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

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Take Up Thy Cross

"Take up thy cross," the Saviour said
"If thou wouldst My disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after Me."

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ;
Nor think till death to lay it down;
Or only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.
—C. W. Everest.

Lessons from the Past

As Noah's descendents increased in number, apostasy soon manifested itself. Those who desired to forget their Creator, and to cast off the restraint of His law, decided to separate from the worshippers of Jehovah. Accordingly they journeyed to the plain of Shinar, on the banks of the River Euphrates. Here they decided to build a city, and in it a tower which should be the wonder of the world. This tower was to be so high that no flood could rise to the top, so massive that nothing could sweep it away. Thus they hoped to secure their own safety, and make themselves independent of God.

God had directed men to disperse throughout the earth, to replenish and subdue it; but these tower-builders determined to keep their community united in one body, and to found a monarchy which should eventually embrace the whole earth.

Among the men of Babel there

were living some who feared God, although they had been deceived by the pretensions of the ungodly and drawn into their schemes. These men would not join this confederacy to thwart the purposes of God. They refused to be deceived by the wonderful representations and the grand outlook. For the sake of these loyal ones, the Lord delayed His judgments, and gave the ungodly time to reveal their true character. But the great majority were fully united in their heaven-daring undertaking. They heeded not the counsel of the Lord, but strove to carry out their own purposes.

This confederacy was born of rebellion against God. The dwellers on the plain of Shinar established their kingdom for self-exaltations, not for the glory of God. Had they succeeded, a mighty power would have borne sway, banishing righteousness, and inaugurating a new religion. The world would have been demoralized. The mixture of religious ideas with erroneous theories would have resulted in closing the door to peace, happiness, and security. These suppositions, erroneous theories, carried out and perfected, would have directed minds from allegiance to the divine statutes, and the law of Jehovah would have been ignored and forgotten. Determined men, inspired and urged on by the first great rebel, would have resisted any interference with their plans or their evil course. In the place of the divine precepts they would

have substituted laws framed in accordance with the desires of their selfish hearts, in order that they might carry out their purposes.

But God never leaves the world without witnesses for Him. At the time of the first great apostasy after the flood, there were men who humbled themselves before God, and cried unto Him. "O God," they pleaded, "interpose between Thy cause and the plans and methods of men." "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower [the great idol building], which the children of men builded." Angels were sent to bring to naught the purpose of the builders. The tower had reached a lofty height, and it was impossible for the workmen at the top to communicate directly with those at the base; therefore men were stationed at different points, each to receive and report to the one next below him the orders for needed material, or other directions regarding the work. As messages were thus passing from one to another, the language was confounded, so that material was called for which was not needed, and the directions received were often the reverse of those that had been given. Confusion and dismay followed. All work came to a standstill. There could be no further harmony or co-operation. The builders were wholly unable to account for the strange misunderstandings among them, and in their rage and disappointment they reproached one another. Their confederacy ended in strife and bloodshed. Light-

nings from heaven broke off the upper portion of the tower, and cast it to the ground. Men were made to feel that there is a God who ruleth in the heavens, and that He is able to confuse and to multiply confusion, in order to teach men that they are only men.

God bears long with the perversity of men, giving them ample opportunity for repentance; but He marks all their devices to resist the authority of His just and holy law.

Up to this time men had spoken the same language; now those that could understand one another's speech united in companies; some went one way, and some another. "The Lord scattered them abroad from thence, upon the face of all the earth." In our day the Lord desires that His people shall be dispersed throughout the earth. They are not to colonize. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." When the disciples followed their inclination to remain in large numbers in Jerusalem, persecution was permitted to come upon them, and they were scattered to all parts of the inhabited world.

For years messages of warning and entreaty have been coming to our people, urging them to go forth into the Master's great harvest fields, and labor unselfishly for souls.

From testimonies written in 1895 and in 1899 I copy the following paragraphs:—

"True missionary workers will not colonize. God's people are to be pilgrims and strangers on the earth. The investments of large sums of money in the building up of the work in one place is not in the order of God. Plants are to be made in many places. Schools and sanitariums are to be established in places where there is now nothing to represent the truth. These interests are not to be established for the purpose of making money, but for the purpose of spreading the truth. Land should be secured at a distance from the cities, where schools can be built up in which the youth can be given

an education in agricultural and mechanical lines.

"The principles of present truth are to become more widespread. There are those who are reasoning from a wrong point of view. Because it is more convenient to have the work centered in one place, they are in favor of crowding everything together in one locality. Great evil is the result. Places that should be helped are left destitute.

"What can I say to our people that will lead them to follow the course that will be for their present and future good? Will not those in Battle Creek heed the light given them by God? Will they not deny self, lift the cross, and follow Jesus? Will they not obey the call of their Leader to leave Battle Creek, and build up interests in other places? Will they not go to the dark places of the earth to tell the story of the love of Christ, trusting in God to give them success?

"It is not God's plan for our people to crowd into Battle Creek. God says: 'Go work to-day in My vineyard. Get away from the places where you are not needed. Plant the standard of truth in towns and cities that have not heard the message. Prepare the way for My coming. Those in the highways and hedges are to hear the call.'

"God will make the wilderness a sacred place as His people, filled with the missionary spirit, go forth to make centers for His work, to establish sanitariums where the sick and afflicted can be cared for, and schools where the youth can be educated in right lines."

"It has been urged that there were great advantages in having so many institutions in close connection; that they would be a strength to one another, and could afford help to those seeking education and employment. This is according to human reasoning; it will be admitted that, from a human point of view, many advantages are gained by crowding so many responsibilities in Battle Creek; but the vision needs to be extended."

Notwithstanding frequent counsels to the contrary, men continued to plan for centralization of power, for the binding of many interests under one control. This work was first started in the Review and Herald Office. Things were swayed first in one way and then in another. It was the enemy of our work who prompted the call for the consolidation of the publishing work under one controlling power in Battle Creek.

Then the idea gained favor that the medical missionary work would be greatly advanced if all our medical institutions and other medical missionary interests were bound up under the control of the Medical Missionary Association at Battle Creek.

I was told that I must lift my voice in warning against this. We were not to be under the control of men who could not control themselves, and who were not willing to be amenable to God. We were not to be guided by men who want their word to be the controlling power. The development of the desire to control has been very marked, and God sent warning after warning, forbidding confederacies and consolidation. He warned us against binding ourselves to fulfil certain agreements that would be presented by men laboring to control the movements of their brethren!

AN EDUCATIONAL CENTER.

The Lord is not pleased with some of the arrangements that have been made in Battle Creek. He has declared that other places are being robbed of the light and advantages that have been centered and multiplied in Battle Creek. It is not pleasing to God that our youth from all parts of the country should be called to Battle Creek, to work in the sanitarium, and to receive their education. When we permit this, we are often guilty of robbing needy fields of their most precious treasure.

Through the light given in the Testimonies, the Lord has indicated that He does not desire students to leave their home

schools and sanitariums to be educated in Battle Creek. He instructed us to remove the college from this place. This was done, but the institutions that remained failed of doing what they should have done to share with other places the advantages still centered in Battle Creek. The Lord signified His displeasure by permitting the principal buildings of these institutions to be destroyed by fire.

Notwithstanding the plain evidences of the Lord's providence in these destructive fires, men have not hesitated to stand before their brethren in council meetings, and make light of the statement that these buildings were burned because men had been swaying things in directions which the Lord could not approve.

