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

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THE CHURCH

Thy Father

Cease then thy sad wailing,
O tried heart of mine!
God's promise unfailing
Is thine—ever thine!
Thy Father is faithful
And tender and wise,
Though the blessings He sends thee
Are hid in disguise!
Afflictions can never
Thy bark overwhelm!
No storm can engulf thee
With God at the helm!
The promised deliverance
He surely will send;
And will bring thee in safety
To the journey's end!

—Selected.

Danger in Speculative Knowledge Part 3

A RENEWAL OF THE STRAIGHT TESTIMONY

The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a revival of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death.

By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised

to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power.

Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide-awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His Word. He has spoken to us through the Testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?

I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. Let not human reason be placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.

SEEK THE FIRST LOVE

Into the hearts of many who have been long in the truth there has entered a hard, judicial spirit. They are sharp, critical, faultfinding. They have climbed upon the judgment-seat, to pronounce sentence upon those who do not conform to their ideas. God calls upon them to come down, and bow before Him in repentance, confessing their sins. He says to them: "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." They are striving for the first place, and by their words and acts they make many hearts sore.

Against this spirit, and against the false religion of sentimentalism, which is equally dangerous, I bear my warning. Take heed, brethren and sisters. Who is your leader,—Christ, or the angel that fell from heaven? Examine yourselves, and know whether you are sound in the faith.

THE WORD OF GOD OUR SAFEGUARD

Our watchword is to be, "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." We have a Bible full of the most precious knowledge. The Scriptures, given by inspira-

tion of God, are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Take the Bible as your study-book. All can understand its instruction.

I call upon our ministers, physicians, and all church-members to study the lessons that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension. These lessons contain instruction that the people need.

Eternal life is obtained only by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," Christ declared, "he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. . . . I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. . . . Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. . . . It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life."

Christ calls upon His people to believe and practise His Word. Those who receive and assimilate this Word, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It will be seen that their faith is of heavenly origin. They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement. Before angels and before men, they will stand as those who have strong, consistent Christian characters.

In the golden censer of truth as presented in Christ's teachings, we have that which will convict and convert souls. Present, in the simplicity of Christ, the truths that He came to this world to proclaim, and the power of your message will make itself felt. Do not pre-

sent theories or tests that Christ has never mentioned, and that have no foundation in the Bible. We have grand, solemn truths to present. "It is written" is the test that must be brought home to every soul.

Men may still learn the things that belong to their peace. Mercy's voice may still be heard calling: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." It is only when spiritual life is given, that rest is found, and lasting good secured. We must be able to say, in storm and tempest, "My anchor holds."

Let us go to the Word of God for guidance. Let us seek for a "Thus saith the Lord." We have had enough of human methods. A mind trained only in worldly science fails to understand the things of God; but this same mind, converted and sanctified, will see the divine power in the word. Only the mind and heart cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things.

Brethren, in the name of the Lord I call upon you to awake to your duty. Let your hearts be yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit, and they will be made susceptible to the teaching of the Word. Then you will be able to discern the deep things of God.

May God bring His people under the deep movings of His Spirit. May He lead them to arouse, to see their peril, and to prepare for what is coming upon the earth.

Ellen G. White.

(To be continued.)

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14.

If the Holy Scripture was a ring, and the Epistle to the Romans its precious stone, chapter eight would be the sparkling point of the jewel.—Spencer.

THE FIELD

The First Public Proclamation of the Third Angel's Message in the City of Rome

Last Sunday evening the first public proclamation of the Third Angel's Message took place in the city of Rome. In a beautiful hall situated across the street from the Palace of Justice, and almost within the shadow of the Vatican itself, the first note of the final message was sounded in the "seat of the beast." In the congregation that gathered for this first meeting, there were present a lawyer, a president of a theological seminary of Rome, a Baptist minister, a leading journalist, and two ex-Catholic priests, one of whom has been a Jesuit professor of philosophy.

And not the least interesting person present was the preacher that gave the first discourse on this message which concerns itself so directly with the worship of the "beast." It was quite significant that the first sermon of the Third Angel's Message in the "seat of the beast" was preached by a young man who was himself educated under the wing of the Catholic Church for her priesthood. This young man represents the first results of our work in the city of Rome, and is the first person to be converted to the truth in the city of Rome itself.

His mother placed him under strong Catholic teaching when but a mere boy, with the purpose in mind of his becoming a priest. And the instructions of his youth had a powerful influence upon him, so that he regarded all Protestants, and especially Luther, in a very unfavorable light, and considered the Italian Government a robber because it had taken Rome from the pope. When only seventeen years old he preached in the Catholic Church in a regular series of meetings which took place every day before large congregations, even the bishop being present at times.

He is well educated, having studied in the higher schools and the University of Florence, and studied six years for the Catholic priesthood at their seminary. He obtained an insight into the corruption of the church suddenly one morning, which dissuaded him from entering the priesthood, and he began the study of the classical course at the University. During his course at the University he was married and converted to the Gospel.

Some time ago he came to Rome, that he might fit himself to enter the work of the Lord, and, by providential circumstances, he came in contact with us, and we began the study of the truth with him and the result was that he became thoroughly convinced of the truth, and is now heart and soul in it, with his wife, also enthusiastic in the same. Being a fluent speaker in the Italian language, and a very intelligent man, he is indeed a God-send to our work in Italy, where we have had no one that could well present the truth in the Italian language before a Roman audience. He also has some means of his own. When he was married his wife was worth 40,000 francs, and part of this they still have, although for two years he has been working at his own expense in the missionary work, thereby demonstrating that he has the real missionary spirit. It means much to the work here to have a man of refinement and education connected with the work in a city of classical culture like Rome. He has also many acquaintances among the Catholic priests, one of whom, a very bright professor here in Rome, is becoming convinced that the Church of Rome is not the true church, and is thinking quite seriously of leaving the Catholic Church for the Gospel.

