

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

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

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THE CHURCH

Changeless

God will not change. The restless years
may bring
Sunlight and shade, the glories of the
spring,
And silent gloom of sunless winter
hours—
Joy mixed with grief, sharp thorns with
fragrant flowers—
Earth lights may shine awhile, and then
grow dim;
But God is true; there is no change in
Him.

Rest in the Lord to-day, and all thy days:
Let His unerring hand direct thy ways
Through the uncertainty, and hope, and
fear,
That meet thee on the threshold of the
year;
And find, while all life's changing scenes
pass by,
Thy refuge in the love that can not die.
—Selected.

Danger in Speculative Knowledge Part 1

False science is one of the agencies that Satan used in the heavenly courts, and it is used by him to-day. The false assertions that he made to the angels, his subtle scientific theories, seduced many of them from their loyalty.

Having lost his place in heaven, Satan presented his temptations to our first parents. Adam and Eve yielded to the enemy, and by their disobedience humanity was estranged from God, and the earth was separated from heaven.

If Adam and Eve had never touched the forbidden tree, the Lord would have imparted to

them knowledge,—knowledge upon which rested no curse of sin, knowledge that would have brought them everlasting joy. The only knowledge they gained by their disobedience was a knowledge of sin and its results.

LAST-DAY DECEPTIONS

The field into which Satan led our first parents is the same to which he is leading men to-day. He is flooding the world with pleasing fables. By every device at his command he seeks to prevent men from obtaining that knowledge of God which is salvation.

We are living in an age of great light; but much that is called light is opening the way for the wisdom and arts of Satan. Many things will be presented that appear to be true, and yet they need to be carefully considered with much prayer; for they may be specious devices of the enemy. The path of error often appears to lie close to the path of truth. It is hardly distinguishable from the path that leads to holiness and heaven. But the mind enlightened by the Holy Spirit may discern that it is diverging from the right way. After a while the two are seen to be widely separated.

PANTHEISTIC THEORIES

Already there are coming in among our people spiritualistic teachings that will undermine the faith of those who give heed to them. The theory that God is an essence pervading all nature is

one of Satan's most subtle devices. It misrepresents God, and is a dishonor to His greatness and majesty.

Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the Word of God. The light of His truth shows that these theories are soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element, sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart, and give license to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them.

Our condition through sin has become preternatural, and the power that restores us must be supernatural, else it has no value. There is but one power that can break the hold of evil from the hearts of men, and that is the power of God in Jesus Christ. Only through the blood of the crucified One is there cleansing from sin. His grace alone can enable us to resist and subdue the tendencies of our fallen nature. This power the spiritualistic theories concerning God make of no effect. If God is an essence pervading all nature, then He dwells in all men; and in order to attain to holiness, man has only to develop the power that is within him.

These theories, followed by their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They do away with the necessity for the atonement, and make man his own saviour. These theories regarding God make His Word of no effect, and those who accept them are in great danger of be-

ing led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction. They regard virtue as better than vice, but God being removed from His position of sovereignty, they place their dependence upon human power, which, without God, is worthless. The unaided human will has no real power to resist and overcome evil. The defenses of the soul are broken down. Man has no barrier against sin. When once the restraints of God's Word and His Spirit are rejected, we know not to what depths one may sink.

Those who continue to hold these spiritualistic theories will surely spoil their Christian experience, sever their connection with God, and lose eternal life.

The sophistries regarding God and nature that are flooding the world with skepticism are the inspiration of the fallen foe, who is himself a Bible student, who knows the truth that it is essential for the people to receive, and whose study it is to divert minds from the great truths given to prepare them for what is coming upon the earth.

I have seen the results of these fanciful views of God in apostasy, spiritualism, and free-loveism. The free-love tendency of these teachings was so concealed that at first it was difficult to make plain its real character. Until the Lord presented it to me, I knew not what to call it, but I was instructed to call it unholy spiritual love.

FANATICISM AFTER 1844

After the passing of the time in 1844, we had fanaticism of every kind to meet. Testimonies of reproach were given me to bear to some holding spiritualistic theories.

There were those who were active in disseminating false ideas in regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their false teachings. I was instructed that they were misleading souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God.

I went to the place where they were, and opened before them the nature of their work. The Lord

gave me strength to lay plainly before them their danger. Among other views, they held that those who were once sanctified could not sin. Their false teaching was working great harm to themselves and to others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully-clothed theories. The doctrine that all were holy had led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified would never lead astray. The result of this belief was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts that, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and life.

Ungodly teaching is followed by sinful practise. It is the seducing bait of the father of lies, and results in the impenitence of self-satisfied impurity.

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal God pervading all nature, and similar errors.

Ellen G. White.

(To be continued.)

He Humbled Himself

It is one of the tenderest things I think I ever read, says Dr. Wayland Hoyt, in giving this illustration of the humility of Christ. It is in Bishop Simpson's Yale lectures on preaching. He tells of an exhibition he once attended, the most marvelous, he said, in all his life. There was a young man who, when schools for imbeciles began to be opened in Europe, moved with benevolence, and possessing wealth and leisure, went to Europe to study the methods; and finding they were feasible came back to open a like institution on our shores. He advertised for the most imbecile child he could possibly get, and the worst one that came was a little fellow five years old, who never had stood, or taken a step, or chewed a hard substance; had no power of movement; could only lie a helpless mass of flesh on the floor. That was the child whom this man was to cure somehow, and whose latent

ability he was somehow to bring forth. He tried in every way, but did not succeed. At last he determined to have the boy brought up at noon half an hour every day, and laid on the carpet in his room, and he would lie down beside him to see if he by any means could stir any sort of suggestion in the helpless lump of flesh. That he might not waste his time, he was accustomed to read aloud.

It went on this way for six months, and there was no sign of recognition, until, one day, utterly wearied, he stopped reading, and noticed that there was a strange restlessness in the little mass of humanity. At once he put himself into connection with it, and there was a trembling movement of the hand; he put his head down toward the little hand, and at last, after great effort the helpless child laid his fingers tremblingly on his lips, as if to say, "I miss that noise; please make it." Then he knew that he had control of the boy, and by careful manipulation of his muscles he taught him to walk. Five years after that, Bishop Simpson saw him stand on a platform, and read, repeat the names of the presidents of the United States, and answer questions upon the national history of this country.

Said the bishop, "Was there ever such condescension?" And then he thought again within himself, "Yes, there was one other condescension, when He who was God Himself, lowered Himself to my capacity in the incarnation, and lay down beside me, and watched me, and helped me, and waited twenty years, until at last I put my fingers on His lips, and said, 'Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth.'"—Selected.

"For all who are disheartened there is but one remedy,—faith, work, and prayer. Cease to think gloomy thoughts. Let every member fall on the rock, Christ Jesus, and be broken. Then Jesus will fashion the character after His own likeness. Discord and strife will die a natural death, because they have nothing to feed upon."

Treasure in Heaven

Some one has aptly said: "If our treasure be on earth, we are going from it; if it be in heaven, we are going to it." Christ exhorts men to lay up for themselves treasures in heaven, for where the treasure is there will the heart be also. Destiny follows the heart. We all need treasure in heaven. He that is not rich toward God is poor indeed. No one can lay up treasure in heaven for another. Each can do that for himself. Failing to do it himself, it is undone forever.

If we have treasure in heaven, we know it. If we have not, we know it, too. The bank of heaven is safe. There can be no loss except through our own folly. The little we lay up there according to ability and opportunity is not only safe, but is sure of increase. One of the surprises of heaven will be the revelations that shall come to us of the fruits of our feeble, but faithful, efforts in this life. Sowing seed for eternity in the sphere assigned us here has immeasurable possibilities. Sowing in faith we can not sow in vain.

It does not take long to make a complete transformation in the appearance of a neglected child taken from the streets. Ablutions and clean raiment make it look like a different child. But there are even greater possibilities in the results of soul-culture. They who give themselves up to teaching and training the young for Christ lay up for themselves treasures in heaven. The work we do upon a mortal soul to make it better, to fashion it after the great Pattern, Jesus Christ, abides and will increase in influence and importance long after our work is done. Other things we do may pass away with time, but to impress the mind and heart with divine truth, and to turn a soul unto righteousness is an abiding effect, and has the approval of God and the promise of reward.—Exchange.

"It is never safe to dally with temptation."