Principles have been perverted. Men have been departing from right principles, for the promulgation of which these institutions were established. They have failed of doing the very work that God ordained should be done to prepare a people to "build up the old waste places" and to stand in the breach, as represented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. In this scripture the work we are to do is clearly defined as being medical missionary work. This work is to be done in all places. God has a vineyard, and He desires that this vineyard shall be worked unselfishly. No parts are to be neglected. The most neglected portion needs the most wide-awake missionaries to do the work portrayed in the following scripture:—

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? . . . Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring

of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."

For His own name's sake God will not permit the froward and independent to carry out their unsanctified plans. He will visit them for their perversity of action. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." But I am instructed to say that in His judgments the Lord will remember mercy. He declares:—

"I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him; I hid Me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him."

The spirit of My people should fail before Me, saith the Lord, if I were to deal with them in accordance with their perversity. They could not endure My displeasure and My wrath. I have seen the perverse ways of every sinner. He who repents and does the works of righteousness, I will convert and heal, and restore unto him My favor.

Concerning those who have been deceived and led astray by unconsecrated men, the Lord says: "Their course of action has not been in accordance with My will; yet, for the righteousness of My own cause, for the *truth's sake*, for the sake of those who have preserved their fear and love of God. I, who create the fruit of the lips, will put My message in the lips of those who will not be perverted. Although some may be deceived and blinded in their ideas

of men and the purposes of men, I will heal every one who honors My name. All the penitent of Israel shall see of My salvation. I, the Lord, do rule, and I will fill with praise and thanksgiving the hearts of all who are nigh and far off, even all the penitent of Israel who have kept My ways."

"Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Ellen G. White.

Trust in God.

(Selected from the Testimonies.)

"God's people are tempted and tried because they can not see the spirit of consecration and self-sacrifice to God in all who manage important interests, and many act as though Jesus were buried in Joseph's new tomb, and a great stone rolled before the door. I wish to proclaim with voice and pen, Jesus has risen! He has risen! He is a living Saviour, the Head of the church. He is the Good Shepherd. The sheep follow Him, for they know His voice. And a stranger will they not follow."

"When things become entangled, and can not be easily adjusted, we are not to lose heart and courage and faith, and talk doubts and unbelief. Discouragement will spread and become as a deadly malady. Again and again during the last forty years of our experience we have been brought into strait places, but the Lord's own power, not human philosophy or wisdom, set things straight. The Lord made His voice to be heard, guarding against rebellion, the seeds of which are sown in the hearts that are not right with God. It is the Lord that has saved us from rebellion and apostasy. We can not fail as long as we hope and trust in God."

"By precept and example encourage faith, confidence, assurance. This is the work of the Comforter, and it is your work to co-operate with God's agencies. A

discouraged man can do nothing to uplift others. A discouraged church can only sow doubts, complaints, and disaffection. Let all this be cleansed from us. Cease looking to the darkness; look to the light; rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Show that you trust in God to work with His mighty agencies for the upbuilding of His cause, the spread of His truth. Let every ear be sanctified to hear aright; let every eye be sanctified to see aright; let the tongue be sanctified to speak aright, and the heart have the treasures of goodness and love, for out of it are the issues of life."

Perfect Love

Life is another thing when once a great love has entered it. Who has not known how love turned pain to pleasure and made sacrifices sweet? Love never talks of crosses and of losses. It calls its losses gains and its crosses crowns. "For my sake" makes even death a delight. When we so love the Lord with all the heart, then to follow Him fully is our own choice. There comes an end to all mere theoretical consecration, in which we recognize solemnly the claims of God and pass on our own way. There comes an end, also, to all testing of ourselves by suppositions of future claims.

But another work begins—the constant cultivation of the conscience to see those claims. It is a little thing for love to respond to an uttered wish. It studies and anticipates the pleasure of the beloved. The loving heart escapes a thousand difficulties which others meet, and a truly devoted life is not often puzzled by details of duty. Such perplexities are often the simple result of a discordant will, seeking at once to please itself and avoid displeasing God. The soul that so loves walks in holy law, but moves in perfect freedom. When the Lord has enlarged the heart, then it "runs" in the way of his commandments.—Selected.

"A forgiven state is a forgiving state."

THE FIELD

Wales.

The Lord is with us, and the work is well started at Swansea, which is the second largest city in Wales, having about 100,000 inhabitants. There has been a small company of our people here for some years.

The present interest is being developed largely by work done for and with "Present Truth" readers. Those who manifest any measure of interest are invited to cottage meetings held in different parts of the city. These meetings vary in character from Bible-readings to preaching services. A note-book is furnished to every one who attends our meetings, and they are quite generally used to take notes of the Bible-readings or other services. We now have a hall for the Sabbath meetings.

A very earnest young Dane and his wife have just taken a firm stand for the Sabbath truth. Although not yet twenty-five years of age, he has been assistant in a Danish mission here, and is quite a preacher in his native tongue. He has also interpreted for me while speaking to some Danish young men. His heart is already burdened to preach the truth in Denmark, so he will probably attend one of our schools to prepare for this work. Both he and his wife are at present canvassing. He will work particularly among the sailors for awhile, selling our books in English, German, and Danish.

A canvassers' meeting is held once a week, and is a most profitable and encouraging meeting. Different ones are being trained for our various books, and the details of successful canvassing are studied and practiced. God is bringing blessing and power into the work here.

The Lord distinctly directed my mind toward Swansea, and burdened me with the situation before I came, and He is now rewarding obedience with blessing and success.

Before I left Cardiff, each mem-

ber of the company there received a note-book, and took down about a dozen Bible-readings. Several have volunteered to give readings in their homes on the evenings when no meetings are held in the hall. The Cardiff church has gone steadily forward, and their tithe has doubled. We send them a letter every week, with instructions and encouraging items about our work here, and they in return offer up special prayer for us. Thus more blessing and power is given us from the Lord.

Brethren and sisters of America, pray for us, that God will give victory.

Walter Halliday.
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Washington, D. C., Memorial Church.

The anniversary of the purchase of our church passed, leaving about \$400 still due. The debt now stands at \$311; but money is now coming in quite rapidly, and we hope all will be paid within the next few days.

One interesting feature of this work of paying for this first "memorial for God" in the capital city has been the large number of aged veterans in the work who have sent in contributions. Among these are a sister of eighty years, the widow of one of the ministers who first used tents in our ministerial work, old soldiers in soldiers' homes, from inmates of the Battle Creek Home for old people, and many others. Some have sent quite large contributions, and have made real sacrifices in order to do so.

Among these there seems to be a united belief that the move to Washington of the headquarters of our work means that the end of the journey is in sight. Is there anything more pathetic than the joy that brightens the aged eyes, so long strained to behold the eternal dawn—some of those who had almost lost hope of living to see the glorious day? This same joy has thrilled every loyal soldier of the message at the marvelous leadings of God during the last few months in this great step—the joy of the warrior who sees through the conflict certain victory. Whence this

universal thrill of joy that has pulsed through the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists?—It is of God, the touch of the Spirit which is the earnest, the foretaste, of the purchased possession, the blessed land of eternal light.

I shall never forget the many touching letters from those who have truly given the "widow's two mites." A tiny parcel, containing nineteen cents, dated October 30, had enclosed these words: "I am a poor man, and have not much money, but I read the testimony, and wished to have that blessing for my own. So I send every cent I have at the present time or can get hold of. God bless you and the work. You need not reply, as it will cost a stamp, and God knows it. A Friend." Surely those who thus sacrifice will not lose their reward.

After the church is free from debt, and the expense of the baptistry, alterations, etc., is met, as explained in the last "Review," in manner satisfactory to the General Conference officers located here, the surplus will be turned at once into the fund for establishing institutions located here, so that nothing will be lost. If the Lord should move on some one to send \$1,000, the balance above the needs of the memorial church would be used at once to help build a lighthouse here from which the light would shine out to all the world. A sure foothold would be given to the workers here, that with strong hand and sure aim the life-line might be thrown out to souls perishing, even to the ends of the earth.