One indication that the first message given in Rome was not without its effects, is the fact that at the close of the service a lawyer came forward and asked to buy a Bible, that he might study these things. When men of such standing begin to inquire into these truths, it

shows that there is a power in this message also to attract the educated classes. There is also another lawyer with whom I am studying the message at our home. He marvels at the wonderful things he is hearing in these studies. He says that a person does not need faith to believe in these wonderful prophecies, for he can see that they are true. The great difficulty with most of the people is that they have lost their faith in religion and, consequently, this message is just fitted to restore their faith in the Gospel.

When I presented the Sabbath question to the young man whom I have just mentioned as being the first convert here, he said that if it be possible to found one doctrine upon the traditions of the church of Rome, referring to Sunday observance, then it is possible to found all the doctrines upon the traditions of Rome, and that simply means being a Catholic. So it is plain to see that he grasps the situation very clearly and can see what is the logical conclusion of the practises of the other Protestant churches. We notice, therefore, that it is possible for men, educated within the walls of the Roman Church, to get clear visions of the truth.

We have a number of other people that are interested in the truth, and from the way that the work is opening up here in Rome, we feel sure, as we have felt from the very beginning, and even before we came, that the Lord will do great things for the message in Rome. We are so busy that we are forced to refuse offers that might seem to be quite auspicious in the future development of the work. For example, I have been asked by the Young Men's Christian Association to come in and help them by teaching forty bright young men in their language course, and this would bring me in contact with some splendid young Italians that might be influenced for the truth, but my time is so occupied that I had to refuse the offer, for we are working with a small force here in Italy, so that each one is taxed to

his utmost capacity. Surely Italy needs help if we are to follow in the openings that God is making for us,
Chas. T. Everson.

Rome, Italy.

From Spain

As the "Recorder," "Review," and "Signs" come to us from week to week, their columns laden with live reports from different parts of the field, we are led to appreciate the fact that this message is advancing with great rapidity, and by the help of Him who is at the head of this movement, we hope to keep in pace with it.

We have received a copy of the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs," and it certainly very clearly portrays the conditions existing, not only in the United States, but in many European countries as well.

In Spain the same spirit of discontentment prevails. Strikes are the order of the day.

When one takes into consideration the usual wages paid in this country, he can not much wonder that the people once in a while feel like going on a "strike."

To give an idea of the wages paid, I will speak of one man. He is a bookkeeper and all-around rustler in a large factory. He receives 21 pesetas, or \$4.20 a week. Living expenses are just about the same here as in California. As in America and all other countries, the only true remedy for the oppressed soul is the Gospel of Christ.

But the people must receive that Gospel before it can make them free. There are almost twenty millions in Spain who are lost. Who of those that read these lines, will say, "Here am I, Lord, I will leave home and loved ones and go to Spain or wherever Thou mayest call me, just as soon as the way opens"?

Consider it well, my brother, my sister. The Lord is going to hold you and me accountable for our opportunities and capabilities.

We have been conducting meetings in this place for about three months and a half. A good inter-

est is manifested, but the people are very slow to give up their old ways.

Four ladies have signed the covenant, thus signifying with the Lord's help they will keep the Sabbath, and walk in all the light as it may be revealed to them. We are kept very busy by the school, the meetings, and the tract work.

Our courage is good, and we trust the Lord for success in His work. Truly it is time to be wide-awake and to exert every energy for the salvation of those around us.

The night of sin is almost o'er;
The day comes on apace;
Soon we'll reach a brighter shore
And end this earthly race.

The Gospel sound is on the wing;
Around the world it goes.
Soon will come our Lord and King
To end our trials and woes.

O brother mine, let's rise and shine,
And sound the glad refrain,
Ere ends the great prophetic line,
And Christ shall come to reign.

Salvation's fount is open wide.
It freely flows for all.
It comes from Jesus' wounded side.
O heed His gracious call!

Commune with God, and you shall find
The strength you so much need.
Prayers are the golden chains that bind
Our hearts to Israel's Seed.

We shall be glad to correspond with any one who may be desirous of learning more about this field, and opportunities for work here.

May we have an interest in the prayers of God's people.

Frank S. Bond,
Calle Carretera de Barcelona,
Sabadell, España.

January 25.

East Lake, Ga.

It has been some time since I have reported; but I read with interest the reports from the other laborers in the field.

Sickness and the death of my loved companion have broken in upon my work to a large extent.

I have just returned home from the Nashville Institute and Southern Union Conference, which com-

menced January 8, and lasted to the 27th.

Nearly all, if not all, came together with an earnest desire to seek God and come into that unity that will convince the world that Christ was sent by the Father. As we drew near to the Lord, He came near to His people, and joy and peace came into our hearts, with a determination to carry the message in this southland as it has never been carried before.

The instruction given by two of the oldest standard-bearers, Elders Haskell and Butler, was timely and had the right ring to it. Brother and Sister Haskell brought out many instructive lessons from the sanctuary. These lessons clearly proved the fallacy of some ideas that have been advanced as "new light." The call of these faithful watchmen was to come back to the standards God had set up and which were discovered by those whom God chose to start the Third Angel's Message.

At the six o'clock morning meeting, Testimonies from Sister White were read. A number of these were written especially for this meeting. The burden of these Testimonies was "unity," warning us of the danger we are in at the present time, when Satan is leading men away into the acceptance of false theories and doctrines.

H. F. Courter,
Decatur (R. F. D. No. 3),
Feb. 1. Ga.

Hildebran, N. C.

Lest the opportunity should be again stolen from me, I will write at once of the blessings the Lord is giving us here in Hildebran. Sickness has done much to thin out our meetings, but nothing can keep Him away who has promised to be with us always. Thank God, no sickness or discomfiture can touch our Living Head.

The receipt of a gift of \$300 from friends in Western Oregon, and this without direct solicitation, has filled our hearts with outflowing thanksgiving. This will make it possible to open up our work in a small way, but we shall have to

have more before the work is put on a substantial basis.

The church here feels to unite in making the work a success. The 27th of February has been set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for our work here, and the cause in general. We are in hopes our sanitarium will be able to begin to take in patients by March 1, but it will take some months before we can do full work.

Surely another such field can scarcely be found where need and opportunity are so great. There is room for hundreds of faithful workers where there is now one. But financially, most of us have to be self-supporting. Nevertheless, the blessing of the Lord makes us rich, and we rejoice to be in a place where the need is great. How our hearts rejoice as we see the truth reaching out into the distant corners of the earth.