THE FIELD

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Work among the Indians

I have just returned from Port Simpson, where I have been considering the needs of the work among the Indians.

For fifteen months we have had a man working among a tribe known as the Simpsons at Port Simpson. This is located about six hundred miles north of Vancouver, and is reached by steamboat. These Indians are very bright and hospitable, most of them can understand some English. However, they use their own language.

Port Simpson is a nice little town of eight hundred inhabitants; the streets are kept very clean; coal-oil lamps on the corners are used for lighting the town at night. Most of the Indians manifest musical ability. The Port Simpson band is the best in the Province.

In company with Brother Davis, I spent two evenings at the home of Chief Dudowards, at which place there were two organs, a piano, violin, and a number of other musical instruments. These instruments are all used by members of his family. Chief Dudoward and his wife showed us many interesting Indian curios, and their son and daughters entertained us with music and singing.

Most of the houses are quite modern, and kept very clean inside. The Indians as a rule seem to be very devotional. There are five churches, the Church of England, Methodist, Salvation Army, Christian Band of Workers (this last is a church the Indians organized themselves), and the Seventh-day Adventist. The last named church has only six members, but there is a deep interest in the truth, and we expect in a little while to have a good strong company. The bringing out of this company is the result of the work of Brother O. E. Davis.

On Friday, December 11, we celebrated the ordinance of bap-

tism, which is the first time it has ever been witnessed in that part of the country; the effect it had on the natives was marvelous, many of whom came to us afterward and said, "You do just like Jesus," while others thought it was time to put a stop to our work. On Sabbath we organized the church and celebrated the ordinance of the Lord's house. This stirred up the wrath of the enemy. A public meeting was called in the Salvation Army hall, to which all the people were invited, the missionaries also. We had been out visiting, and were returning home, about 10:00 p. m. Noticing that there was something of unusual interest going on in the hall, we turned in. We were then given to understand we were not wanted in Simpson, and that there had been different ones out looking for us, to bring us to this meeting, that we might be informed of the fact.

The Salvation Army, Church of England, and Methodist had signed a covenant in 1900, of which the following is a part:—

For the interest of the work of God and for the maintenance of peace, order, and discipline in connection with the same, we, the undersigned, hereby mutually agree that we shall not enroll members from the membership lists of others, without first obtaining consent of the others, or a letter recommending such transfer, also that this understanding apply to the entire district."

All the Indians are claimed by one church or the other, and we were looked upon as encroachers. Some of the missionaries were not slow in trying to impress this on the minds of the natives. The Methodist missionary wanted us to sign the same contract, but as it is contrary to the teachings of Jesus, we could not do it. The result of this meeting was that many of the Indians' eyes were opened, and they said to us afterward, "Missionaries all mix up; you all right; you teach like Jesus, and by and by you have big church."

In looking over the needs of this field I can see splendid openings for the medical missionary. There is a hospital and two doc-

tors at Simpson. One of the doctors said to me, speaking of some of the sick Indians, "Medicine does not have the effect that it should." I thought then, and as I visited some of the sick natives, what an opening for the consecrated medical missionary.

If some of our older conferences could send a young couple to this field and support them for about six months, I am sure after that their work would be self-supporting. The Indians do not need preachers. The medical missionary work will win the hearts of these people quicker than anything else. Another thing I noticed, they need help to do business with the outside world. One missionary went among them years ago, and the government gave him an island. He took a number of these same Indians with him, and as a result of this enterprise they have industries of their own running, and are well fixed. The Indians are able to put up shingle mills, sawmills, or canneries and run them, and some of these things they have, but they are idle because they do not know how to do business. Here is a splendid chance for some of our brethren who have some means, and wish to teach the third angel's message. There is plenty of government land that can be taken up. Some of the brethren that have just taken hold of the truth have a small fish cannery, but it is idle now, because they have no provisions to keep them until they get their cans filled and shipped. They have the cans, but need food to carry them over until they can get their produce marketed. About \$1.50 is what they need; it would be paid back when a market is found for the fish. If such a sum as this can be donated just now to this work, eternity alone will show the results.

They will do all they can to carry the message to their brother Indians. As soon as they are converted, they are ready to preach to others what they have learned, and they do well. I heard an Indian, who has accepted the truth, preach on the "Two Laws" to a congregation of about two hundred and fifty, and I am sure

I could have done no better myself. This brother has been studying "Bible Readings" for eight years. He talks good English, but preaches in the native tongue.

Brethren, we have a message to give to this people. Who will help support the work already begun?

Any donation you may wish to send should be addressed to the B. C. Missionary Society, 609 Gore Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

And do not forget this work in your prayers.

J. L. Wilson.

CALIFORNIA

Conference Tithe Receipts for December, 1903

Alameda, \$78.30; Berkeley, \$59.33; Buckeye, \$5.80; Burrough, \$138.40; Calistoga, \$15.85; Chico, \$109.31; Crow's Landing, \$2.50; Armona, \$1.24; Guerneville, \$13.25; Hanford, \$76.05; Healdsburg, \$372.53; Lemoore, \$52.82; Lockwood, \$7.85; Lodi, \$5.55; Monterey, \$13.85; Oakland, \$1,040.25; Personal, \$601.80; Redding, \$32.05; Reno, \$7.50; San Francisco, \$716.82; San Jose, \$166.85; San Luis Obispo, \$19.60; Santa Cruz, \$13.00; Santa Rosa, \$110.60; Selma, \$28.50; Stockton, \$2.31; Ukiah, \$50.00; Vallejo, \$20.00; Woodland, \$88.80; Dinuba, \$4.49; Hughson, \$2.00; Total, \$3,858.10.

TRUST FUNDS FOR DECEMBER, 1903

Annual offerings, \$2,632.35; Southern Field, \$5.00; Healdsburg College Repair Fund, \$1.50; Foreign Missions, \$163.96; Home of the Friendless, \$19.38; Material Fund, \$.25; Missionary Acre, \$.30; Southern Publishing Association, \$10.00; S. S. Offering, \$121.19.

Report from the Field

Elder M. C. Israel reports two new Sabbath-keepers at Sonora. A Sabbath-school was organized with seven adult members, besides children, and about six hundred copies special "Signs" sold within a radius of twelve miles.

Elder C. E. Leland writes from Nevada: "We have just closed our work in Susanville, and returned to

our home in Reno. We expect to hold some meetings here for our young people especially, and do what we can to encourage the church and interest new ones. Our work in Susanville was blessed with seven additions to the company, as well as encouragement to the older members."

The Work in Oakland

Since the middle of September I have been identified with the Master's work in Oakland. My experiences during that time have been exceedingly varied, yet interesting and profitable withal. I have been brought in touch with persons whose spiritual status and attainments are markedly diverse. I feel thankful, however, that by the grace of God I have been enabled to inspire some discouraged, but precious souls, with renewed courage, faith, and inspiration in the great work and cause which our Lord has committed to us in these closing years of time. A number have been baptized and added to the church. All our Sabbath and mid-week services are well attended. The interest on the part of the children, youth, and young people in the Sabbath-school lessons and the work of their several societies is excellent. The young people evince a keen interest in everything calculated to promote and develop their powers of body, mind, and heart.

Our people in this city subscribed for and sold twelve hundred copies of the Vegetarian number of the Pacific Health Journal, published last October. They have also put into the hands of the public 5,000 copies of the special Capital and Labor number of the "Signs of the Times." Our annual holiday offering for foreign missions was nearly \$400.

The teachers in our church school are doing exceptionally good work. We can truly report the school to be a success. The pupils have caught the zeal, earnestness, and consecrated determination of their teachers. The only regrettable circumstance respecting our school is the fact that a number of our people are still sending their children to the pub-

lic schools, in spite of the excellence of our own schools. We trust all will know better by and by.

One very interesting feature of my work has been the conducting of a series of Bible studies with the employees of the Pacific Press. The interest has been good, notwithstanding the fact that the study took place only once a week. We have been conducting these studies with a view of becoming better acquainted with the Bible as a whole. Some of the topics considered thus far are: The Canon, or What Constitutes the Bible, The Bible in Manuscript, The Various Versions of the Bible in English, The Bible and Science, The Bible and Miracles, The Assaults on the Bible, The Inspiration of the Bible, and the study of the books of Genesis, Exodus, and Leviticus, as wholes.