The church here is not simply receiving. It has given largely, and some have not yet fully recovered from the effort made at the first, and more will yet be given by the local church, which is deeply grateful to God and to the many friends who have helped establish this monument of the third angel's message in the nation's capital.

J. S. Washburn.

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John Ruskin had one word inscribed upon his seal: "TO-DAY."

WESTERN OREGON

Items

Sister Ruby Roberts is teaching a family school at The Dalles. The father of this family, though not an Adventist, does all he can to encourage her in her work, and she is encouraged with the outlook.

The schoolroom in the basement of the new church at Roseburg is completed, and is now occupied by the Sabbath-school and other meetings. It is expected to open a church-school there very shortly. The rest of the building will soon be finished and ready for dedication. The Lord has surely blessed the faithful little company at Roseburg in their untiring efforts to erect there this monument of the truth.

Elder Westrup, who is teaching the church-school at Royal, sends us very encouraging reports. The school opened with fourteen pupils enrolled, and six more soon to enter, who are at present hindered by sickness. And, while Brother Westrup is teaching this school, he is also on the alert in missionary work in that part of the field, holding meetings and Bible-readings, and visiting as often as he can. He reports some very encouraging prospects in places that have been considered "abandoned." Writing of his school, he says: "We have a neat schoolroom, with plenty of room, good seats, sufficient blackboard, and other conveniences. I enjoy the school work, and the scholars enjoy the studies. What an advantage it is to teach in the country! The scholars are all good natured, open hearted, and receptive of the truth. Not one is stubborn or causes any trouble. We believe that God's blessing will rest upon the school all through the term as it rested upon us this last week."

Elder C. J. Cole reports the baptism of four candidates at Corvallis recently. The Christian Church kindly granted the use of their meeting-house for the service. Brother Cole's courage is good in the work of seed-sowing.

Elder R. D. Benham recently

made a visit to Independence, where the little church is holding aloft the banner of truth and struggling against fierce opposition by the enemy. He reports triumph for some of the souls who have been the object of Satan's special attack, and much rejoicing in the victories gained. "The Lord knoweth them that are His."

Elder Starbuck has been working for some time at manual labor, building a house for Elder Decker near the Portland Sanitarium. He has moved his family from his home on Everett Street to Central Addition, where he has built a new house. Elder Benham has also recently built in the same neighborhood.

A new class of nurses has been installed at the Portland Sanitarium. The class numbers about fifteen. May these young men and young women become truly workers for God.

Elder J. M. Cole, who has been asked to take the oversight of the canvassing work in Western Oregon, in the place of Brother Johnson, who has gone to the Southern field to labor, was in Portland a few days ago. He made a visit recently to Tillamook County, in the interests of the book work. He thinks that is an excellent field for a good, live man. Who is the man that will step into this opening just now? NOW IS THE TIME.

Brother B. C. Tabor was with us at the missionary convention in Portland, Sabbath and Sunday. He has recovered from his attack of typhoid fever, and says his health has not been better for some time. He reports some prospects for fruit from his work at The Dalles.

Dr. Simmons, who went to Washington to attend the meeting of the General Conference Council, will remain East for a few weeks to improve this opportunity for post-graduate study. Mrs. Simmons left Portland about a week ago to join her husband and to take a few weeks of much-needed rest.

Prof. F. S. Bunch reports a very

encouraging "looking up" in the school work at Gravelford. He is not sparing himself in his efforts to make this work a success and just what God would have it.

Reports of people embracing the truth in their respective fields come from Elders Black and Webster. Brother Black has been some months in Myrtle Point, and has hopes of seeing a good church established there. It is this "sticking to it" that brings success. Elder Webster has settled in his work at Eugene for the winter. He is gaining steadily in health, and is of good courage in the Master's work.

Elder Wyman has bought a home at New Era, about six miles from Oregon City, having sold his place at Hood River. His health does not permit him to continue in the work in a public way.

There is a great stir in the camp. The people in the various churches are swinging into line for the circulation of the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs," and also to finish up the "Christ's Object Lessons" work in this conference. At the missionary convention which was held in Portland last Sabbath and Sunday, both these lines of work received special attention, and it was truly good to see the real missionary spirit that so many evinced. The "Object Lessons" work evidently has not lost its interest for the people in the Western Oregon Conference. It seemed to be the unanimous sentiment that we should arise and finish the work. This we want to do, and are aiming for it, and, with co-operation and consecration, coupled with faith in God, we shall soon accomplish the end.

The canvassing work in this conference is not by far what it ought to be. It is not the fault wholly of the canvassing agent, and not that of the field, for it is among the best. What is the trouble? Will some one answer the question? Who that reads this will answer an urgent call to give himself to this work of circulating our books, a work concerning which the Lord has so often spoken? He

has said to us recently through the Spirit of Prophecy that the canvassing work is to be revived. Shall God use you to bring about this much-to-be-desired change?

The Portland Sanitarium Food Company is contemplating building a factory soon, as the business has wholly outgrown the quarters which are at present occupied by the plant.

Elder Burg and Brother G. W. Pettit are planning on attending all of the series of conventions that are to be held in this conference. Much good is expected to follow these meetings.

We are sorry indeed to announce the sad news of the death from smallpox of our conference treasurer, Brother Wm. S. Nelson. He was afflicted with a very malignant form of the disease, and succumbed to it Sabbath morning, October 31. See obituary notice in another column. Miss Nellie Nelson, his daughter, has been elected by the conference committee to the office of treasurer.

A meeting of the incorporators of the Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called for Wednesday evening, November 18, at seven o'clock, in the conference office at 201 Second Street, Portland, Ore., for the purpose of organizing the corporation and adopting by-laws. Full reports in regard to these matters will be given later.

November 11.

Obituary

NELSON.—Wm. S. Nelson died at Portland, Ore., on Sabbath morning, Oct. 31, 1903. This sudden call from our midst of a Christian brother and fellow-laborer has brought a sadness to us that only the hope of the resurrection and the reasons which we have to believe that he sleeps in Jesus can assuage.

Brother Nelson was born in Palmyra, Lenawee County, Mich., July 6, 1837. He resided in Michigan until over two years ago, when he moved from his home in Cedar Lake to Portland, Ore.

Last spring his companion, who had walked with him for forty-three years, was suddenly taken from him by death. Since then he, with three of his daughters, has lived in this city, until he was unfortunately seized with a very malignant form of smallpox, which proved fatal. Though isolated from his family, and with a prospect of a fatal outcome, his courage and hope were unshaken. He said very feelingly to some of us who visited him at the Isolation Hospital, "I have trusted all to Christ." His attendants say that he passed away quietly and peacefully.

Of his family of eleven daughters, six survive him to mourn their loss. The blessed hope sustains them. We laid Brother Nelson to rest by the side of his wife on Sunday morning, in the Lone Fir Cemetery, a few friends only gathering at the grave. On Sabbath, November 7, a memorial service was held in the East Portland church, conducted by the writer. Text, Job 14:10-15.

F. M. Burg.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

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We began meetings in the new tabernacle October 11, and have continued, with fair attendance, four times a week. We are also holding cottage meetings nearly every night when there are none at the tabernacle. By visiting from house to house, and loaning tracts, we are seeking out the Scandinavians. Some seem to be very glad to get good reading matter, while others have already decided against the truth and will have nothing to do with God's message for this time.

We are located between four Scandinavian churches, and the ministers are just awakening to the danger, so they have started meetings, suppers, and night schools to keep their flocks together. We can see it has made a difference on our congregation, but we praise the Lord, because we know the truth will conquer and the honest in heart will come out

from Babylon. Four precious souls have taken their stand on God's side, and we hope more will come with us to serve the Lord. Pray for the work here, brethren.