Let the ring of courage pass from rank to rank of the Lord's army, for victory is just ahead.

Albert Carey.

February 13.

CALIFORNIA

Columbus, Georgia

Once more I report our condition here to the people of California. I have just returned from Nashville, Tenn., where I was in attendance at the annual session of the Southern Union Conference. In many respects this was a grand meeting, notably because the brethren had a mind to "press together" and become unified, and because the trend of the meeting was to get back into the "old paths."

It was good to be permitted to sit under the teaching of those faithful old soldiers, Brethren Butler and Haskell; also the Bible studies of Sister Haskell.

I had the privilege and great pleasure of consulting with Brother and Sister Haskell, concerning their experience in conducting the New York Mission; and this has caused us to change our plans for this place.

The "Life Boats," "Signs," "Health Journals" and other litera-

ure sold and distributed here in this city have created quite an interest among certain classes, and there seems to be an earnest desire on the part of many to hear more about the message for these last days, and so we feel that the time has come for public meetings.

We want to secure a small inexpensive hall or store building, and fit it up for night meetings and a Bible school during the day, as Brother Haskell carried on the work in New York.

We have a territory of forty or fifty miles all around us, thickly settled, and not a sabbath-keeper except myself and one canvasser. The Georgia Conference can not help us, and I want to ask if there are not many Californians who would like to send us a few dollars to help get this work started. That the Lord may impress your minds and hearts to give us a little help right away, is my earnest prayer. George B. Douglass.

1921 Hamilton Ave.

Cal. Conference Laborers, Attention!

In harmony with a resolution passed by the late auditing committee, please make out your reports promptly at the close of each month, *carefully itemized*, and send so as to reach me by the second of the month immediately following.

J. D. Rice, Secretary.

The next meeting of the California Conference Committee will be held in connection with the Pacific Union Conference, at Healdsburg, Cal., March 18-27, 1904. By order of the chairman.

J. D. Rice, Secretary.

A Class in Nursing

For a number of years a thorough course in nursing has been offered by the St. Helena Sanitarium to young men and women who desired to become proficient in this branch of the work. On the first Monday in April another class will be formed, and there is an opportunity for some strong, active, healthy young men and women to

enlist. For further particulars, address St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Cal.

MONTANA

Notes of Interest

Elders J. C. Foster and S. H. Kime have been conducting a series of meetings at Red Lodge. As a result seven adults, besides a number of children, have begun the observance of the Sabbath. A Sabbath-school has been organized at that place. Meetings are now being held at the Linley school-house, about twenty miles from Red Lodge, with a good attendance.

The week of prayer season at Bozeman was one of encouragement and refreshing. Ten days' meetings were held with the church and students. The preaching was largely of a revival nature, urging the necessity of a complete and immediate yielding to God of the life with all its sins, and by faith receiving the power which gives victory over sin. This message reached hearts, and when calls were made night after night for those who desired to yield themselves to God, many signified their determination to surrender all. May God bless this experience to the good of the Bozeman church, and the dear young people in the school.

Misses Anna Carlson and Helen Berg, Bible workers at Butte, report some progress in their work. They have been canvassing for the book "Bible Readings." They say: "One of the most interesting features of our experience is the jail work. We give the prisoners the 'Life Boat' regularly, in which they take much interest. We have also given them books and tracts on the truth."

An encouraging item comes from a sister who spends a short time canvassing, just as her home duties will permit. She visited the Indian Agency last week, and in one afternoon sold about \$18.50 worth of books.

Elders White and Gosmer are having excellent meetings at Cho-

teau, where they have been for over a week.

WESTERN OREGON

Among the Churches

Tuesday, the 9th inst., I went to Albany to meet Brother C. H. Jones and accompany him in his appointments there and at the following places: Dallas, Newberg, McMinnville, and Portland.

At Albany two meetings were held, at which there was a full attendance of the members of the church of that place. It was good to see the appreciation manifested by this little company of a visit from those who came to break to them the bread of life, and to talk of the privileges and opportunities of God's people at this time to work for the spread of the message. Though the weather was very stormy, and the nights dark all came and listened with an interest that was inspiring, while Brother Jones set before them the evidences of the Lord's leading in the publishing work, and especially in the proposed move from Oakland to Mountain View. And as the instructions which we have from the Testimonies in regard to our duty to scatter the seeds of truth by the printed page were set forth, many hearts were moved to new desires to be more faithful than heretofore in the great work which is left with us.

At Dallas we held only one meeting. We arrived at the comfortable and hospitable home of Brother G. E. Cutler about 3 o'clock, p. m. After a few pleasant hours spent before a cheerful fire in the grate, during which time the work given us and its different phases, and our privileges in connection with it, were talked over, we gathered with a few who could be present with us at the meeting-house, and a real family meeting was held around the large stove. Rain, wind, mud, and sickness made it impossible for a number of the members to come, yet those who were present drank in the message brought them, and we all felt sure that new life would be put

into the work of this church as a result. We were compelled to leave early in the morning to meet the appointment at Newberg, feeling a sense of regret that we could not tarry longer with this company.

At Newberg we could have but one meeting; the reasons named in the last case accounting here for a less attendance than we hoped to see. Yet a goodly number gathered in the meeting-house in the evening; and it will sum it all up to say that the meeting will be remembered long for the good spirit prevailing, and the evident love for the message and the work for this time which we saw.

McMinnville. Our train arrived so late, and the prevailing storm kept most all away, so we had no meeting. We had a good night's rest, and at six o'clock in the morning were en route to Portland.

At Portland the day was fully spent in joint meetings for all the churches near enough to attend. The house was well filled, and as the interests of the cause were dwelt upon and our opportunities for work set forth, and too, the call to unreserved consecration, the response was very encouraging and promising.

