Doors were thrown open through which men could be seen reclining on their cots. After singing a few songs here, distributing literature, and speaking to these men, the company moved on into the building, entering one of the wards. Here the men were waiting in eager expectation.

It would be difficult to relate all the incidents that occur on every occasion, though they greatly cheer our hearts by revealing the fact that these men are receiving benefit from the songs, the talks, and the literature distributed by our workers.

Some time ago, one man said to one of our company, "Before you people came here to hold services, I used to spend nearly all my time in drinking and carousing. But I have now found a more profitable way to spend my spare time. I am reading some of the good books you have lent me." This man read "Desire of Ages" over and over, and then, thinking he must return it soon, began to write out page after page, that he might preserve it. Sister White heard of it, and sent a copy of the book to him. He was much pleased to receive it. Many others have told us that since these services have begun, they are trying to live better lives. Some of them expressed a desire to study the Bible further. Two weeks ago I went to the Home, and organized a class to meet on alternate Sabbaths, when the song services are not held.

This is a large missionary field. With our small company of workers we realize that at best our efforts must be very limited. We will be able to distribute and to use to good advantage as much literature, of the right character, as we can receive. The Lord has greatly blessed the feeble efforts we have put forth, and we believe that there are many souls in this Home who are accepting the light as it is pointed out to them.

Dores E. Robinson.

The Canvassing Work

Our canvassing work should not pattern after the world or its policy, any more than our schools, or our sanitariums, or printing houses should adopt the worldly policy. So many orders, so many visits, so many dollars and cents, the worldly policy says is success, hence anything short of that is a decided failure. But it is different with our work.

It must be remembered that ours is evangelistic canvassing, and its success does not depend upon how many orders are taken, how many visits made, and how many dollars received, but how much of the gentleness of Christ is manifested to the world in our work. "Thy gentleness hath made me great." And as the manifestation of gentleness in the earthly life of Christ made Him great, so it will make the evangelistic canvasser great in His work.

It should encourage the canvasser to remember that some of Christ's greatest victories were achieved through suffering and in darkness and apparent failures. But God notices the sparrow's needs, not one of them is forgotten. The lilies of the field are clothed, and are you not of more value than these? Not one act of kindness done will be forgotten. All will be remembered in the book of deeds done in the body.

A theoretical knowledge only in these lines will not be acceptable. The canvasser must have an experimental knowledge, a knowledge of God and His dealings with human hearts. The canvasser

needs to study the lives of the apostles. He must, like Paul, know how to abound and how to be abased; "both to be full and to suffer need," and with full assurance be able to say, My God will supply all my need.

Just now God is asking us to publish to a fallen world the power of the gospel which is salvation to every one that believeth. My brother and my sister, what is there to hinder you from joining the "great company" of them who are publishing the Word?

Charles N. Miller.

What Are We Doing to Save Our Neighbors?

I met a canvasser in the state of Wisconsin, who said that he met a lady who was very sad. He inquired of her why she was so sad, and she pointed to some ashes not far distant, and asked if he saw them. He said, "Yes." "Well," she said, "that is the place where our home stood, but it is burned down." The canvasser responded that even though the house was burned, the Lord could prepare a better home than that one had been. He who came here to die had risen again, and had gone to heaven to prepare beautiful mansions for those that love Him.

The lady said she did not feel so sad because the house was burned, but because her son was burned to ashes with the house. She stated that they had rented the first story to a family, while they themselves occupied the second story. One night the house took fire. The family in the lower story discovered the fire, but were so much concerned in saving their furniture that they did not attempt to awaken the family in the second story. They succeeded in getting out every piece of their furniture. None of their belongings were destroyed in the fire.

Some of the neighbors saw the fire. They ran to the place and enquired if the family in the sec-

ond story were awake. The others answered that they did not know, as they had been trying to save their furniture from the flames. They had no time to see about that. By calling loudly, one of the neighbors awakened the family above. The mother grasped two of the children in her arms, and the father took two more, and told another, a boy, to take hold of his clothes and follow him. As they opened the door the smoke and fire rushed into the room, and the little boy ran back.

When they had reached the ground, the mother enquired if all were safe. The father said he thought so. Suddenly there was a cry heard in the flames. It was the voice of little Willie, who had run back. No help could be rendered him, so he perished in the flames. This is what broke this poor mother's heart.

Who was responsible for the death of this child? Were not the people who were so busy with their furniture that they could not find time to awaken the family in the second story? Reproach and shame falls on them for this great crime. Their furniture was of more value to them than the life of an innocent child; yes, than the lives and happiness of an entire family.

The great day of the Lord is right upon us. Soon Jesus will come. The heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. What are we doing to save our fellow-men from destruction? Are we so busy and so absorbed in the cares of this life that we can not spare a little of our time or earthly treasure to save them? Can we not spare ten cents a week to give the gospel to a perishing world? The brethren in Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Manitoba have decided to give ten cents a week per member in order to carry the message of Christ's soon coming to the world. Shall the rank and file of our peo-

ple fall in and make a united effort? We believe that they will do this. If each member did this, the Mission Board would have money to send more workers into the field, as well as support those already in the field.

If we fail to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, souls will be charged up to us because we let them perish. The blood of souls will be found on our garments. Why should we be so absorbed with our trinkets, which are but for a moment, and let souls for whom Christ died perish? May God forbid, and may every Seventh-day Adventist fall into line and do his duty to carry the work to a glorious success. Ten cents per week from each member will make over three hundred thousand dollars for foreign missions every year besides what is now being given.—F. H. Westphal, in Central Advance.