H. C. J. Wollekar,
T. J. Limud,
Magda Madsen.

From Workers Abroad

Elders S. W. Nellis and R. D. Quinn are making Queensland, Australia, their field of labor. Elder Nellis is the president of the conference. The following report of their labors we take from the "Union Conference Record:"—

"After leaving the Union Conference, we sailed from Sydney on the steamer Koonoowarra for Brisbane and Queensland Conference, our future field of labor. Our party consisted of Pastor R. D. Quinn and wife and the writer's family, consisting of my wife and three children.

"The weather was all that could be desired, and, as the steamer kept close to land all the way, we enjoyed the voyage very much, our minds reverting continually to the many blessings we enjoyed during the session of the Australasian Union Conference. We feel that God has greatly blessed us in every move we have made. We are especially thankful that our lines have fallen in such pleasant places, and we are delighted with our field of labor.

"We had a union meeting with the Brisbane churches the day after we landed, being the Sabbath, and felt that God's presence rested on the congregation and the speakers. I conducted the forenoon service, and Pastor Quinn the evening service. Sunday evening the house was again filled with an appreciative congregation, that seemed much interested in a sermon preached by Elder Quinn.

"Brother Quinn has gone to Maryborough. Brother Smart will join him in a few days, to open up the work in that place. Sister Tuxen has developed a good interest there, which it seemed should be followed immediately by a strong effort.

"We are all of good courage in the Lord, and feel determined to push the battle to the finish.

"Wishing to be held before the throne of grace by God's people, we are yours for service,
"S. W. Nellis."

CALIFORNIA

To the Workers and People of the California Conference—

Another busy season has just passed; the harvest of grain and fruit is over; but the great work in which we are engaged as workers together with God in the giving of the gospel to the world in this generation is before us. Never in the history of this people was the work more urgent, and never before did the King's business require haste, as now.

The solemn message of Rev. 14:6-12 is to be given with greater power than we have yet seen manifested. We are assured that God has called upon us to give the message before referred to, and no one stands or will stand in the position to do this work without a living, abiding connection with the One of whom it is said that "He is the head of every man."

As I look over the great work before us, and realize, in a measure, the solemn responsibility that rests upon each believer, I am made to feel that there is at this time the need of greater consecration on the part of the whole people in order that the power necessary to the carrying forward of the work may be given us. We read in Heb. 4:12 as follows: "God's message is a living and active power, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing its way until it penetrates soul and spirit, not the joints only, but the very marrow, and detecting the inmost thoughts and purposes of the mind." (Twentieth Century Version.)

It being true that God's message is a "living and active power," then it must also be true that, in order for one to give that message, he must also be actuated by that same "living and active power," which is none other than the power of God.

The question for us, therefore, to

decide is, Have we this power? And if not, why not? We are continually coming in contact with people who know but little, or perhaps nothing, of God's message for this time. And if it be true that God has given greater light to us than to them, a solemn responsibility rests upon us, individually, to impart this light to them.

God blessed Abraham that he might be a blessing, and promised that through him and his seed all the nations of the earth should be blessed. Now, are we Abraham's seed? "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." We answer, "Yes; we are Abraham's seed." Then let us answer this question, "Are we a blessing?" If we can not truthfully answer this last question in the affirmative, let us not rest until we can.

There are two ways, at least, in which we can be a blessing. One is by a personal contact in a proper way with those who have not the light which we enjoy. Another is by giving of our means to assist others in giving the message to those whom we can not reach personally. Many, many times in the past we have heard it said, and have said ourselves, that in the third angel's message that we are proclaiming, "God is giving the last message of mercy to a dying world." But in a recent communication, the servant of the Lord said that day by day her mind is impressed by the Holy Spirit that the last messages of warning are now going to our people. This is, indeed, putting the pearl of truth in a new setting, and, as surely as we believe it, just so surely will it work a reformation in our lives.

Shall we not, as workers in this California Conference, and as a people, see to it that we are giving in a definite way, the message for this time? This message is a "living and active power," and thus may the Spirit of God, which is always attended by the power of God, be ours for service. And then, indeed, we shall hear "a sound as of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees."

A. S. Kellogg,
Healdsburg, Cal.

Brother A. B. Atwood, of St. Helena, Cal., died October 26, of heart failure. Brother Atwood accepted present truth when the message was first preached in the Napa Valley, and was one of the charter members of the St. Helena church. He was also one of the founders of the Rural Health Retreat, which is now known as the St. Helena Sanitarium. Having lived a consistent Christian life, he was loved and respected by all who knew him. The funeral service was held at the Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Helena, conducted by Elder H. A. St. John.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Riverside

Under most discouraging circumstances I commenced meetings alone in this city. Mrs. Simpson, who renders much assistance by singing, has been confined to her bed ever since we came here, and the one who was chosen to be my fellow-laborer has been unable to join me on account of sickness. In our helplessness we called upon the Lord, and He heard us, and has truly used the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, that no flesh should glory in His presence.

I started the meetings here by renting the opera house and advertising very extensively the subject of the Millennium. The expense of this one meeting was over forty dollars, but we are sure that it was money well invested. The opera house was crowded, and the people were deeply interested in the subject. At the close of the meeting I invited the people to attend the meetings which would be conducted in a tent. From the very beginning our tent was crowded, and the interest increased until it was necessary to erect two tents side by side, and still we have not room to accommodate all who attend. We feel sad to see many turned away because of lack of room, especially on Sunday evenings. The tent-meetings have been in progress now about five weeks. The people seem hungry for the truth, as is evidenced by their eagerness to receive the tracts

that are given away every evening. One evening, after the meeting was dismissed, I called their attention to a few books I had on hand, and in a few minutes sold fourteen copies of "Daniel and Revelation." It has only been two weeks since we started to present the Sabbath question, and already over thirty adults have taken their stand to keep all the commandments of God. Our collections during the past five weeks have amounted to over one hundred dollars. I am confident that this message is of God and the time is due for the whole earth to be lighted with its glory. I praise God for the privilege of being one voice in helping to carry this message to the world. Brother and Sister Sees have recently joined me, and are a great help in singing, visiting, and taking care of the tent. We feel our weakness and the great responsibility that rests upon us, and ask the brethren to help us with their prayers. Satan is astir. We are meeting bitter opposition, but we know that He who is for us is more than all who are against us.

Wm. Simpson.

The following paragraphs are taken from the Riverside "Daily Press" of November 2. They indicate that encouraging progress is being made in that city:—

"The tent-meetings that are conducted by Evangelist Simpson continue to grow in interest, although they have been in progress every evening for the past month. Mr. Simpson has found it necessary to pitch two large tents, and still there is not room to accommodate all who attend. Last evening the tent was crowded to overflowing, and many were turned away. Mr. Simpson is conducting some interesting studies on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. To-night he will speak on the United States in prophecy, showing that our nation is a subject of prophecy. Meetings will continue every evening this week."

"Ground was broken yesterday for a church of the Seventh-day Adventists on Twelfth Street, between Orange and Lemon. The

church will face on the canal, which will be bridged attractively, and have a terraced front. The entire frontage will be cemented.

"The new church will be attractive in design, with plate-glass windows. It will be 26x40, with basement.

"The Adventists have a membership of over sixty in the city, and are growing at a satisfactory rate."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

General Work.

The good work is progressing very nicely in this province. Since conference we have held a local camp-meeting at Armstrong. This place is in the Okanogan Valley, and about three hundred and fifty miles northeast of Vancouver. Elder Young has been holding tent-meetings at this place during the past summer. Through these efforts we have been able to organize a church with thirteen members.