Brother Jones dwelt upon the publishing work, not alone the work done at the office, of printing and binding books, but more especially the work for every one of us to do in publishing the message everywhere, around our homes and in fields afar off, by scattering the printed page. And it was especially interesting to the churches represented at this meeting to hear Brother Jones relate the evidences of the Lord's leading in getting out of Oakland, and in planning to follow His instruction in the matter of using the facilities of the institution in our denominational work instead of commercial work. And as he showed the benefits to follow to the publishing association by the new relation now existing between them and our conference in the recent changes which have been made, and how this new arrangement will, in turn, be a real benefit to the cause in this field,

bringing us into closer touch, and in every way closer relations with the publishing house, it called out a real interest which promises for the future a hearty co-operation in the plans which have been adopted.

In the afternoon a good social meeting closed the day's work, and all left feeling that it was a day of rich blessings. We are glad for this visit to our conference by Brother Jones; and may the future show that the sacrifice he made in leaving his work to come, and the inconvenience occasioned by the rain and mud (not much "sunshine and flowers" here now), have not failed to bring good results to the work in this field.

F. M. Burg.

Sheridan and Willamina

On January 9, 1904, I organized a church about two miles north of Sheridan, Oregon. A few families of Sabbath-keepers had recently purchased homes and settled in that locality, and had started a Sabbath-school. At the time the organization was effected it was the expectation that about ten persons would unite with it, but while the work was in progress, three of the young people decided to make application to unite with the church, consequently, thirteen persons entered the organization. The organization was fully completed by the election of competent officers, and is to be known as the Sheridan church.

This little church starts out on its career with peace and harmony among its members; and while all are poor in this world's goods, yet nearly all own their own homes. They are fortunate in this respect. Fairly good land is cheap in this locality, and if any of our brethren are desirous of locating where they can make homes with a small outlay of money, they may find it to their advantage to locate here.

The brethren are already agitating the question of building a small church, and also of having a church school in the near future. Any persons wishing to investi-

gate this matter might write to J. W. Gibson, Sheridan, Oregon.

On February 13, I again visited this church for the purpose of baptizing several persons, but the severe weather hindered, and the baptism was deferred until a more favorable time.

I am now conducting meetings at Willamina, a little town six miles from Sheridan. There has been a small church here for several years, but from several causes their membership has declined, until only three or four resident members are left. Unless something can be done to revive the interests here the organization will probably go down.

T. H. Starbuck.

Mt. Tabor, Ore., Feb. 16.

Hopewell

On January 31, Elder H. W. Decker and the writer met to dedicate the church at Hopewell, Oregon.

The building stands about fifty feet across the road from where Brethren Clark, Butterfield, and the writer held tent meetings a year ago last summer.

The site was kindly donated by Mr. John Kirkwood, who, besides, took an active part in making its building a success. The lot he neatly fenced. A commodious shed stands near by for the shelter of horses.

The church is a creditable little monument of the Third Angel's Message. It stands free from debt, and represents sacrifice and neatness in detail.

Elder Decker preached the sermon to an appreciative audience. Many could not find seats or standing room.

The writer remained and held a week's meeting. The house was filled every night. Although Satan tried to hinder, the Lord was present to bless. Four manifested a willingness to walk in the way of the Lord, while twice that number are under deep conviction, and for these the church is hopeful.

A full set of officers was elected, and a deacon ordained. Three

united with the church, and a few others will do so later. May the harmony that reigns in this church continue until our Lord appears.

C. J. Cole.

Southern Oregon

From February 4 to 9 I had the privilege of accompanying Brother C. H. Jones, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Co., on a trip among a few of the churches in Southern Oregon in the interests of the publishing work.

At Ashland we were met by Brother J. J. W. Clark, who had planned for a meeting at the church that evening. Although the weather was quite unfavorable a good representation of the church was present and listened with much interest to Brother Jones as he told of the work our publishing houses are doing. The move of the Pacific Press from Oakland to the country site of Mountain View was shown to be an answer to the call of the Lord through His servant, Sister White, to get out of the arge cities before the destroyer is allowed to do his work.

At the afternoon service the following day (Sabbath) Brother Jones presented the importance of the publishing work and showed in a forcible manner how every Seventh-day Adventist should be a part of the publishing concern—that each individual who circulates the printed page is a publisher, according to the dictionary definition of the term; and that every Adventist home may be a publishing house, by having on hand a supply of literature to distribute as opportunity offers.

His words met with a hearty response in the consecration service which followed in the afternoon. Our hearts were moved at having young and old resolving to enter the publishing work as never before. We met a valiant band of young people at this place, and are hopeful that many of them may prove to be staunch servants of Christ, and in the near future take an active part in circulating our literature. Sister Cora B. Findlay, who

resides at Ashland, is about to commence a canvass of the place for "Great Controversy."

Our next stopping-place was Grant's Pass, where Brother Jones spoke twice. While the attendance was smaller on account of stormy weather and bad roads, the interest in the thoughts presented was not less than at Ashland.

The same hearty interest was manifested at Roseburg, where one meeting was held; and while some in the country were kept away on account of the stormy weather, there were a goodly number present who consecrated themselves anew to the work.

The brethren and sisters at this place were rejoicing in the possession of a new church, with a commodious schoolroom in the basement, where a successful church school is being conducted.

We confidently expect to see some of those whom we met in the three churches mentioned, present at the institute here in Portland this month, with the object in mind of becoming better fitted for the Master's service.

W. V. Sample.

Portland, Or., Feb. 16, 1904.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Council Meeting

After the Walla Walla College board meeting a few of the Western Washington workers were called to meet with the conference committee at Kent, for a two days' council.

The following is an outline of the work:—

The committee on book and periodical work submitted the following report, which was adopted:

1. We recommend that the Western Washington Conference hold a convassers' institute at Seattle, extending from March 1-13.

We also recommend that the conference bear the expense of board and room for all new agents who intend to enter the field, and also for those who are now engaged, and that the churches be requested

to assist in defraying the expense of said institute.

2. We also recommend that in the training of agents during this institute, the old system of committing to memory the printed canvass, be discarded; the same to be used only as a suggestive canvass of the book.

3. In view of the importance of this great work, we recommend that all the churches of this conference be urged to encourage all who can to attend this institute.