Our Canvassing Work

The canvassing work in Western Washington is gradually being built up. We have at present twelve canvassers in the field, and expect more to enter the work for the winter season. Most of our canvassers are formed into a company. We live as a family with one of our sisters as housekeeper, and thus a home is provided for our workers. We find the "company" plan more pleasant and encouraging than canvassing alone. We expect to canvass Tacoma and Seattle this winter. We are handling, chiefly, "The Great Controversy."

A school for the benefit of our canvassers will be held in Tacoma, beginning October 15. Elders Stewart and Watson will give Bible instruction every morning. The evenings will be spent in studying the books we are handling. All who can should avail themselves of this opportunity to receive a preparation for missionary work. We find so many visionary doctrines, as well as so much of infidelity, that it is more difficult to handle our publications

now, than it has been in the past. But there are waiting souls longing for light and truth, and the Spirit of God enables the canvasser to supply these souls. In many ways the canvassing work is difficult and trying, and it requires Christian courage and a resolute determination to succeed.

Our canvassers are of good courage, and, by the aid of the Spirit of God, are placing many of our good books in the homes of the people.

Lee Moran.

309 Second Avenue, N. Seattle.

"Over \$600 Worth of Orders"

We are in receipt of an encouraging letter from one of our student canvassers, Brother W. D. Workman.

He says, "I have now closed my canvass for this year. Will commence my delivery at ——. The Lord has blessed me abundantly in my canvassing, and my heart is full of praise to Him. In God alone is strength to succeed in His service. By His help I have been able to take over \$600 worth of orders in about seven weeks' time. A great deal of this time was spent in traveling about, as you can see by the number of hours I have worked.

I am very thankful to you for the promptness with which you filled my orders. It is a great deal better to have the books waiting for me, than for me to wait for the books.

I ask an interest in your prayers that God may still bless me in His service."

The foregoing is a fair sample of the many encouraging letters received from our student canvassers.

Are there not others who would like to enter this blessed work. Write us freely regarding your choice of book, territory, etc. Address, California Tract Society, 306 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Cal.

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Secretary.

He who thinks his place below him will certainly be below his place.—Saville.

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Brother T. G. Johnson, of the Montana Tract Society, has been called to connect with the publishing house to be established at College View, for the purpose of carrying forward the circulation of our books in the foreign languages. He will enter upon his duties in a short time.

The St. Helena Sanitarium is enjoying quite a fair degree of patronage this fall. The advantages of the institution are being sought by those who are in need of help physically, and the large family of physicians and nurses are doing all they can to render the assistance desired.

The article which appears in our church department, from Elder Healey, presents some thoughts on organization, which are drawn from the record given concerning the apostolic church. These ideas were adopted in part, and set forth in the resolutions passed at the Southern California Conference, and published in our last number.

A Card of Thanks

The following is taken from a letter just received from E. W. Snyder, Buenos Aires, South America. The friends in California, who contributed the fruit mentioned, will be glad to know that it has been appreciated.

"On behalf of our school in Entre Rios and our workers here, I take the opportunity to thank through you the donors of the twenty-six boxes of dried fruit

which we received in good condition in June.

The freight from Valparaiso, which we paid, was \$18.30, and this amount, together with duties, etc., made the fruit cost us about nine cents a pound. However, as this is less than half what the fruit would cost us in the market of Buenos Aires, we are thankful for it. In fact, the high duties on California fruit here brings it only within reach of the rich."

E. W. Snyder.

Special Notice—A Correction

In the last issue of the "Recorder" there was an advertisement of the special number of the "Signs of the Times" on the subject of "Capital and Labor," which is to be issued early in November. In describing the paper and giving the price, it was stated that it would contain thirty-six pages, including cover, and retail at ten cents.

Since that time the publishers have received word from the brethren in council in Washington, D. C., approving the plan and giving assurance of their hearty cooperation, but urging that the number of pages be reduced so that the retail price can be placed at five cents per copy, instead of ten.

After careful consideration it has been decided to comply with this request, so this special number of the "Signs" will contain twenty-four pages, including cover, instead of thirty-six, and the retail price will be five cents per copy.

Five to twenty copies four cents per copy.

Twenty-five or more copies to one address, three cents each.

No doubt many would like to have the paper sent direct from the office of publication to friends, and thus save wrapping, addressing, etc. To such the publishers offer to mail direct from the office to lists of names furnished at the following rate:—

1 to 20 copies, 5 cents each,
25 to 99 copies, 4 cents each.
100 or more copies, 3½ cents each.

This price includes addressing, wrapping, and postage.

In reducing the number of pages the paper will not be cheapened in the least. The illustrations will remain substantially the same. Only the subject matter will be condensed. But the ground will be well covered, and the truth presented in clear lines.

One of the striking illustrations will be a double-page insert, grouping together views of the Labor Parade in the large cities of this country, as held on September 7. This, taken in connection with the cover design, showing Capital and Labor striving together for the mastery and overriding the masses, will be enough to sell the paper at sight.

The readers of the "Recorder" will be glad to learn that the publishers of the "Signs of the Times" have decided to donate one-half the profits of this special issue to the Foreign Mission Board, for the purpose of carrying the truth to the regions beyond.

C. H. Jones.

Missionary Conventions in Western Oregon

A series of Missionary Conventions will be held in the Western Oregon Conference according to the following schedule:—

Portland, November 7 and 8.
McMinnville, November 14 and 15.
Salem, November 21 and 22.
Ashland, November 28 and 29.
Grants Pass, December 5 and 6.
Roseburg, December 12 and 13.
Eugene, December 19 and 20.

Further information regarding these important meetings will be furnished later through the "Recorder," and also by letter to the churches, as to program, work to be done, churches to attend at these respective places, etc., etc. We wish by this to call the attention of our people to these meetings so that all can be laying plans to attend. Now is the time to be doing missionary work.

F. M. Burg,
Pres. W. Oregon Conference.