During this camp-meeting we were able to erect a neat memorial. Each day between the hours for worship all the brethren would go out with hammers, saws, etc., and work on the church, so that, when the camp-meeting closed, the church was nearly completed. All went home blessed and feeling that we had worshiped God in a practical way.

We are now planning to take up the special number of the "Signs." We believe that this number is a godsend, and ought to be circulated like the leaves of autumn.

J. L. Wilson.

Jacob was the "supplanter," but he became Israel, the prince of God. It is a wonderful thing to have the change of name, to cease to be a troubler and to become a helper.

"Effort without prayer is impiety; prayer without effort is mockery. In the union of the two is the highest wisdom."—Taylor.

He who runs away from Duty turns his back upon a friend whose real name is Joy.

SABBATH-SCHOOL
AND
YOUNG PEOPLE

Sing Praises

Sing praises! Other tongues may tell
Of cares, of woes and doubts full well.
Let all who in Christ's favor dwell,
Sing forth their joy,—sing praises!

Sing praises! For His love so keen,
For guidance of His hand unseen,
For blessings now and that have been,
For love's great Gift, sing praises.

Sing praises! Angels too will sing,
And heaven's eternal arches ring,
As love's rich tribute thus we bring
To swell His praise,—sing praises.

Sing praises! Praise will open wide
The gates of gold. Peace will betide,
And victory at Jesus' side
Will come at last. Sing praises.

ALBERT CAREY.

Montavilla, Ore. October 30.

The Personal Appeal

Nothing can quite take the place of the personal appeal in the influencing of one's Sabbath-school scholars to publicly confess Christ and to number themselves among His followers. It often "counts for more" when a boy or a girl is spoken to individually than when boys and girls are addressed with a dozen others in a class. I remember hearing a minister say at a Sabbath-school convention that he dated the real beginning of his Christian life back to the day on which his teacher in the Sabbath-school "spoke to him personally."

"I had," he said, "been a member of the class more than a year, when I was a little surprised to have my teacher ask me if I would not remain with her for a moment or two at the close of the session. I remembered that she had made the same request of several of the other boys in the class on other Sabbaths, and, as they had complied with her request, I thought I would be equally obliging, and remain, as she had asked me to do. I shall never forget the impression she made upon me when she said in a very gentle tone and quiet way:—

"I have asked you to stay, George, because I want to talk to

you a little about giving your heart to Christ. You do not know how anxious I am that you should do this. I have made you a special object of prayer all of the past week, and I decided that to-day I would ask you to remain after the others had gone, and have a little talk with you about this matter.'

"Our class was so fortunate as to have a private room, and my teacher knelt down by my side and prayed with me then and there. That personal appeal, that personal prayer, that evidence of such sincere personal interest in my welfare, counted for more in bringing about my conversion than all of the teaching I had received with other members of the class. It resulted in my final resolution to accept Jesus as my Saviour, and to devote my life to His service."

—Sel.

Thoughts on Prayer

Dwell much in the inner chamber with the door shut—shut in from men, shut up with God.

Secret prayer can not be fruitless; its blessing will show itself in life.

The knowledge of God's Father love is the first and simplest, but also the last and highest, lesson in the school of prayer.

It was the sight of the praying Jesus that made the disciples long and ask to be taught to pray.

Definite prayer teaches us to know our own needs better.

Do not be thinking of how little you have to bring God, but of how much He wants to give you.

Faith in the promise is the fruit of faith in the Promiser.

May there be no doubt with God or with me as to what I have asked.

The law of the kingdom—the measure of faith to determine the measure of power and blessing.

Close fellowship with God involves special separation from the world.

A loving life is one condition of believing in prayer.

Not according to what I try to be when praying, but when I am not praying, is my prayer dealt with by God.

To forget self, to live for God

and His kingdom among men, is the way to learn to pray without ceasing.

Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue; God's voice in response to mine is its most essential part.

Personal contact with God Himself is the only secret of power.

To the faith that knows it gets what it asks, prayer is a joy.

Prayer is the power by which that comes to pass which would not otherwise take place.

Let us hold fast the threefold cord that can not be broken,—the hungry friend seeking the help, the praying friend asking the help, and the mighty Friend loving to give as much as is needed.

Intercession is part of faith's training-school.

Let the measure of Jesus' power to work in you be the measure of your boldness.

Only in the Word, only in the Spirit, but in these most surely we know the will of God, and learn to pray according to it.

Waiting continually will be met and rewarded by God Himself working continually. — Andrew Murray.

How True This Is

A dear friend of mine says:—

"It is a good thing to know where Jacob's well was, where Robinson says it was, and where Stanley says it was, and how the curb was made on which Jesus sat, and where the stone was quarried. It will help you with your class to know all that, and you ought to know it if you can. But if you had to choose, it would be of so much more importance that there can be no comparison to be able to say: 'I know that Jesus gave the water of life, because I have drunk of it, and am refreshed and satisfied. Won't you let me take you to Him to get some for yourself?'"

Beware lest your life contradict your speech, and thereby destroy your influence.

Some one has said, There are people that pray cream, and live skimmed milk.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR COLLEGES AND
CHURCH-SCHOOL

Red Bluff Church-school

School began here September 28, with an enrolment of twelve pupils. The following Monday four more were added, and later two others, making in all an enrolment of eighteen.

From previous discouragements, the majority of the church-members were not in favor of having a school this winter, but as some of the brethren and sisters were loyal to the cause of Christian education, they would not send their children to the public school. Diligent efforts were put forth by them, and a church-school was the result.

The church is small, and the burden of supporting the school falls heavily upon them; but they are doing their part nobly, both in the matter of finance and co-operation.

The school is enjoying quite a large patronage from those not of our faith, as only two-thirds of the pupils enrolled are children of our people.

The time is here when Satan is weaving the web of sin very tightly around our young people and children, and we as never before need to hold them up before God in prayer. Every inch of the ground here has been contested vigorously by the enemy, but, thank the Lord, He has given us the victory.

The children are bright and courageous, and are looking forward to a winter pleasantly and profitably spent.

Willis W. Jones.

The world does not remember its heroes, but there will be no unrecognized Christian worker in heaven. Each one known by all; grandly known; known by acclamation; all the past story of work for God gleaming in cheek and brow and foot and palm. They shall shine with distinct light, as the stars forever and ever.—DeWitt Talmage.

A child said of reverence, "It is keeping quiet before God."

Lessons in New Testament History

This is a new book, published in three volumes, by M. E. Kern, of Union College, College View, Neb., designed for use in the academic departments of our training-schools, the industrial academies, and the higher grades of our church-schools. The lessons are arranged in chronological order, following the plan of "Desire of Ages." The written-answer method is followed, space being left after each question in which the students write the answers.

"Definiteness of assignment of the lesson and constructive effort on the part of the student are pedagogical principles that should be recognized in Bible study as elsewhere. There is an excellent training in the effort to master the thought of the answer, and express it in the most concise language. The careful thought necessary to frame brief, comprehensive answers is also helpful in producing a definiteness of idea which is absolutely essential to thoroughness."

This book, besides being used as a text-book in our schools, will be of special help to our church-school teachers in preparing their work for the younger classes, and to put into the hands of the older classes for study; and to those who, for various reasons, can not be in school and desire to do private study at home, it furnishes a plan for a thorough and systematic study of the Word of God. These lessons have been used in Union College for two years, and were recommended by the educational convention. The first volume is ready for delivery.

Parts 1 and 2, 50 cents; part 3, 25 cents; price of the set, 65 cents; postage per volume, 4 cents.

Parts 1 and 2 are not sold separately. Write for further information, if desired. Order of M. E. Kern, College View, Neb.