The committee on "Object Lesson" work reported:—

1. We recommend that the "Object Lesson" work be pushed in every possible way, and that the ministers over each district encourage their local church elders, ministers, and lay members to do all in their power to push forward the sale of the books.

2. That those churches having already sold their quota, be encouraged, from a missionary standpoint, to continue the good work.

3. That we request Walla Walla College to select a man to take the oversight of the work in this conference, and that the conference bear the expense, including pay for his time while thus engaged, not including railroad fare outside the conference.

The committee on periodical work reported as follows:—

1. Resolved that we have a thorough organization of territory; and that a house-to-house system be inaugurated.

2. That one or two consecrated workers be selected to work under the direction of the conference committee, to build up the work in new places.

The committee on church-school work submitted the following report:—

We recommend that a six weeks' institute be held immediately after the annual camp-meeting, on the camp ground, and that Oregon and British Columbia be invited to join us; details to be left to those having the work immediately in charge.

The reports were adopted.

The committee on industrial schools gave their report, which

will appear in the next issue of the "Recorder."

It was decided to hold our next state camp-meeting at South Tacoma. A camp-meeting committee was appointed, consisting of W. C. F. Ward, W. F. Martin, T. H. Watson, J. R. Clark, O. A. Peterson.

Several sub-committees were appointed and an auditing committee.

Thus closed a very profitable meeting.

E. L. Stewart.
Kent, Wash.

Tacoma

After closing a very pleasant, as well as profitable, season spent among the friends and brethren of Aberdeen and Hoquiam (in the Gray's Harbor district), we were called to take up our winter work at this place. The Lord has been very kind to us, and we are of good courage. Brother Lee Moran is also stationed here with a strong company of canvassers, and every home in the city has been visited.

While the young people have had a splendid experience in the field as canvassers, they have also responded well to the class work that has been established for the benefit of all who would attend. Mind culture, and spiritual development are the subjects of our opening studies. Believing that exercise encourages development, the students have been required to reproduce the thoughts of each study, and give them in a public manner. The results have been precious seasons indeed, and all present were benefited.

O that the young people of our different conferences would move out and occupy the position God has ordained for them in this age of the world's crisis!

The paper work is moving along steadily, and our young sisters (assisted by some of the older) have demonstrated the fact that this is one of the important departments of our work.

An earnest young people's society has been organized, and with vigor they have taken hold of the work for the "Southern Missionary Field," and the Lord is blessing them.

The week of prayer was a time of refreshing to us all. The stirring articles for each evening fitted each into its place, and I believe the lessons were received into good and honest hearts, and as good seed, will yield fruit to the glory of God.

The treatment rooms, under the management of Dr. Allen, are doing a good work among the people. Sister Kelley has charge of the church school, and the Lord is blessing her.

There is a good spirit manifest in the church, by all attending members. An outside interest is developing, and we, as a company, are reaching out for the blessing in store for us. We ask your prayers.

T. H. Watson.

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Plodder's Petition

Lord, let me not be too content
With life in trifling service spent—
Make me aspire!
When days with petty cares are filled,
Let me with fleeting thoughts be thrilled
Of something higher!
Help me to long for mental grace,
To struggle with the commonplace
I daily find.
May little deeds not bring to fruit
A crop of little thoughts to suit
A shriveled mind.
I do not ask for place among
Great thinkers who have taught and
sung,
And scorned to bend
Under the trifles of the hour—
I only would not lose the power
To comprehend.

—Helen Gilbert.

A Sabbath-school Talk

The following is a talk given before the Young People's Division of the Oakland Sabbath-school, Feb. 6, 1904, by H. H. Haynes:—

"It is reasonable to believe that God, who inspired men to prophesy concerning nations and what should come to pass in these last days;

should also give wisdom and understanding to men living at the close of the time to which these prophecies point, to write books in which their meaning would be made plain. One of the most important books that has been written is 'Daniel and Revelation.' We all know of the great circulation this book has had. But we can never know of the influence this book has had upon the minds of men and women who have read it. Intelligent men have discussed the book, and its truths have become deeply implanted in their hearts.

"I remember when I was a small boy in the State of Washington, of a canvasser (a sailor) coming into the lumbering town where we lived. He was selling 'Daniel and Revelation,' and other books. The country was rough and thinly settled, and the only means of travel was by boats going up and down the rivers. That man took his books in a skiff and rowed up the small rivers, often going several miles only to find a logging-camp or a settler's cabin. Sometimes he would leave the river, and taking his books on his back, tramp miles across country over a 'blazed' trail to another river, the country settled as thinly as the other. He continued this for months, selling many books. Years passed by without any apparent results; but I have sat around the fire in my father's logging-camp and listened to loggers—many of them educated men—discuss the book 'Daniel and Revelation.' One man, who was educated to be a lawyer, came to our home and asked for a copy of the book.

"It is also reasonable to suppose that God, who gave the man wisdom to write the book, gave other men a burden to circulate it. If the sailor who rowed his boat against heavy currents, up the Wishkah River, could have looked ahead and been shown (nearly two years later) a Seventh-day Adventist minister holding prayer-meetings in one of the logging-camps he had visited; and later stood with the rest of us on the banks of the same river, on a rainy day in De-

ember, and witnessed the baptism of a large company of loggers and settlers, he would have felt more than repaid for the hardships he went through. There were fifteen families who accepted the Third Angel's Message on that one river alone."

Soul-winning Tracts

There is need, now and then, to remind ourselves of the important fact that great results are frequently achieved from most humble beginnings. Here is an instance:—

One day a little boy, belonging to a Sunday-school in Philadelphia, met one of his friends, to whom he mentioned his expectation of a visit to his relatives in the country.

"Well," said his friend, "and what are you going to the country for?"

"Oh, I shall run about and play in the fields and enjoy myself very much."

"Well, so much you are going to do for yourself. What else do you expect to do?"

"Why, I can help the farmers, perhaps."

"Well, so much for yourself and the farmer; but what, my little friend, do you expect to do for your heavenly Father?"

"What, me!" replied the child, in astonishment. "What can such a child as I do for God?"

"You can do much. Now, I'll give you a bundle of tracts. Take these, and when you go into the country, distribute them."