Oakland has ever been a most important center of our work. We who labor here need much consecrated tact, wisdom, and foresight, as well as devotion and enthusiasm. Hence we earnestly ask for the sympathy and prayers of the dear brethren and sisters who read the "Recorder."

Geo. W. Rine.

Napa Valley

It may be of interest to the readers of the "Recorder" to learn of my labors since leaving the office at Oakland, about Sept. 1, 1903. It has been a great relief to me to be free from the close confinement of office work and the burdens which fell to my lot in Oakland. I had been there for over ten years, and the strain was breaking me down prematurely. For this reason it seemed imperative for me to labor under more favorable conditions. These I have found in the country in the beautiful Napa Valley. Here I have been able to secure needed exercise by labor in the open air, while engaged in the work for the conference. Of course, I am not able physically to do farm work, such as plowing, harrowing, sowing, etc., but I can cut some wood, make and care for a garden, do some chores and light work that

does not involve walking. Such exercise has already proved a great blessing to me healthwise, for which I am very thankful.

In addition to my correspondence in the interests of the conference, which has involved the writing of nearly three hundred letters, I have labored in the churches at St. Helena, Calistoga, Sanitarium, and Healdsburg, besides attending several meetings of the conference committee, Pacific Press Board, and college board, and one meeting of the directors of the California Conference Association. I have also spent considerable time on the accounts of the latter organization, and have spoken twice at the veteran's home at Yountville.

The Lord has blessed me richly as I have labored to instruct and help the churches, and I trust that the labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

M. H. Brown.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Tithe Receipts

For the Quarter Ending December 31, 1903

Aberdeen, \$204.90; Colby, \$60.24; Carrollton, \$16.35; Centralia, \$91.94; Connie, \$35.95; Deming, \$20.95; Everett, \$56.96; Fridav Harbor, \$128.89; Elma, \$55.25; Hoquiam, \$41.66; Kent, \$47.75; Kelso, \$14.00; Mt. Vernon, \$258.73; Montesano, \$16.00; Olympia, \$64.00; Pe Ell, \$1.11; Puyallup, \$106.30; Seattle, \$663.24; Shelton, \$56.65; Sara, \$31.94; Tacoma, \$259.46; Vancouver, \$235.02; Wilkeson, \$3.50; Whatcom, \$84.31; Enterprise, \$50.75; Green Lake, \$390.82; Mossy Rock, \$2.72; Ridgfield, \$75.13.

OFFERINGS

Haskel Home, \$43.36; Southern Field, \$8.33; S. S. Donations, \$163.01; F. D. Offerings, \$208.64; Annual Offerings, \$525.32.

Daisy D. Cuddy,
Conference Secretary.

Scripture knowledge is the candle without which faith can not see to do its work.—D. L. Moody.

WESTERN OREGON

Conference Directory

MINISTERS

F. M. Burg, 201 Second Street, Portland; F. S. Bunch, Gravelford; W. L. Black, Myrtle Point; R. D. Benham, Central; H. W. Babcock, Cottage Grove; J. M. Cole, R. F. D. No. 6, Salem; C. J. Cole, Corvallis; H. W. Decker, Mt. Tabor; H. J. Dirkson, 224½ Washington Street, Portland; J. E. Graham, Seabeck, Wash; Fred Jorg, 201 Second Street, Portland; T. H. Starbuck, Central; O. Soule, Roseburg; J. J. Westrup, Cottage Grove; E. W. Webster, Eugene; C. A. Wyman, New Era.

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Eliza Cole, St. Johns; B. C. Tabor, The Dalles; Mrs. B. C. Tabor, The Dalles; W. R. Simmons, Mt. Tabor; Mrs. W. R. Simmons, Mt. Tabor; A. Williams, 201 Second Street, Portland.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

F. M. Burg, W. R. Simmons, J. M. Cole, J. C. Scott, F. S. Bunch.

OFFICERS

F. M. Burg, president; W. C. Raley, secretary and treasurer; G. W. Pettit, missionary secretary; F. S. Bunch, field educational secretary; Irma Camp, corresponding educational secretary.

OFFICERS OF WESTERN OREGON ASSOCIATION

F. M. Burg; president; L. I. Stiles, secretary and treasurer.

CHURCH-SCHOOL TEACHERS

Helena Hughes, Montavilla; Irene Anderson, Montavilla; L. B. Butterfield, Otis; Myrtle Clark, Blachley; Myra Camp, Gravelford; W. H. Jones, Roseburg; Jennie Miller, Monitor; Cora Perkins, Newberg; J. J. Westrup, Cottage Grove; F. S. Bunch, superintendent, Gravelford.

**By-laws of the Western Oregon
Conference Association of
Seventh-day Adventists**

ARTICLE I

Place of Business

The principal office and place of business of the association shall be in Portland, Ore., provided, however, that special meetings of the board may be called at any time and place within the territory of the association that may be deemed necessary, as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II

Quorum

A majority of the trustees of the association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE III

Powers and Duties of Trustees

1. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in the board, whether by death, resignation, or any other cause, and any person chosen to fill such vacancy shall hold office until the first regular meeting of the constituency of the corporation held thereafter, provided, however, that at any special meeting of the association duly called and held for that purpose, the office of any trustee may be declared vacant and another elected in his place by a majority vote of the members present, the vote to be by *viva voce*, by ballot, by rising vote, or in such manner as the members present and voting at such meeting may provide in lieu of the manner above defined.

2. To declare vacant the seat of any trustee who shall absent himself from three successive meetings of the board without submitting satisfactory reason for his absence.

3. To call special meetings of the members of the association or of the Board of Trustees whenever they deem it proper.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The officers of the association shall be a president, a vice-presi-

dent, a secretary, and a treasurer. The first two named of these, namely, a president and vice-president to be members of the board. The latter two, secretary and treasurer, may or may not be of their number. Also the offices of secretary and treasurer may or may not be held by the same person. The officers shall be elected by and hold office during the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. The board may also elect a business manager and an auditor, who may or may not be of their number, whose term of office shall likewise be at the pleasure of the board.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

The duties of officers, including the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and auditor shall be those usually pertaining to such offices, and other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees; it to be understood, however, that the disbursement of the funds of the association by the treasurer shall be only upon the written order of the president. It is provided also that the secretary may act as the treasurer's deputy at the option of the board. The business manager shall work under the direction of the board.

ARTICLE VI

Corporate powers of the Board

The provisions of Article II of the Articles of Incorporation shall determine the authority properly vested in and belonging to the Board of Trustees, and also the limitations required to govern them in exercising their corporate functions.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings of the Board

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the first Thursday in January, April, July, and October; the place of meeting shall be in the city of Portland, Ore. These meetings shall be called by the president, or at his option, by the vice-president or secretary, and it will be properly the province of the president to call special meetings of

the board at any time and place that the business of the corporation may require.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

These by-laws may be altered or amended by majority vote of the constituency of the association at any of their regular meetings, or at any special meeting thereof duly called and held for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX

Seal

This association shall have a common seal in the usual form, with the words, "Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated November 18, 1903," or similar device. This seal shall be affixed to all legal papers made or executed by this board in addition to the signature of the president and secretary of the corporation.

Attest

Know all men by these presents, that we, the undersigned trustees and members of the corporation known as and called the Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing by-laws were duly adopted as the by-laws of the said corporation on the 18th day of November, 1903, and that the same do now constitute the by-laws of said corporation, and we do hereby further signify our assent in writing to the ratification of said by-laws. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 18th day of November, 1903.

F. M. Burg (Seal).

Albert Carey (Seal).

J. M. Cole (Seal).

Trustees.

Know all men that I, the undersigned, trustee and member of the corporation known as and called the Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, do hereby certify my approval of and assent to, the foregoing instrument, as the by-laws of the said corporation. In witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of January, 1904.

F. S. Bunch (Seal).

Know all men that I, the undersigned, trustee and member of the corporation known as and called the Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, do hereby certify my approval of, and assent to, the foregoing instrument as the by-laws of the said corporation. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3d day of January, 1904.

W. R. Simmons (Seal).

Newberg

We held our week of prayer meetings in the afternoon of each day, and had a very good attendance. All enjoyed the readings very much, and I believe each received a great blessing. The one desire seemed to be that all sin should be put out of our lives, and everlasting righteousness brought in, that we might receive the outpouring of God's Spirit, and be more fully prepared to carry the last message of mercy to a dying world.