Riches are oftener an impediment than a stimulus to action.—Smiles.

Sin committed "in the heat of the moment" comes back to us "in the cool of the day."

MISSIONARY WORK

THE BOOK WORK

Western Washington

Report for Two Weeks Ending Nov. 6, 1903
GREAT CONTROVERSY

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
F. P. Wright.....	49	6	\$16 25
A. H. Booth.....	29	1	2 50
F. W. Ham.....	75	5	12 00
H. B. Ham.....	8	3	8 25
Wm. Furber.....	54	6	18 00
Ada Greenleaf.....	44	3	9 50
Anna Pound.....	64	3	9 00
Ada Burch.....	37	5	14 75
Mabel Butler.....	48	8	22 75
Total.....	408	40	\$113 00
Miscellaneous Sales..	32 50

California

Report for Seven Weeks Ending Nov. 7, 1903

BIBLE READINGS

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
D. V. Barnes.....	64	3	\$ 7 00
W. B. Findley.....	39	24	52 00
Mrs. A. L. Sharpe.....	27	3	6 00

EDUCATION

Bertha Cook..... 52 65 00

MARVEL OF NATIONS

W. D. Workman..... 59 87 50

MAN, THE MASTERPIECE

W. D. Workman..... 7 27 75

LADIES' GUIDE

Mrs. C. A. Moore..... 28 19 30 50

Mrs. C. E. Holliday..... 156 31 130 50

Total..... 214 198 \$406 25

Miscellaneous Sales.. ... 111 25

Utah

Report for Two Weeks Ending Nov. 7, 1903

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
A. D. Guthrie.....	75	44	\$227 00

Western Oregon

Report for Month Ending October 31, 1903

HOME HAND-BOOK

Name.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
F. W. Diedericks.....	\$74 15
Miscellaneous Sales..	15 40

"The Story of Joseph"

The author of this beautiful little book has donated the proceeds from its sales to the Southern Missionary Society, of Nashville, Tenn. We have a large supply of both the 25-cent and 50-cent editions on hand, and shall be glad to furnish any church with the same, at the prices named, all proceeds to go to the Southern Missionary Society. The book is beautifully illustrated in three colors, and has a most attractive cover design. Bound in board and in cloth. Address your State tract society.

Canvassing in the Southern Field

Trusting it will be of interest to my brethren in California to hear from one of their number, I relate a few of the experiences the Lord has given me in laboring in this needy field. For a long time I have been interested in this field, helping it financially when I could, but I was not satisfied until I gave myself to the long-neglected South.

I came here just after our good camp-meeting in Los Angeles. Not knowing that there were any of like faith for many miles around, to my surprise I found a home for canvassers in this city of fourteen thousand inhabitants, conducted by Brother and Sister F. J. Otis, with whom I was well acquainted, while in attendance at Healdsburg College.

At present I am canvassing for "Daniel and Revelation," "Marvel of Nations," and several helps. The Lord has blessed me wonderfully in taking over two hundred dollars' worth of orders. A great many people seem anxious to get the books. I have a pictorial chart illustrating the prophecies, which I find very helpful in holding the attention of the whole family while I am bringing out the important points of the book. I interviewed one gentleman who was studying the Eastern question from the Bible. He was very glad to find that there were others who were studying this question. He ordered a book, and I believe will study it with interest. A lady near there confessed that she always skipped the book of Revelation in reading the New Testament. But, after explaining to her how important it is that we should understand these prophecies, and how they are being fulfilled right before our eyes, she ordered a book. A prominent doctor's wife gave me her order, saying she had not ordered a book from an agent for a long time, but she was interested in my book. A sister living a few miles from here invited me to come out and give the Sunday-school a lecture on the prospectuses from the chart. Excellent attention was given, and the Lord gave me freedom in bringing out the truths rel-

ative to the times in which we live. A number of orders were secured from those present for "Daniel and Revelation."

There are difficulties to encounter here, especially with the colored people. But nevertheless there are a great many of them who are glad to get the books. Truly this field is ripe for the harvest. Good, honest, straightforward canvassers are needed to carry the message from door to door. If there are canvassers who desire to labor in needy fields, they may find territory in Tennessee.

Why did I come to Tennessee? There was plenty of territory in California, but there are scores of people, young men and women, who can and are canvassing there during their summer vacation. Said I, Why should not I go where others do not go? On this thought I acted, casting my lot with the great Southern field, where I hope to gather some sheaves for the heavenly garner. There is room here for many more to labor to God's honor and glory.

George Cary.

210 W. Deadrick Street,
Jackson, Tenn.

Self-supporting Missionary Work

For years the Lord has been calling our attention to the importance of giving this message to the people in the large cities, and also showing us that this work has been sadly neglected. We quote the following from Testimony, vol. 7, page 40:—

"When I think of the cities in which so little has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon-coming Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ's love for perishing souls. Those in our cities—living within the shadow of our doors—have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should now be put forth to give them the message of present truth.

We all need to be wide awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities."

We appreciate the fact that this is a difficult problem to deal with on account of the expense. In many of the large cities, tent-meetings can not be held on account of local restrictions, and hall rent is almost prohibitive.

We are convinced that the work of warning the people in these large cities will have to be done largely through our publications, and, if taken hold of in the right way, it can be made nearly or quite self-supporting.

Our "pioneer paper," the "Signs of the Times," can be used as an entering wedge. The special number on the subject of Capital and Labor will be a splendid one to begin with. Then let this be followed by the sale of the regular issues, securing subscriptions, and selling small books, tracts, and pamphlets. We have these covering almost every phase of the message.

Brother George A. King has been engaged in this work in New York City for many years. We quote the following from a letter recently received from him:—

"I think the time has come when we can work faster with the message by using the 'Signs of the Times' as a pioneer for the book work, as well as for Bible work and ministerial work. I have been working for several years on the difficult problem of reaching the people with books in these large Eastern cities. We have sold many thousands of dollars' worth of books, and have done a good work, but I think it is clear now that for the future the 'Signs' or some other paper will have to play an important part in our work here."

As to the value of our periodicals, and especially the "Signs of the Times," in this work, the following extracts from the Testimonies are right to the point:—

"Our missionary paper, the 'Signs of the Times,' is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented."

"Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper; if they did, they would feel greater personal interest to make

it intensely interesting, and then to circulate it everywhere."

"This silent preacher, the 'Signs,' enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of truth upon those who are in the darkness of error."

"It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do."

It is the purpose of the publishers to make the "Signs of the Times" all that its name implies, by calling attention to current events and showing what they mean in the light of prophecy. The subject of Capital and Labor can not be exhausted in one number, and this question will be discussed in future issues. Then there will be articles covering every phase of the message, presented in such a way as not to create prejudice, thus making the "Signs" truly a "pioneer paper."

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Are there not those who will volunteer to take hold of this work in the large cities?
C. H. Jones.

Now is the Time

Now is the time to be taking orders for a Christmas delivery. Thousands of books will be bought for Christmas presents. Instead of worthless, trashy books, why should they not be such books as will be a benefit and a blessing to the purchaser? This may be so if we will do all we can to give people an opportunity to buy good books. Many times the remark is made, "I was wondering what to get for Christmas presents for my family or friends, and I believe your book is just what I want." The book is sold, and thus the truth of God has gone into that home to give light to the inmates and be an eternal blessing to them. And often we hear words like the following, "I am sorry you did not come sooner, for I have just bought a book for Christmas; but I would rather have yours."

Now what we should do is to call before they buy the other book.

Many times people are really perplexed over what to select for a present, and it is a relief to have a nice book brought to their doors, with the suggestion that it will make a suitable Christmas present.