"Oh, to be sure, sir, I can do that." And he received the tracts.

Now, here was the seed sown. Let us see the result. The boy, thus armed, went into the country, as he anticipated. After being there a day or more, a boy living in the neighborhood asked him if he would help him gather the cows together and bring them home.

"Oh," thought the juvenile missionary, "here will be a good chance to give one of my tracts." So off they started for the cows.

The child, for he was no more, took out one of the silent preach-

ers, saying, "Here is something for you."

"What is it?" looking it over; "what is it?"

"It is something good to read," said the lad.

"But I can not read. Never mind, I'll take it home; they can read it there."

Some days after, the country boy met his city friend. "Well," said he, "that little book you gave me made a great stir at our house, I tell you."

"Did it, though? How do you mean?"

"Why," replied he, "they read the tract, and then they read the Bible, and they made me get out the old carriage and clean it up, and then we all got in that could, and the rest got on before and behind, and rode off to church. That tract's done great things, I tell you."

Subsequently it was ascertained that this one tract was the means of converting twenty-four souls.—Selected.

I once asked the greatest of inventors, Thomas A. Edison, if he were a total abstainer; and, when he told me that he was, I said, "May I inquire whether it was home influence that made you so?" and he replied, "No, I think it was because I always felt that I had a better use for my head." Who can measure the loss to the world if that wonderful instrument of thought that has given us so much of light and leading practical mechanism of life had become sodden with drink, instead of electric with original ideas.—Frances E. Willard.

On Both Knees

William Dawson once told this story to illustrate how humble the soul must be before it can find peace.

He said that at a revival meeting a little lad who was used to Methodist ways, went home to his mother, and said:—

"Mother, John So-and-so is under conviction and seeking for peace, but he will not find it to-night, mother."

"Why, William?" said she.

"Because he is only down on one knee, mother, and he will never get peace until he is down on both knees."

Until conviction of sin brings us down on both knees, until we are completely humbled, until we have no hope in ourselves left, we can not find peace.



The Great Need of Educators

EXPERIENCED CHRISTIAN TEACHERS NEEDED

We need educators who know what Christian education is, and can teach it. We need teachers who in subject matter and method will imitate the great Master Teacher in their teaching. The demand for this class of teachers is constantly increasing, and the demand far exceeds the supply. Almost every mail brings letters from the churches earnestly requesting that experienced, consecrated teachers be supplied for their schools. We have few of this class of teachers, and for the most part have to furnish teachers, who, though they are consecrated individuals and in harmony with the principles of Christian education, yet lack experience which strengthens confidence and insures success in the work. But after we have exhausted our supply, still many of the churches have to wait, and their children are deprived of a Christian school, where Christian education is taught by a competent, Christian teacher, and thus the work of God is hindered and neglected. He is looking for the educational branch of His work to train an army of workers who will carry on the work of the Third Angel's Message to sure and certain victory; and His Word declares, "There shall be delay no longer."

WHERE SHALL WE FIND THESE TEACHERS?

Where shall we look to find the Christian teachers which the cause

of God so greatly needs at this time? Where shall we find those who are true, earnest Christian believers in the Third Angel's Message, and yet can bring teaching experience and ability into our church and intermediate schools? We believe that they are among Seventh-day Adventists, God's remnant people, who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

There are hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists who have in the past taught, and now are teaching, in public schools, whom the Great Educator now calls upon to use their teaching ability and experience in schools of His own divine appointment. Some of these have already gladly responded to this call for higher service and greater opportunities, and shall not the rest hear the call and quickly respond, "Here am I, Lord, send me"? Let not the matter of compensation stand in the way of the progress of God's suffering cause. He who has called you to this work will see that all your temporal needs are supplied.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS MUST BE ESTABLISHED

Can there be any doubt in the minds of these teachers, but what this call for schools in our churches, with godly instructors to teach the youth and children, is the great call of the hour?

The following words of instruction and warning are to the point:—

"The church has a special work to do in educating and training its children that they may not, in attending school, or in any other association, be influenced by those of corrupt habits. The world is full of iniquity and disregard of the requirements of God. The cities have become as Sodom, and our children are daily being exposed to many evils. Those who attend the public schools often associate with others more neglected than they, those who, aside from the time spent in the schoolroom, are left to obtain a street education. The hearts of the young are easily impressed; and unless their sur-

roundings are of the right character, Satan will use these neglected children to influence those who are more carefully trained. Thus, before Sabbath-keeping parents know what evil is being done, the lessons of depravity are being learned, and the souls of their little ones are corrupted."—Testimonies, Vol. VI., p. 193.

After speaking of the Israelites

gathering their children out from among the Egyptians, just before the "slaying of the first-born," the servant of the Lord continues: "This experience of the Israelites was written for the instruction of those who should live in the last days. Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed

Report of Church-School Work, California Conference, Third Month, 1903-04.