C. L. Butterfield.

Another Forward Movement

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF THE
PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING
COMPANY

Over twenty-five years ago the Pacific Press Publishing Company was incorporated, and established its business at Oakland, Cal. Since that time there has been a wonderful growth, both in the business of the company and the city itself. When the buildings were erected at the corner of Twelfth and Castro Streets, they seemed to be out in the country, as there were but very few houses within several blocks. But, as before stated, the place has grown, and now we find ourselves in the heart of a large city, with San Francisco just across the bay.

In the early stages of the work it seemed to be necessary to take in some commercial work in

order to keep the hands steadily employed and the machinery moving. This has served a good purpose by way of instruction and financial assistance, but several years ago it was seen that the commercial work was assuming such large proportions that it was interfering more or less with our denominational work. More than that, it was bringing into the office a spirit of worldliness and commercialism, which was anything but desirable.

For over two years messages have been coming to the managers, urging them to "cut away" commercial work, and move the office to some rural district, away from the demoralizing and corrupting influences of these large cities.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders, held in Oakland, Cal., April 28, 1902, the following action was taken:—

"That we instruct the incoming Board of Directors to make a continuous effort to reduce commercial work and develop the publication of religious, educational, and health literature.

"Also, that we recommend that the incoming Board of Directors dispose of the plant as a whole, or in part, as Providence may open the way.

"We also recommend that, in case the plant is sold, a smaller plant be established in some rural district convenient for our denominational work, for the training and education of missionaries."

The foregoing action was reaffirmed at the annual meeting of the stockholders held last year.

To some it may appear that we have been rather dilatory about heeding this instruction, but we wish to say that we have not been idle by any means. Since that action, negotiations have been entered into with various parties, but somehow, in every instance, the way has been hedged up. Nevertheless, we have tried to heed the instruction concerning the matter of curtailing commercial work and giving more attention to denominational business, with very satisfactory results. We are pleased to say that our denominational work is increasing

right along, and the outlook is very encouraging.

Until quite recently, we have felt that we could not move into the country until we sold this plant, buildings and all, but, the way being hedged up as it has been, we finally decided to consider the advisability of moving the plant (machinery, etc.), and selling the buildings when we could.

We are in a splendid location, viewed simply from a business standpoint, and there is no question but what the buildings can be disposed of to advantage as soon as they are vacated.

As this question has been agitated, different places have been suggested by different ones, and all have received careful consideration.

In making a move of this kind, several points must be taken into consideration.

First, we were instructed to establish our plant in some rural district, away from the large cities, with their temptations, surroundings, and trouble that is coming upon them.

Second, railroad facilities must be regarded, for at the present time we are using nearly two carloads of paper per week. Our mail and express business is also quite heavy, and must be handled promptly. Banking privileges should also receive consideration.

Third, while we are looking out for the interests of the institution, we must also bear in mind the interests and welfare of our employees. We might find some place quite suitable for the factory, so far as shipping facilities, etc., are concerned, but not at all desirable for our employees.

In the investigations that have been made, all these questions have been borne in mind, and the directors have finally decided to locate the plant at Mountain View, Cal. This is a small place about thirty-nine miles south of San Francisco, and eleven miles from San Jose, on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad running into San Francisco. It is a rural district, and a very desirable location, not only for the plant, but also for our employees, as it is

right in the fruit belt of the famous Santa Clara Valley, and land is quite reasonable.

The incorporated town of Mountain View has only about eight hundred inhabitants, but it is surrounded by small holdings of five, ten, fifteen, and twenty-acre tracts, and settled up with a good class of people. Fruit of all kinds, and the finest varieties, are raised in this valley.

We have been very fortunate in securing for the factory a tract of five acres, fronting on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad, and near the station. The citizens of Mountain View have raised money to purchase this land and put in a switch and side track, so that material can be loaded and unloaded right from the cars without hauling by team. This property has been donated to the Pacific Press Publishing Company. The citizens will also donate \$200 to purchase a lot on which to build our church.

To further show the interest on the part of the citizens of Mountain View in this matter, we quote the following from a letter just received from the Board of Trade of that place:—

“Pacific Press Pub. Co.,
“Oakland, Cal.

“Dear Sirs: The Board of Trade of Mountain View desires to express to you its pleasure in the knowledge of the fact that your publishing plant is to be removed to Mountain View in the near future, and that you are to become permanent residents of our thriving town. At its regular meeting, held Thursday evening, January 21, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

“Whereas, the Pacific Press Publishing Company, of Oakland, has decided to move its entire publishing plant to this city,

“Be it resolved, That we hereby extend to them a cordial welcome as members of our community, that we shall at all times be ready and willing to extend to them every courtesy and consideration, collectively and individually.

“That the secretary be instructed to mail a copy of these resolutions

to the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

“Respectfully yours,

“(Signed) H. G. Copeland,
“Secretary.”

Mountain View is near the lower end of San Francisco Bay, and there is a little inlet that runs up to within two miles of the city, capable of floating 200-ton boats, thus giving us water competition. Fourteen passenger trains pass Mountain View each way every day, and ten of them stop.

We recognize the fact that this is a very important move, and that it means much to the institution, but it is right in line with the light that has been given, and we confidently believe that God will signally bless the effort. Indeed, we have already had remarkable evidences of His approval.

In moving to Mountain View, it is our purpose to eliminate commercial work, at least to a great extent, and give our whole time and attention to extending and building up our denominational business. In doing this, it can readily be seen that it will be absolutely necessary so to arrange matters that this business will be placed upon a paying basis.

Heretofore we have depended largely upon our commercial work to furnish the funds necessary for carrying on the denominational business on which there was almost invariably a loss. This must now be changed, for we know that our brethren and sisters do not want to see the office running behind from year to year.

Plans have already been inaugurated with a view to placing the work on a paying basis, and we now ask for the hearty co-operation of our brethren and sisters and conference workers in helping to make them effective. And above all, we want your prayers and your counsel. The work is one, and we desire to unite our efforts with you in trying to get this truth before the people in the shortest possible time. We believe that “the pillar of cloud is rising,” and it is time for God’s people to “move forward.”

In reference to the importance of moving our institutions out of the large cities, we quote the fol-

lowing from Testimony, Vol. 7:—
“Out of the cities is my message. . . . The time is near when the large cities will be visited by the judgments of God. In a little while the cities will be terribly shaken. . . . The ungodly cities of our world are to be swept away by the besom of destruction.

“For years I have been given special light that we are not to center our work in the cities. The turmoil and confusion that fill these cities, the conditions brought about by the labor unions and the strikes, would prove a great hindrance to our work. Men are seeking to bring those in the different trades under the bondage to certain unions. This is not God’s planning, but the planning of a power that we would in no wise acknowledge. God’s Word is fulfilling; the wicked are binding themselves up in bundles ready to be burned.

“Light has been given me that the cities will be filled with confusion, violence, and crime, and that these things will increase till the end of this earth’s history.”

Already we see this prophecy being fulfilled in our land, and is it not time to heed the warning? We believe that our brethren and sisters everywhere will rejoice with us at the move which the Pacific Press is about to make.

Buildings must be erected, and we do not expect we shall be able to make the move till next July or August, but the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

C. H. Jones,
General Manager.

“Those who have no time to give attention to their own souls, to examine themselves daily whether they be in the love of God, and to place themselves in the channel of light, will have time to give to the suggestions of Satan, and the working out of his plans. . . . There will be a gradual adoption of worldly policy. The specious devices of Satan will be brought into the special work of God at this time.”

It is a solemn thing to say to-morrow, when God says to-day; for man's to-morrow and God's to-day never meet. The word that comes from the eternal throne is "now."—D. Matheson.

If we put off repentance another day, we have a day more to repent of and a day less to repent in.—Mason.

**SABBATH-SCHOOL
AND
YOUNG PEOPLE**

Growth in Love

When, passing southward, I may cross
the line

Between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans,
I may not tell by any test of mine,
By any startling signs or strange
commotions

Across my track:

But if the days grow sweeter one by one
And e'en the icebergs melt their hard-
ened faces,

And sailors linger, basking in the sun,
I know I must have made the change
of places
Some distance back.

When, answering timidly the Master's
call,

I passed the bound of life in coming to
Him;

When in my love for Him I gave up all—
The very moment when I thought I
knew Him,
I can not tell.