Then, we know it is our duty to warn the world, that they may be ready for the judgment and the soon appearing of the King of kings. The time is rapidly passing away. Many can give their whole time to the work, others only a part of the time; but let us all do what we can. Jesus has given unto every man his work, and He is soon coming to reckon with each one, and His reward is with Him to give to every one according as his work shall be.

Write to your tract society for a prospectus at once, and your State agent for territory, and go to work immediately, asking the Lord to bless your efforts.

S. C. Osborne,
Gen. Agt. Pacific Union Conf.

An Interesting Experience

An account of an experience reached us recently from one of our larger churches, which we consider worth passing on. When the plan for collecting the missionary offerings weekly, by means of the little envelopes, was being inaugurated, this church did not adopt it. But as the matter was continually agitated, they say that they must either give the suggestion a trial or place themselves upon record as opposed to it. The church officers decided to try it. The church became interested, and took hold with a will. The first Sabbath that the envelopes were used, 84 were returned, and the next Sabbath, 169. In the two Sabbaths, more than an average of ten cents per individual was donated, for the offering amounted to over forty-seven dollars, and the elder wrote that by far the larger part of that amount would never have been given for missions had not the envelopes been used.

Others are having similar experiences. The Lord in His loving-kindness has committed to us a great work, not that He needs us to save the world, but that we need

to work that our own salvation may be assured.

A weekly remembrance of the needs of the field seems a small matter, and yet, if every Seventh-day Adventist will take hold with a determination to support this work in the regions beyond, the needs of our present force of laborers will be supplied, new recruits can be placed at the front, and we can quickly surround the old earth with the last message of mercy. Shall we do it?

Mission Board.

Holding the Ropes

As one with Christ, we are called to share in His work till it closes. The calls will come thicker and faster from this time on; but as we catch His highest thought for this dark world, to answer these appeals will be our chief pleasure.

The preaching of this gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness in this generation will not be performed in any miraculous manner. But as God's servants, in the strength of that "Lo, I am with you," go to every part of the world with this gospel message, souls will be converted.

We who remain at home are to bear just as active a part in this work as the few who go to the front. We are to share in the joys and in the sacrifices of such service; joy when souls accept the precious Saviour, and sacrifice that nothing may hinder the onward progress of the message.

When William Carey, the father of modern missions, had been able to enthuse a few friends with a sense of the great need of the world, and a society had been organized, he was the first one to volunteer for service. The secretary spoke of India in her need as a gold mine, as deep as the center of the earth, and asked who would venture to explore it. "I will venture to go down," was the instant reply of Carey, "but remember that you must hold the ropes."

And this must be done until the work closes. The work of the few who are called to venture down into the dark mine of heathenism

and sin would soon be thwarted if we at home failed to hold the ropes. And dare we believe in this closing hour that God requires greater sacrifice from those who leave the home land to do personal service in the field than from those who remain behind to supply their needs?

Besides our weekly offerings, larger gifts are called for at this crisis in our work. Although the offerings of 1902 were larger than those of any previous year, the appropriations alone for 1903 reached that amount, with nothing left for aggressive work.

Unless the offerings for November and December exceed those of the same months of any previous year, we shall not be able to pay our appropriations for the year 1903. What are we to do, brethren and sisters? Will we allow the cause of God to languish in these, the closing days of the conflict? If each one will make an effort to increase his own offering just a little, even though it may mean some sacrifice, and those who have not given will close the year with a good thank-offering, we believe the funds needed for this year will be received. Will we not rise to this emergency, and, in the strength of our Leader, place His work on vantage ground?

Estella Houser.

Mission Board, 222 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

Three Ways of Doing

We feel confident that every Seventh-day Adventist will want to take an active part in helping to circulate the Capital and Labor Number of the "Signs of the Times." We wish to call attention to three ways in which this may be done.

FIRST.

By taking a certain number and selling them on the street, or from house to house. For those who can spare the time, this is the better way, for it brings us face to face and in personal touch with the people. If necessary, this work can be done in the evening after the regular day's labor, and without expense. Indeed, it may be

made a source of income, as 25 papers cost only 75 cents, and can be sold for \$1.25.

The statistics which this number contains are worth the price of the paper, to say nothing of the general articles and striking illustrations. The paper will sell at sight.

SECOND.

Those who can not take the time, or for other reasons can not engage in selling the paper from house to house, can take a club of from five to one hundred or more, and mail them to their friends or a select list of names. Ministers, schoolteachers, and professional men should certainly have a copy of this paper. Perhaps some will feel a burden to send to such. The price to you is only three cents per copy in lots of twenty-five and upwards—a very inexpensive way in which to do missionary work.

THIRD.

Possibly there may be some who do not have the time to even attend to remailing the papers. Such can send a list of names to the office of publication and have the papers sent direct to the individuals. The charge when sent in this way is as follows:—

1 to 20 copies, 5 cents per copy.

25 to 99 copies, 4 cents per copy.

100 or more copies, 3½ cents per copy.

This price includes wrapping, addressing, and mailing.

The retail price of this special number is 5 cents per copy; 5 to 20 copies, 4 cents per copy; 25 or more copies to one address, 3 cents per copy.

Address "Signs of the Times," Oakland, Cal., or your State tract society.

One Million Copies

The announcement made a short time ago that a special edition of the "Signs of the Times," on the subject of Capital and Labor, was soon to be issued seems to have touched a responsive chord in the hearts of our people everywhere. Most encouraging letters have been received from conference presidents, and others, endorsing

the plan and promising hearty co-operation.

One million copies seems to be the smallest number named to be circulated. In view of this, an order has been placed for paper for one million copies, and we confidently expect they will be called for. The only question is, Will this be enough? In view of the importance of the question on which this special number treats, and the intense agitation of the subject in all parts of the world, we ought to dispose of two million copies or more.

A Queer Reading Rack

One night recently, while waiting for a train, I was talking with one of our brethren about missionary work, when he told me of his experience, which is certainly an extraordinary one. Here it is in as nearly his own words as I can remember it:—

"You know I live in the country, and have but little opportunity to do work of any kind. I wanted to work, however, and as I was studying over it, it occurred to me that I could set up a reading rack. Of course, I could not have the use of a railway station, post-office, or hotel, but I lived on a main road, and I decided to take advantage of it. I made a neat box, on which was printed, 'Free Reading Matter.' I then began to fill it with papers that I had in the house. They went rapidly, and I soon had to send for more papers, and tracts as well. This went on for quite a while, without any apparent results.

"Just a little while ago, at a time when I was getting a little discouraged over the work, a man fifteen miles away accepted the truth. He told me how he had taken papers from my rack time after time, and always did it at night when he passed by, as he did not want any one to see him. This experience has given me new courage in the work, and you may be sure that my wayside reading rack will always be filled."

Are there not many of our farmer brethren and sisters who can do likewise? H. H. Hall.

He "Hadn't Had a Chance"

The Youth's Companion tells this story of practical Christian service on the part of one who had little time for outward forms of worship.

A few years ago a railroad accident happened in the outskirts of a small California village. The only person killed outright was a tramp who was stealing a ride, but a young fireman, who stood heroically at his post and helped to save the passenger-train from destruction was fatally injured.

He was carried to the little inn of the village, and two Sisters of Mercy and a physician did their utmost to relieve his sufferings. He begged for a minister, and in short time, summoned by a swift messenger, a clergyman stood by his bedside. His brother, a brakeman on the same train, and other train-hands, were also there, anxious for the faintest sign of hope.

"My dear lad," said the minister, "He who died for us all is your Saviour and mine, now. Do you accept Him? Can you trust Him?"