NAME OF SCHOOL	No. Boys Enrolled.....	No. Girls Enrolled.....	Total Enrolment ...	No. New Pupils	Average Daily Attendance...	Average No. Belonging....	Per cent of Attendance...	Tardinesses	No. Visits by Board	No. Visits by Others	Scholarship.....	
Healdsburg:—												
Advanced Department	15	31	46	2	35.4	39.6	89.4	15	0	13	82	
Intermediate Dep't.....	21	19	40	3	31.1	33.6	92.5	19	0	16	88	
Primary Department...	26	26	52	2	36.2	43.9	84.7	31	0	5	91	
	62	76	138	7	102.7	117.1	87.7	65	0	34	87	
Oakland:—												
Advanced Department	8	10	18	0	16.3	16.5	97				.....
Intermediate Dep't.....	15	14	29	0	21.9	24.6	86.7	49	0	2	86	
Primary Department...	13	11	24	2	17.2	18.8	91.7	63	1	10	89	
	36	35	71	2	55.4	59.9	92.5	112	1	12	87	
Fresno:—												
Advanced Department	24	19	43	0	34.6	36.1	95.8	16	0	6	90	
Primary Department...	14	12	26	0	22.4	22.6	99.1	00	0	6	.....
	38	31	69	0	57.0	58.7	97.1	16	0	12	.....
San Francisco:—												
Advanced Department	8	13	21	0	18.0	19.3	93	27	0	2	86	
Primary Department...	13	7	20	1	13.7	15.6	88	4	0	6	.....
	21	20	41	1	31.7	34.9	90.8	31	0	8	.....
Sanitarium	20	18	38	2	24.2	25.4	95	13	0	7	.....
Santa Rosa.....	11	12	23	0	16.4	20.4	80.4	24	0	3	88	
Hanford.....	19	23	42	5	26.1	27.7	95.6	10	1	7	.....
San Jose.....	13	15	28	1	20.5	23.5	82	26	0	4	82	
Eureka.....	16	14	30	4	18.4	22.4	81.8	97	4	8	.....
Red Bluff.....	6	13	19	0	12.2	13.7	88.7	14	4	9	89	
Pepperwood	5	4	9	0	6.8	7.3	93.8			3	.....
Reno, Nevada	8	8	16	0	10	11.7	91	28	0	0	94	
Alameda.....	6	3	9	0	6.8	7.5	93	8	0	1	92	
Petaluma.....	6	7	13	0	10.4	11	94	9	0	1	.....
Glenville.....	3	2	5	0	4.6	4.7	92	0	2	2	90	
Calistoga.....	3	5	8	1	5.8	6.1	93	1	1	6	96	
Alton.....	6	4	10	0	8.6	9.4	91.7	2	3	11	92	
Santa Cruz.....	3	7	10	1	9.2	9.8	94.6	2	1	3	80	
Armona.....	6	7	13	0	11.2	11.7	94.8	3	6		.....
Burrough.....	2	3	5	0	3.9	4.2	91				.....
Stockton (no report).....											.....
Totals.....	290	307	597	24	411.9	487.1	90.5	461	23	121	88.7	

While the total enrolment has increased a little this month over last, yet it is to be regretted that the average daily attendance has fallen off quite a good deal.

The figures for Burrough are taken from last month's report, as the third report is not yet in, owing to sickness of pupils and closing of school for awhile.

There are an unusual number of errors in reports this month. Look out for list next month, teachers!

J. S. Osborne,
Sup't Church Schools.

to prepare for that event. To parents He sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practising evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as possible.

ESTABLISH CHURCH SCHOOLS

Give your children the Word of God as the foundation of all their education. This is full of beautiful lessons, and if pupils make it their study in the primary grade below, they will be prepared for the higher grade above.—Testimonies, Vol. VI., p. 195.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS FULFILLING PROPHECY

There is no uncertainty in these words of admonition and instruction, and the carrying of it out means salvation to both the parents and their children. In this educational movement is the carrying forward of the work of Elijah the prophet, just before the coming of the dreadful day of the Lord, spoken of by the prophet Malachi,—the turning of the hearts of the fathers unto their children, and the hearts of the children unto their fathers, lest God should come and smite the earth with a curse.

EDUCATION MUST BE CHRISTIAN

The Lord asks us now to give the children and youth an education which will fit them for heaven—yea, more, an education which they can take with them to heaven. That will be Christian (the Christ) education. Our education must be just as truly Christian as our theology. Christian principles must obtain in man's development, intellectually and physically as well as in his development spiritually. Christian education stands for the symmetrical development of the whole man,—spiritually, physically, and intellectually. Worldly education does not stand for the development of the entire man.

M. E. Cady.

“The fear of God never makes a man fearful.”

Royal

The church school at Royal has been in progress three months. Nineteen pupils are enrolled, and all are interested to attend when possible, although there has been considerable absence on account of sickness. Under Brother Westrup's careful training, the students are learning well. He has so many classes that his time is fully occupied.

Brother Westrup and most of his pupils spent two days in canvassing for the Capital and Labor Number of the “Signs,” and quite a large number of papers were disposed of.

We need and request the prayers of God's people that we may all be faithful in doing what we can to uphold the hands of our teacher as he seeks to prepare the students to perform their part in warning the world of the soon-coming Saviour.

Mrs. W. N. Wheeler.

Cottage Grove, Ore.,
January 19.

Gravelford Academy

This school has been in operation five years. Up to the present school year, it has been conducted by the writer under the auspices of the Gravelford church. By action of the executive committee of the Western Oregon Conference last July, the school was recognized as a conference school of the intermediate grade.

At a general meeting of the churches tributary to the school, held July 31 to August 10, the following persons were elected a board of trustees: F. S. Bunch, O. S. Coleman, Mrs. Alice Gage, Elder F. M. Burg, and Prof. C. C. Lewis. The first three members were to act as a local committee, or board of management.

The writer was chosen principal of the school, and the selection of an assistant teacher was left to the local board. Miss Myra E. Camp, of Roseburg, was unanimously chosen.

School opened October 5, with a small attendance. The membership has steadily increased, until thirty-six are now enrolled. The larger number of students are not

of our faith, but a more obedient and orderly class of students would be hard to find. Some who were quite rough in manner and backward in school work have undergone a great change since being brought under the influence of the school.

Thoroughness and character is our motto. Already good reports have come in from this year's work. One man, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, placed his son in school, and wrote: “I send my son to your school because I believe its moral influence to be better than any other school in this part of the State.”

Another man, brought up a Catholic, writes that he is well pleased with the advancement of his son and daughter.

A young man entered school; his work for the first few weeks was extremely careless. By patient work on the part of the teachers along the lines revealed to God's remnant people, this young man, though not of our faith, has become one of our best students.

The great Teacher has been with us from the beginning of this school year, and truly the “government has been upon His shoulders,” for our students have been remarkably obedient. Excellent work is being done in all classes.

We have two interesting classes in Bible study, one in Old Testament history and the other in Bible doctrines.

The board of trustees are considering the advisability of moving the school to a more accessible place. We are eight miles from town, and, in winter, completely cut off from all routes of travel. Our attendance would be much larger were we more favorably located.

Our courage in the Lord is good. His work will triumph gloriously.

Frank S. Bunch.

February 2.