But as increasingly I feel His love,
As this cold heart is melted to o'er-
flowing,

And now so dear the light comes from
above,

I wonder at the change, and move on,
knowing
That all is well.

—Exchange.

In some parts they paint garden-walls black, that they may absorb more of the sun's heat, and so impart more warmth to the fruit-trees that lean on them. Those who in any sphere care for souls stand in the position of the garden-wall. The more that the teacher absorbs for himself of Christ's love, the more benefit will other's obtain from him.—W. Arnot.

While true repentance is never too late, experience proves that late repentance is seldom true. Let none despair, but let none presume.—J. L. Hurlbut.

Aberdeen Convention

Our very profitable Sabbath-school convention, January 15-17, has just closed.

Sabbath evening Elder Watson reviewed the crisis of the ages, as summed up in Hebrews II, and with great freedom and clearness portrayed to us the crisis through which God's people are now passing.

Sabbath morning Elder Ward was led to point out some things that will be a test of character with us, such as worldly apparel, maintaining family worship, and the paying of a faithful tithe.

The educational question was presented by Elder Stewart. We were shown that two things are essential to knowledge, viz., truth and faith.

Early Sunday morning the Aberdeen church met in business meeting, at which ten precious souls, ranging from nine to eighty-one years of age, were admitted to church fellowship, and one poor soul was dropped from the church roll. Elder Stewart announced that arrangements had been made for an experienced periodical worker to come from Tacoma and assist in selling the "Signs of the Times" in the harbor towns. Ten of our young people at once volunteered to engage in the work.

In the afternoon several papers, on various subjects of Sabbath-school work, were read.

The evening was occupied by the young people. A responsive Bible reading on the "Coming of Christ" was given, and several papers were read and discussed.

Through the efforts of Brother Moran two of our young people will enter the canvassers' class in Tacoma about March 1.

Although there was a heavy storm in progress during the meetings, the attendance was good, the little chapel being well filled. We did not meet as many of our brethren from other parts of the district as we had expected, but were glad to welcome those who did come.

We hope to have more such gatherings in the near future, and to so continue until we shall meet in that great gathering and all

unite in the study of the principles of truth and righteousness.

E. L. MacLafferty.

Aberdeen, Wash.

"I Shall be Satisfied"

(One in a series of three minute talks, given before the Young Peoples' Division of the Oakland, Cal., Sabbath School.)

"I shall be satisfied" are the words of a king; a king, too, who had been successful in his life-work; who, as a boy, had protected his father's flock from the lion and the bear, and had slain the giant enemy of his people; who, as a young man, had been miraculously delivered time and again from his enraged father-in-law; who, as a king, had subdued all his enemies and had secured the full confidence of his people; who, as a writer, commands the respect of the literary world of even to-day, because of that six verse production, the Shepherd Psalm, of which Rev. J. R. Miller says, "I would rather be the author of that psalm than be the builder of the pyramids." And yet from his statement, "I shall be satisfied," it seems that all these things do not satisfy. Strange, isn't it? Let us read the whole verse and thus obtain his explanation: "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness, I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness." Ps. 17:15. With this we will put a scriptural comment, which reads: "We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." In other words, King David said: "My mental and physical strength and attainments, my position as king of this great people, together with the evidences of God's blessing upon me, are satisfying only as they enable me to become 'like Him,' 'to see Him as He is.'"

Now, let us apply this to the Young Peoples' Division of the Oakland Sabbath-school. Let us not be satisfied with perfect attendance, although that is an excellent thing; nor with perfect organization, although the Lord says, "Let everything be done decently and in order;" nor even with good lessons, although there are many precious promises to those who diligently study the

Word of God. While all these things are good, yet they are just as useless as they are good, unless through their influence we are led to become more "like Him" in thought, word, and deed.

In view of this fact, shall we not work and pray that our division may be successful in that greatest of all aims, the salvation of souls, as well as in minor points of attendance, organization, and scholarship? We do not ask this question in a general or indefinite manner, but we earnestly hope that each person here who knows what it is to plead with God, will join in prayer and labor for those among us who are discouraged or out of the fold of safety. Let us do this, remembering that satisfaction will come to us even as it did to him of whom we read, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied."

Blessed Secret.

Blessed secret! to learn how to do without things. We need to learn this secret of full life in Christ in spite of minor deprivations, because we can not have all the things that we want—even rich men have been known to want more things—and some of us have to do without things which, on the plane of physical life, are quite desirable.

If we can gain wealth, it is well to have it, if we receive it as coming from God and use it for His glory; but if we do not possess this wealth, which is the lowest wealth in the gift of God, we are exhorted to earnestly covet the best gifts—that wealth of heart and soul which lies open for the taking to every follower of Christ. Here is wealth worthy of ambition; wealth which is offered freely and without stint; the unsearchable riches of Christ, which will make us wealthy to all eternity. Christ never asks us to do without this wealth, the true riches, but He says: "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—Advance.

"Be of good cheer."

Six "Minds"

1. Mind your tongue! Don't let it speak hasty, cruel, unkind, or wicked words.

2. Mind your eyes! Don't permit them to look on wicked books, pictures, or objects.

3. Mind your ears! Don't suffer them to listen to wicked speeches, songs, or words.

4. Mind your hands! Don't let them steal or fight, or write any evil words.

5. Mind your feet! Don't let them walk in the steps of the wicked.

6. Mind your heart! Don't let the love of sin grow in it. Don't give it to Satan, but ask Jesus to make it His throne.

Sentence Sermons

Faith claims now and rejoices in what is afar off; prayer brings the object of faith near in reality.

The divine order is (Matt. 11: 28, 29), Come, rest, learn, soul-rest. Rest is the consummation of salvation.

Salvation is not a luxury, but an essential thing for true life.

More people miss salvation through under-persuasion than through over-persuasion.

Many people say to their conscience what they should say to the devil—get thee behind me.

When learning the commandments let us not forget the "new one" of Jesus, "That ye love one another as I have loved you."

If we love the honor which comes from God only, we will not miss the praise of men.—Selected.

Resolve to Do Right

Thinking constantly that one must not do wrong brings only fear and uncertainty lest every attempt may in some way be wrong, or may be called so by others. Trying not to do wrong brings only negative results. But putting one's energies into doing something that is right yields satisfaction, and occupies the mind and ability, to the exclusion of wrong-doing. If one's temptations lie in certain directions, instead of resolving that he will never yield, he does better to find some counter activity, something good to

do, even though hard, that will so occupy his time and thoughts and interests as to crowd the other out. To be so spent in doing what is right as to have neither strength nor inclination for wrong-doing is the happy way. There is no safer life than the one that is busy to the full in the necessary, even drudging, routine work of the world.

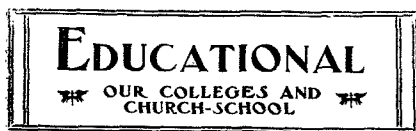
"Satan finds some mischief still,
For idle hands to do."

Tempted Like as We Are

There are few statements in the Bible that carry more comfort to the Christian heart than the assurance that our Lord was subject to temptations like each one of His followers. Concerning the nature and extent of this temptation Bernard says, in his book entitled "The Mental Characteristics of the Lord Jesus Christ:"—

"Common usage, I can not but think, has fallen into a serious error in speaking of the temptation in the wilderness. Men speak, if they do not think, as if this temptation stood alone in the life of Christ. Nothing can be a greater mistake. Our Lord's whole life was one continued temptation. He was subjected to trials of temper, trials of character, trials of principle; he was harassed by temptations caused by nervous irritability, or want of strength, or physical weakness, or bodily weariness; unfair opposition was constantly urging Him to give way to undue anger and unrestrained passion; or rejection and desertion would, had it been possible, have betrayed Him into moodiness or cynical despair. The machinations of His foes, the fickleness of the mob, even the foolishness of His disciples, were scarcely ever wanting to try His spirit, and would often goad Him beyond endurance. All the continually-recurring trials which are ever betraying man into faults he has bitterly to deplore and into sins of which he has to repent in sorrow were present in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.—Helpful Thoughts.

"Still as of old,
Man by himself is priced,
For thirty pieces Judas sold
Himself, not Christ."