"Yes," gasped the poor fellow, "I do believe in Him! But God knows I've worked so hard, sixteen hours every day, and gone to bed so tired I haven't had a chance to go to church or to be a Christian."

"But," interrupted his brother, sobbing, "he's been a good boy. He worked night and day to support our crippled sister and mother—and me when I was laid up for a year and couldn't work."

"Yes, sir, and he took care of me," declared a big, grimy baggageman, choking so that he could hardly speak, "when I had the smallpox and nobody else would come nigh me, and he almost lost his job."

"And mor'n once," added a slender-looking youngster, "he's took my run, after he'd come home tired, when I was too sick to go out. I'd a' lost my place but for him."

"He was the best of us all," said the conductor, coming in at the moment and giving his cordial word.

The poor fireman smiled upon his friends, a smile of gratitude,

mingled with gentle reproach. He had never expected praise. Then his eyes rested pleadingly on the minister.

"Say, mister," cried his brother, in a tone of anguish, "God won't keep such a fellow out of heaven, will He?"

The minister could not restrain his tears. He leaned over the suffering youth, and took his hand tenderly.

"The peace of God be on you, my boy," he said; "the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for you have done His work."

He could say no more. But there was no need, for the face of the dying lad brightened at the benediction, as if the One his soul groped for had come and looked on him. Then came silence, the silence that owns the presence of death.—Selected.

The Blessings of Prayer

"Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet"—and do not hurry out. Take time to pray; go there determined to stay till the business is finished. Thou needest not be afraid of long prayers there. Prayer is something more than asking; it is, at its best, close and sweet communion with God. Therefore do not merely call upon Him, but visit Him, and thou shalt bring away some precious souvenir of the visit, and shalt want to go again.

"O, not a joy or blessing,
With this can we compare,
The grace our Father gave us,
To pour our souls in prayer.
Whene'er thou pin'st in sadness,
Before His footstool fall;
Remember in Thy gladness
His love who gave thee all."

"Very pleasant hast Thou been unto me.
Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women!"

And then we must remember that every brother in Christ becomes a friend, and the church is full of blessed friendships. And, best of all, Jesus is our mutual Friend; and "the best Friend to have is Jesus." And His "love one another as I have loved you" becomes the strongest tie to bind

hearts together that earth or even heaven knows. And it is the root and source of the sweetest, purest fellowship the human heart can enjoy.

And was there ever a more tender, touching, courteous love letter than Paul's Epistle to Philemon,—so full of affection, humility, courtesy, piety, honesty, and regard for a brother's rights? How it lets us see into Paul's heart! and what a heart! —Selected.

Dear reader, have you noticed from the reports that have appeared in the "Review" how rapidly the message is progressing in those countries where our workers have been located but a few years? These foreign fields are contributing liberally in souls. Does not this mean that the world is now ripe for the harvesters? Then let us who have a knowledge of these precious truths hasten on that glad work of carrying to waiting souls the everlasting gospel. Some of us may be able to cross the ocean and enter Japan, China, India, or Africa. This is especially true of the members of our "Young People's Societies," and to all who are interested we say, prepare now for your work. It is God who places in your heart a desire to labor for others, hence every moment should be improved, so you may enter the field as soon as possible after getting your education; and those who are more advanced in life may also have a part in the work in these needy fields by contributing of their means. Ten cents a week is a small amount to pay towards such an important work, and yet if every member in every church in every conference in this union conference will faithfully contribute each week this small sum of money, an immense amount of money may be raised for advancing the message in the regions beyond. This work of contributing to the missionary fund can be engaged in by all without fear of any interference, and He who rewards every one according to his deserts will make the record on the books of heaven.

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Who built the oldest church in New England, now standing in Salem?

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WHO was the founder of the royal family which continued until the downfall of the Jewish state? Matt. I, 17.

WHO wrote many of the Psalms, and was called "The Sweet Psalmist of Israel"? II Sam. XXIII, 1.

WHO said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"? Psa. XXIII, 1.

WHO conquered the city of Jerusalem, made it his capital, and extended his dominion from Egypt to the Euphrates? II Sam. V, 5, 7; VIII, 3.

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The second annual session of the Pacific Union Conference will be held March 18-27. The place of meeting will be announced later.

In Brazil there are about nine hundred Sabbath-keepers, of whom one hundred and fifty are natives or Portuguese.

Brother H. H. Johnson, who was stationed last year in the Western Oregon Conference, has connected with the work in Mississippi.

Among the canvassers at work in the Tennessee River Conference we notice the name of George Cary, who canvassed this last summer in California. Brother Cary connected with this field but recently. A few items from his experience appear in our Missionary Department.

From the "Atlantic Gleaner" we learn that Elder H. H. Dexter, of Maine, is to make New Orleans, La., his field of labor.

Since the close of the council in Washington, D. C., Elder Knox has spent a week in Southern California with the executive committee of that conference.

A written discussion was recently conducted in Eureka, Cal., through the columns of the "Evening Herald," between Elder C. M. Gardner, of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Rev. Markle, of the Christian Church.

At this writing, advance orders have been given for 200,000 copies of the special "Signs" on Capital and Labor. California wants 50,000 and Nebraska 20,000 copies of this issue.

We are informed that Mrs. Carrie F. Courter, wife of Elder H. F. Courter, of Georgia, but formerly of California, closed her life work during the latter part of October, after an illness of several weeks.

The attention of all our readers is directed to the article from Sister White which appears in this issue. From this time forward special instruction from this writer that is of great importance to the church will be published in the "Recorder." Hence every reader should promptly renew his subscription when it expires, and urge the other members of his church or company to become regular subscribers.

The Week of Prayer

December 12-19 has been set apart as a special period for God's people to seek Him in prayer. The early church, whose disciples had been with Jesus day after day as He went about teaching the people, realized the need of much earnest prayer before they entered upon the work to which their Saviour had called them to carry forward during His absence from the earth. And as they met together, confessing their sins and shortcomings, and studying the prophecies which their loving Master had so often referred to while He was on earth, light came into their souls. The result of the consecration which was made during that special week of prayer was blessed of God. A large measure of His Holy Spirit was poured out upon the people, so that thousands heard the message of salvation in a short space of time, and consecrated their all to Him who had given His life for the world. Indeed, He blesses His people that they may pass it on.

To us who are now living has been committed a like work. The everlasting gospel is to be preached in all the world for a witness, and then the end of all things will come. Some progress has been made already in this direction, but yet there is a greater work before us than has yet been accomplished. But with the thor-

ough consecration of one and all to carrying this gospel to the world, the work will be of but short duration, and he that shall come will come and cut the work short in righteousness, and appear in the clouds of heaven to gather His people home.

God's people have long looked forward to the time for the consummation of all things. We who are alive to-day are living in that time, and it is our privilege to triumph with the message or fall back and finally be lost. To go through and triumph means that each one of us must prepare for daily, continuous service while permitted to dwell in this pilgrim land. The recruits for this army of the Lord are now called for and called upon to make a new consecration, so that a forward step may be taken and the banner of Prince Emmanuel carried many degrees forward. No one who desires to join this army need be dismayed, for He who went before Gideon into the hosts of Midian will accompany us at this time. All that is required is a full and complete consecration—the emptying of self so that we may be clean who bear the vessels of the Lord. So, dear brethren, let extra efforts be made to get from the meetings that shall be held in each church all that God is ready to bestow upon us, for His cup of blessing is full. And let it be a united step to a firmer hold upon the things of God, to a deeper realization of the fact that there is no other name given for man's salvation than that of Christ Jesus, and that we are to carry that name with power to those who know it not.

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

Special readings for this occasion have been prepared, and will be supplied to the leaders and elders in each company, and to all the isolated. If any do not receive these readings, they are requested to inform their missionary secretary.