Let Us Finish the Work

Three years have passed, and still the work of freeing Healdsburg College from the heavy burden of debt is unfinished. Three years the Lord has been waiting for the accomplishment of this work. How much longer shall He wait? Let there be delay no longer. Instead of speaking words of criticism and discouragement, shall not these words of courage and cheer be heard in all our churches? "Let us finish the work!" What strength, what peace, what satisfaction comes from the knowledge of work completed! But a few hours before His crucifixion, with great satisfaction of soul, Christ uttered the words, "I have finished the work that thou gavest Me to do." The apostle Paul who followed closely in the steps of his Master could say with full assurance as he closed his earthly career, "I have finished my course." Life's work is finished, at the last, only when each task assigned by our Leader is finished before it drops from our hands. To be most pleasing to our Master the work must be performed cheerfully and quickly. "What thou doest, do quickly." The Lord has recently told us that we must "put more of the quickly into our work."

Notwithstanding some of our people have not been in full sympathy with the "Object Lesson" work, still it has already proved to be a great blessing, as the following words plainly indicate:—

"I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. I feel very thankful to our heavenly Father for the interest that my brethren and sisters have taken in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." By the sale of this book great good has been accomplished; and the work should be continued. The effort to circulate "Object

Lessons' has demonstrated what can be done in the canvassing field. This effort is a never-to-be-forgotten lesson of how to canvass in the prayerful, trustful way that brings success."

From the above it is plain that the work has been a great blessing to all those who have participated in it, and that it is to be continued. It must be continued for at least two very apparent reasons: First, the work is not yet finished in our churches. Some of the churches have nearly completed the selling of their quota, while other churches have scarcely touched the work as yet, and as a consequence the College debt has been but partially liquidated. A second reason for continuing the work is that the tardy and indifferent ones may yet have a share in the blessing, even though their coming in be at the eleventh hour. Of this class the Lord says: "You will need to have patience with the tardy ones, who do not feel the necessity of doing anything promptly, thoroughly, earnestly. They have so much to say, so much unbelief to express, and so much criticizing, that they lose the peace and joy and happiness in the purposes of God before they can decide to move. We must become men and women of God's opportunity. I am so glad that so much harmonious action has been shown in striving to carry out this purpose of God, and to make the most of His providences."

How merciful, how kind is our heavenly Father, who does not cast us off if we are careless and indifferent to His first, second, or even the third call to co-operate with Him for the accomplishment of His plans. Three years He came seeking fruit, and then, instead of cutting down the tree, He dug about, it and made the conditions for fruit-bearing even more favorable. Shall we not let Him do that same work for us as churches and as individuals, that His work may not languish in our hands?

When the Lord gave His people the "Object Lesson" work, He ex-

pected the plan would be heartily endorsed and speedily executed, so that they would be ready for the work that would follow next. He can not give us another work until this is done. By reading the following from the Lord's servant we see that the "Object Lesson" work was to have been speedily and fully accomplished.

"Let us have faith in God. In His name let us carry forward this work without flinching. The work He has called us to do, He will make a great blessing to us. And when His plan for the relief of our schools has been fully vindicated, when the work pointed out has been fully accomplished, He will indicate what to do next. As long as the message of mercy is to be given to the world, there will be a call for effort in behalf of other institutions and enterprises similar to that for the relief of our schools."

Already "the work to do next" is being indicated, and this work is to be in behalf of our sanitariums. Recently, at a joint meeting of the Healdsburg College Board and the Northern California Conference Committee, it was voted to vacate the field, as far as any general movement with "Object Lessons" is concerned, and give opportunity for our people to sell the book donated to the sanitariums in behalf of the St. Helena Sanitarium. This work in behalf of the St. Helena Sanitarium is to begin June 1, 1904, and this date ought to mark the full accomplishment of the work in behalf of Healdsburg College.

What has already been accomplished in the "Object Lesson" sales? The following items indicate the work done up to June 1, 1903:—

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| No. of books ordered by churches..... | 16,723 |
| No. of books ordered by individuals..... | 2,000 |
| Total No. of books ordered..... | 18,723 |
| Value of books ordered..... | \$20,563.68 |
| No. of books ord. by churches in Northern Cal. Conference..... | 15,013 |
| Amount paid on books..... | \$9,447.69 |
| Amount due on books..... | 8,688.94 |
| Value of 15,013 books..... | \$18,136.63 |
| Quota of books for Northern California Conference..... | 24,000 |
| No. of books ordered..... | 15,013 |
| Balance of quota not ordered..... | 8,987 |

The above figures show that the

churches of Northern California Conference are owing \$8,688.94 for books ordered and delivered, and that 8,987 of the original quota, 24,000, still remain uncalled for. Every loyal-hearted Seventh-day Adventist on a moment's reflection will see that the first thing for the churches to do is to pay the \$8,688.94 to the Healdsburg College at an early date. If the college had this money now, they could stop the interest on \$8,688.94, or nearly \$500 of interest annually. If the remainder of the quota, 8,987 books, were sold and the money turned into the college, nearly \$500 more of interest annually would be stopped. If all our people in the Healdsburg College district had risen up as one man and accomplished the work of selling and paying for the books within one year's time, they would now be saved paying over \$5,000 of interest, which has accumulated because the work of one year has been allowed to drag along for nearly four years. Shall we not call a halt upon ourselves and cease treating the Lord's plan of relieving Healdsburg College from its burden of debts in such an unbusinesslike and unchristianlike way?

Some of the churches have taken the quota of books, but have not yet sent in all the money. Will they not, even at a sacrifice, send the money in at once? Other churches have taken a part of their quota of books and paid in part of the money. Now, will they not make it their first business to secure the remainder of the books and turn in the money for them at an early date? We believe that all the books can be sold and the money be in the college treasury by June 1, 1904.

Some of the churches have excused themselves from completing the work, claiming that their numbers are not as great as the reported membership. To such churches we would say, Let the church officers study into this matter and determine what is the true membership, and then take up the "Object Lesson" work on a true membership basis. Deal honestly

with the Lord in this transaction, and make the membership just as true to fact as if no financial question were involved. Undoubtedly some are attending your church whose membership is elsewhere. Ask them to join with you in this work even as they join you in worship on the Sabbath day, and thus all become burden bearers in the Lord's great work.

All the churches can not carry out the same plan in disposing of the books. Some very large churches have limited territory, or have thoroughly canvassed their territory two or three times, and still have several books on hand. We would suggest to such churches the following plans:—

1. Secure a consecrated canvasser of experience, and let the church support him while he goes into new territory and sells the books.

2. Let those who can, pay full price for the books and then give them to some young man or woman who is limited in means, but who desires to educate himself for the Master's service. Then let him sell the books, using the entire proceeds in gaining an education.

We shall be glad to hear from any churches or individuals who would like to adopt one or both of these plans in the disposal of their books.

There are other ways of helping to pay the college debts, and as every little helps, we mention the following ways, with the hope they will be given prayerful consideration:—

1. Those holding notes against the college will aid in the good work of debt-lifting by donating interest and principal, or part of the interest and principal, according as their circumstances will allow.

2. The college has open standing accounts to the amount of over \$5,000 for board, room, and tuition of students. If these accounts were settled it would materially aid the college.

3. Pledges amounting to over \$8,000, made over four years ago at the Stockton camp-meeting and

other local camp-meetings are still unpaid. If the money for these pledges was forthcoming, it would greatly aid in reducing the college debt.

We trust that those holding notes against the college, those owing the college for educational advantages received, and those who have made pledges in behalf of the college, will inquire of the Lord as to their duty in helping to relieve the college from the incubus of debt, and thus make it possible for it, untrammelled and unfettered, to do its Heaven-appointed work.

The following items are reckoned as resources:—

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| 1. Books not paid for..... | \$8,688.94 |
| 2. Remainder of quota (8,987 books)..... | 11,233.71 |
| 3. Sinking fund pledges..... | 8,218.41 |
| 4. Outstanding receivable accounts..... | 7,375.71 |
| Total resources..... | \$35,516.86 |

With these resources to draw from, is there any possible excuse for not wiping out the debt of \$20,000? All that is needed is unity of action on the part of all. In this crisis of debt-lifting God expects every one to do his duty. If any feel indifferent regarding the call for co-operation and sacrifice, seek God earnestly for a willing mind: "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." We are assured that there will be a response; that in these closing scenes of the great controversy there will be developed a willing, loyal-hearted people, for in the Word is the promise, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power."

Your conference committee are doing all in their power to make the "Object Lesson" work a success, and have a special committee of five, consisting of M. E. Cady, A. S. Kellogg, B. F. Richards, E. D. Sharpe, and E. S. Ballenger, who are to devise and execute plans for the finishing of this work by June 1, 1904.

Prof. M. E. Cady has been appointed and authorized to visit the churches of the Northern California Conference, and aid them in any way possible to finish the work. We bespeak for him your hearty co-operation.

Your committee, in concluding

this letter, can not better express their heart's desire than to say that they are earnestly working and eagerly waiting for the full realization of the following words from the author of "Christ's Object Lessons":—

"After we have, by sanctified energy and prayer, done all that we can do in the work for our schools, we shall see the glory of God. When the trial has been fully made, there will be a blessed result.

"If it is made in a free, willing spirit, God, will make the movement for the help of our schools a success. He will enable us to roll back the reproach that has come upon our educational institutions. If all will take hold of the work in the spirit of self-sacrifice for the sake of Christ and the truth it will not be long before the jubilee song of freedom can be sung throughout our borders." California Conference Committee.

Johnson Church School

Our school began here Dec. 27, 1903. The first day we had only four pupils, but our number has gradually increased, and we now expect to have about fifteen by next week.

Our school is located about one-half mile from Seletz Bay, and about forty miles from a railroad station. In order to get here, Mrs. Butterfield and I had to ride on horseback two days, as that is the only mode of travel here in the winter.

There is not a sawmill in this country, so all the lumber for our schoolhouse had to be sawed by hand, and this was all done by the young men attending school.

We have a very neat building, 16x26 feet, and furnished with tables and chairs. The students all take hold of the work with a determination to succeed. Several not of our own faith are attending, some coming from quite a distance.

God is greatly blessing our efforts here, and we desire that our school shall be a place from which light and truth shall be communicated to the patrons of the school, and also to the whole community.

We are using Johnson's "Bible Text-Book" for our work in Bible, and the young people are very much interested in the different subjects.

Mrs. Butterfield is teaching instrumental music to four of the students.

We are of good courage in our work, and hope that God's purpose in the establishment of this school may be fully carried out.

C. L. Butterfield.

Otis, Ore.



One Day's Work at the Dispensary

It is comforting to know that God does not see as man sees. We are told in Isaiah, the eleventh chapter, that God does not need to look with the eyes, or listen with the ears, but that He judges after the meditations of the heart. If it were not for this, there are some days in the visiting nurse's work that would seem almost thrown away. Then there are days when a great deal seems to be accomplished.

The day of which I wish to tell you is one of these seeming successful days. On account of family duties, I left the house an hour late and went directly to the room of one of the Lord's feeble ones,— a woman advanced in age, who was deserted by her drunken husband eleven years ago. She has been wealthy, and days of poverty seem very hard for her, but I think she is learning to lean on the arm of God. For a long time she was able to make her living by sewing, but disease has fastened itself on her body, until she was forced to lay that aside. For many weeks I carried her food from the Vegetarian Cafe, and when I went away, others took up the work, so in one way or another she has been provided for. Her niece, also struggling with poverty, managed to pay her rent. Last week this niece telephoned to me in great distress, saying that her aunt would have to be moved into

some private home, where she could have care. My time was too much taken up to render any assistance in finding a room. One was found, however, by advertising, and this was my first visit to her after she was moved into it. I found the niece there, and into my ears she poured her tale of woe, and then she went away. I can not relate all the conversation that passed afterwards, but I left my patient weeping bitterly with loneliness and neglect, begging me to come again and come often. I have so many calls, it is not often I can go, except to those to whom I can give immediate relief.

The next visit was to a lame woman to whom I had gone when I first came to this city. She had not walked for over eighteen months at that time, but the Lord blessed my efforts, and in twenty treatments she was able to walk. Shortly after this some one came into her home and began talking against our people. The mother hushed the talk immediately by telling what one of our nurses had done for her daughter free of charge. Thus the seed is sown by the visiting nurse, though someone else must reap the harvest. This mother afterwards died of cancer, and the daughter was forced to live with an ungodly family. She loves the Lord, and her mind is greatly distressed at the wickedness around her. She begged me to let her have a small room in my own home, where she could be with people that love the Lord, but there is no room. I am so thankful that this can not be said of our heavenly home, that there is no room to take another. Jesus has gone to prepare a mansion for all who are willing to come. Before leaving the house, I was called to see a sick man in another room, and was able to prescribe for him and give him a dispensary card.

A few days ago I was making inquiries for one of my old patients and found a very sick woman. I gave her a thorough treatment, and by following the treatments outlined, she recovered from her sickness.

My next place to call was upon

one of our sisters who has married out of the truth and left it. Her esteem for me seems to be her only tie. I do pray that God may use me as an instrument, by the aid of His holy spirit to bring her back to Him. I had just time to hasten home to my lunch and reach the dispensary shortly after one.

We had nine patients that afternoon, and if I could describe each case to you I know it would be interesting. There was a poor little French woman with her baby, sick and nervous and tired of life. She has spent nearly \$2,000 for doctor's bills, with very little help. Now she comes to us from day to day and is improving. Many times she says, "But for you people I would take my life." She was sent to us by one of our Bible workers, who is still giving her readings, and she is very much interested.

There is another woman, who has been a widow twenty years. She worked hard to raise her family, and now is reaping the results of overwork. She was brought to us in a wheel chair.

Next two gray-haired ladies, who were spending the winter in California. One said, "My sister told me about this place, and insisted on my coming here to take an electric light bath before I go away. She said the dispensary is the best spot in California, because it has done her so much good."

There is a lady from Boston who was sent out here for her health, but the fog and winds of San Francisco seem colder to her than the snows of the East. She calls the electric light bath her "Boston summer house."

There was another lady, who was afraid to let her husband know she was coming for treatments, for he had become weary of her "doctoring," and decided that there was no help for her. On her return home from her treatment, he noticed a change had come over her. He made inquiries, and she had to tell him that she had been to the dispensary. The treatments make her feel like a new woman.

We need your prayers in this work, and we need more workers,

who can be self-supporting, to engage in the work in this large city.

Mrs. Andrew Speedie.
San Francisco, Cal.

MISSIONARY WORK

Canvasser's and Worker's Institute

We have now decided upon the time and place for our canvasser's institute. The date chosen for it is February 16-29, and it is thought best to hold it in Portland. We are making this announcement so that every one who may be thinking of attending this worker's meeting may begin early to plan for it, and we are urging you to come. Do you know that the Lord has said to us that the canvassing work is to be revived? Will you not let this be brought about, at least in part, by you? Can you not now break away from the inducements held out to you by the world, and renew your covenant with God by sacrifice? He calls for your service for the spread of this message. Let us hasten the day of His coming by a renewal of our devotion to His work.

This institute will be made unusually interesting and helpful. Brother S. C. Osborne and Brother Lee Moran, the agent of the Western Washington Conference, and also some one from the Pacific Press who is well acquainted with the book business, will be with us to give instruction and drill in the book work. Brother Pettit, of this conference, will give instruction in missionary correspondence, and such other instruction as will be helpful to our church librarians and others who are interested in the usual lines of missionary effort. We hope our church librarians will attend this workers' meeting as far as it is possible. One of the important features of the institute will be studies and drill in the best methods of giving Bible readings. Sister M. A. Neale, who has had long experience in this line of work, will be present to render help in this way. We hope, too, to have several of our ministers

present to give help in various ways. So come, every one who can, and give yourselves anew to the work of the Lord.

We will do all we can to find accommodations for you among the brethren and sisters in Portland and vicinity.

F. M. Burg,
Pres. Western Oregon Conf.

What a Traveling Salesman Says

"Running across a copy of the "Signs of the Times," at La Grande recently I became very much interested in it. It is interesting, instructive, and valuable. Please enter my name on your 1904 subscription list and mail to my home address. Also mail to me at the same place, two copies each of Bible Student's and Apples of Gold tracts and pamphlets advertised on page 21 of your issue of December 16.

"Enclose bill and I will remit on reaching home. I will soon leave for another trip, and I want these to read during the same."

We have many letters similar to the above from those in various positions in life, who in some way have secured copies of the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs of the Times."

One man, who is prominent in advertising circles in Chicago, asks us to enter himself and friend for one year, sending to his home address, as he fears he will lose a copy if sent to his office. An attorney in the South, as the result of reading this special issue, says, "It deserves the support of every fair-minded, justice-loving person."

Shall we not, one and all, unite in asking the Lord's blessing upon the more than a half million copies of the special number, which have been circulating during the past few weeks.

H. H. Hall.

"Privileges and opportunities increase responsibility, and if neglected deepen guilt."

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10.

Contribution to the Foreign Publishing Establishment

Sabbath, February 6, is the day appointed on which to take up a collection for the purpose of establishing the foreign work on a firm footing. It is expected that all our churches throughout the country will contribute liberally towards this work. We have no doubt but that this will be done. We know, dear brethren, that you have always had a great interest in the foreign work. You are the very persons who caused the first tracts, papers, and books in these languages to be printed; and, since you have seen the work rise in this country and spread to other lands, until it has reached large proportions, I am sure your interest in this great work has not abated.

The only foreign publishing house of Seventh-day Adventists in the United States is now located at College View, Neb. This is in the very heart of this great commonwealth. This publishing house must deal out rich blessings to the foreign element in this great land. I believe that our people will not let this establishment choke to death right in their midst. We can not think that this will be done. It will, however, be necessary for all to lift, and lift together, in order to help the International Publishing Association in its present need.

The association has purchased a building in College View, but they found it necessary to enlarge this building and repair it. A furnace, a gasoline engine, a dynamo, and some other necessary machinery have been put in. This has cost more than we at first thought it would, but so far we have paid all our bills. In a few days a printing press, costing about \$2,800, will be put into the building. We have also purchased from the Review and Herald Pub. Co., of Battle Creek, Mich., their stock of foreign publications and books. Between one and two thousand dollars will have to be paid on this stock by the first of March. We also have the insurance to pay on the building, machinery, and stock. You can

easily see that some one will have to look this way with a liberal heart. I believe that all our people ought to do this. Our foreign people have lifted in every plan you have presented before them. They will continue to do so. It will, nevertheless, cheer them wonderfully if you will now help in that which pertains to their work. The money we have so far used has been donated by our foreign brethren. They have taken hold of this work nobly, and they will continue to lift with heart and hand until the work is done.

If you will give us a little help, we shall rejoice and go forward with courage. The students in the college are receiving benefits by the publishing plant here. Some are learning type-setting, others are folding and wrapping papers. There is also a German stenographer connected with the plant. A class in German stenography will be organized, and soon we will have many to render us service in this line.

I hope that none will think it a mistake that this plant has been founded here at College View, because it is now. Sister White has expressed herself in favor of this move. We have taken all her books that have been published in the foreign languages. You will hereafter receive these books from us. If you pay of your money, you are really the ones who are putting these good books out before the people.

We have to have various men to carry on different lines of work. This is an expense until we get started. Your gifts are very much needed just now. Remember the International Publishing Association the first Sabbath in February.

F. H. Westphal.

Special experiences of God's sufficiency are wont to come in seasons of special difficulty, as many a true heart knows. God's supplies are wont to surpass the narrow limits of need, and even to transcend capacity.—McLaren.

"Ye shall be my witnesses."

Giving

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is not only better to be in such circumstances that you can help instead of being helped, but more blessed to give of the much or little we have than to be adding to our store. Giving brings the truer and higher happiness, marks a noble character, exalts to fellowship with the great Giver.

It is blessed to give because God Himself is the bountiful Giver. He is the Author and Giver of all good things, and it is blessed to be permitted in any measure to reflect His image and to be followers of Him.

If we heartily accept this saying of Jesus, so peculiarly preserved for us, we shall rejoice instead of fret when opportunities are presented to us for helping others.

A gentleman called upon Mr. H. to solicit his aid towards the erection of a Sunday-school in a poor and populous district. Mr. H. contributed, and the gentleman began to thank him, when he said, "I beg you will give me no thanks; I thank you for giving me an opportunity of doing what is good for myself. I am thankful to God for the experience I have had that 'it is most blessed to give.'"

This principle is not to be limited to gifts of money. He who gives the kind word, the sympathetic tear, the helping hand, receives into his own bosom blessedness an hundred fold above the cost of his gift. It is a blessed thing to be loved, but more blessed still to love. Being loved may tend to make us narrow and selfish, but loving expands the heart, enlarges the whole being. It is most glorious to understand in any measure the wondrous love of God toward us, but unless we are thereby drawn to "love Him who first loved us," even that fails to truly bless us.—Selected.

"Those who live on the Bread of Life will never suffer from spiritual indigestion."

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

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The present series of articles from Sister White will appear in Testimony, Vol. 8, which is now in press.

From Utah we received the following note: "Elder Alway has just commenced meetings in the new church at Salt Lake City. Elder A. G. Christiansen is working among his own countrymen in Ephraim. Brethren Chas. Nelson and Alfred Whitehead are holding cottage meetings in Ogden."

Professor I. C. Colcord, of the Anglo-Chinese Academy (Honolulu) says: "Pong Quon, one of our Chinese students, goes to Walla Walla College soon, to prepare for the ministry, that he may bear the gospel to his countrymen."

"Another student has also begun to observe the Sabbath. He takes a deep interest in the Sabbath-school lessons and the Bible study in the day school.

"We have between forty and fifty students, and nearly all are studying the Bible. The A class is studying the Scriptures by subject."

The Pacific Press Publishing Co. has established a branch office at 201 2d Street, Portland, Oregon, from which place it will fill orders for denominational literature from agents, societies, and others, in Western Oregon and Western Washington Conferences. As soon as arrangements can be made for a permanent building in Portland this branch will be stocked up so that all orders from the British Columbia, Upper Columbia, and

Montana State Societies may be filled direct from there. Brother George W. Pettit is manager.

Notice

The annual meeting of the Upper Columbia Conference will be held at College Place, Wash., April 5-10, 1904. This is the first meeting appointed since the change from holding it in connection with the camp-meeting, and it is quite necessary for a full delegation, as matters of much importance will be considered at this meeting. It will be a time for the election of officers and appointment of secretaries for the different departments of the conference work and distribution of labor, and we hope our brethren and sisters will make a special effort to attend.

A. J. Breed.

Notice

To those interested in the ship-mission work I will say that God has given me the opportunity of taking up that work in the place of Brother Milton St. John, who takes up other lines.

I will be glad to receive clean copies of our papers and tracts, both English and foreign, to use in putting aboard vessels.

Address, 420 Dolores Street, San Francisco.

Andrew Speedie.

Wanted

Mr. L. F. Sparhawk, Waldo, Ore., would like clean copies of the "Signs," "Life Boat," "Health Journal," tracts, etc., sent to him post-paid, to be used in the mines.

The Bible Reader

The opening of Christian schools has created a demand for Christian text-books. No class of students need the help of proper books more than little children in their first year's work.

Some three years ago Bible Reader Number One was published, and was used in all parts of the country in primary reading classes. With the burning of the Review and Herald, the plates of this book were destroyed. Bible

Reader Number One has been revised. New illustrations have taken the place of those which appeared in the old edition of the book. In its new form it is about to be placed on the market.

Are there children in your home who should read these stories? Are there children in your neighbor's family who should read these same stories? The Bible Reader is a book for the children, for those who are just beginning to read. It is in harmony with the most advanced methods of teaching. It builds a vocabulary gradually. It cultivates a taste for Bible literature. It is a mother's help, as well as a text-book for the school-room.

For the beginning classes who are waiting for the lesson, the first thirty-two pages have been bound separately. Send five cents for a copy of these advance sheets, or thirty-five cents for the Reader and the advance sheets. The regular price of the Reader is thirty-five cents post-paid.

The Advocate Publishing Company, Berrien Springs, Mich., are the publishers.

Orders may be placed with your State Tract Society.

"All the scenes of this life in which we must act a part are to be carefully studied, for they are a part of our education. We should bring solid timbers into our character building, for we are working both for this life and eternal life. And as we near the close of this earth's history, we advance more rapidly in Christian growth, or we retrograde just as decidedly."

For Sale

A \$350 Smith and Barnes upright piano for \$125. The piano is owned by a brother who has lately accepted present-day truth. He was formerly a telegraph operator at Yuba City, Cal., but gave up his position that he might keep the Sabbath. He is in need of money, and desires to sell his piano at this reduction. Any who wish to correspond with him concerning it should address Leonard, R. Doty, Sweezy St., Marysville, Cal.