Monitor Church School

The church at Monitor, Ore., believing it to be time for them to open a church school, began to plan for it early in the fall, and, as a result of their determined effort,

succeeded in securing a good teacher, and began their school the fourth of November. It being their first year, they had many obstacles to meet. As they had no building suitable in which to hold their school, they set off a part of the church for this purpose. The Lord has blessed them abundantly in this effort to establish a school. The people of the outside community at first threatened to prosecute them for taking their children from the public school, but finally this spirit died out, and at present there seems to be a better spirit prevailing towards our school. It was my privilege to visit this school a few days ago, and I could not help noticing the very atmosphere of loyalty to God which has been instilled into the hearts of these children. The school numbers twenty in attendance. Grades one to four are taught.

G. W. Pettit.

February 3.

An Education while You Wait ?

Not by any means, for an education can not be obtained without an effort. What do you read? Think over your reading for the past year, and what proportion of it helped to make a Christian worker. We are told in Volume 7 of the Testimonies for the Church: "Form a home reading circle in which every member of the family shall lay aside the busy cares of the day and unite in study. . . . Especially will the youth who have been accustomed to reading novels and cheap story-books receive benefit from joining in the evening family study."

The Missionary Training School of Correspondence has been started with no other object than to help parents and young men and young women to do this very thing for themselves, for their families, for the members of the church, and for their neighbors who should be interested in Bible study. You may ask, Does the Missionary Training School of Correspondence prepare students to do practical missionary work? The following statements from those who are members of the school will answer the question: "I am very thankful that the Lord

has led me to take up this correspondence course. I have received great benefit from the lessons. I do not think that I ever spent six dollars on myself for anything that has done me as much good as this. I wish I could have had the opportunity of studying something like this years ago."

Another writes: "The church voted to take up the Correspondence Course in their regular Sunday evening meetings. Four have signified their intention of joining the class. In every instance this includes the family. I secured another new student this morning."

Still another writes: "I am using the lessons sent out by the Correspondence School in the church where I am teaching. All that are old enough join in these studies, and enjoy them very much. The first three Sabbaths the children outlined the chapters, but after that I invited all to take part. It would do one good to see how enthusiastic they are."

If you are not able to take a regular training in one of our schools, and desire to prepare yourself for better work, correspond with the Missionary Training School of Correspondence, Berrien Springs, Mich.



Report of the San Francisco Dispensary

The work in the dispensary for several weeks preceding the holidays was very light, but there was an abundance of outside work. Calls of every description came to the dispensary,—people wanting clothing, people needing food, others in need of homes or work,—sometimes it almost seemed that the dispensary might be an intelligence office. But we are glad we can help the people in any way possible.

Word came to us one day of a family that was in need—the husband sick in bed and out of work.

Immediately the nurse was sent to see what could be done. It happened that there was no one in for treatments, and I stayed and looked after the dispensary, while the nurse went out and investigated to see what we could do for the case. She found a very interesting family, a man, wife, and children. The man was one who did not belong to the union from principle. He believed that the unions were an infringement of his liberty, which he could not support, and because of his refusing to join the union, he was out of work, and not only out of work, but his family were subjected to abuses of all kinds from his neighbors. Even his children on the street were abused by other children, because the father did not belong to the union. He had gotten odd jobs till he became sick. At the time the nurse called, he was very much discouraged. They were out of everything, and had no money, nor knew not where to turn to get any, and were threatened with being put out of their house. The nurse returned to the dispensary to report what she had found, and we were able to send some one immediately to give him a treatment. The matter being brought before the brethren in the church, money and provisions were provided for their help. As a result of a treatment, he was able to get up next day, and was fortunate enough to find something to do in a few days. We have kept track of them since, and they are doing very well. They were very grateful for the help we gave them, and we feel grateful that the Lord has put the means in our hands of giving temporal aid in just such cases.

About the same time there fell to our care an old man and his wife. He was ill. They were both aged, and had been almost entirely dependent upon charity. As she was too feeble to care for him herself, it became necessary to provide care for him both night and day. For a time he was cared for of nights by volunteers; later a man appealing to us for work was hired to care for him. During the day sisters in the church volunteered their services. In this way, they

were cared for over three weeks, till finally the old man was once more able to get up and take care of himself.

The man who was hired to take care of him has proved to be an interesting case. He was sent to the church to enquire for the pastor, being told that if any one would help him, the people in that church would. He had been out of work for some time, and was out of clothing. He had gotten so low in clothing that he was not presentable to apply for work. He proved to be a well-educated man, but at the time he came to us was on the verge of desperation. Brother Speedie happened to meet him first. He took him to his own home, which is our visiting nurses' home. He provided him with a room and clothes. We gave him this work for a few nights—of taking care of the old man—and by the time the old man needed his services no more he had found something else to do.

At our Friday evening family circle, when the workers meet together in prayer and social meeting, he was present. The Lord came in that night and blessed us wonderfully. All present took part in both prayer and testimony. He said, in effect, that when he came to us he was just ready to do any desperate thing, but that the Lord had found him, and that he wanted to thank God before us all for the kindness which had come into his life. He said it had made a new man of him, and that from henceforth he was determined his life should be the Lord's. When we knelt in prayer, he joined us in an earnest petition to God for God's strength to keep him. At that moment we felt repaid for any effort that had been made.

H. E. Brighthouse, M. D.
420 Dolores Street.

The February "Life Boat" is a special antitobacco number, and for its excellent and timely articles concerning the evils of the tobacco habit, deserves a wide circulation. Price two cents a copy.

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2.

MISSIONARY WORK

THE BOOK WORK

California

Reports for December and January

"STEPS TO CHRIST" AND "GOSPEL PRIMER."

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
M. A. Vroman.....	120	...	\$236 65

"MARVEL OF NATIONS"

M. S. Drake.....	108	33	49 50
Wm. C. Carrier....	20	7	8 50

"LADIES' GUIDE" AND "HOUSE WE LIVE IN."

Mrs. C. E. Halliday	297	...	199 65
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"LADIES' GUIDE."

F. W. Hicks.....	8	1	4 50
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Total..... \$498 80

Miscellaneous sales..... 21 70

Utah

HEALTH BOOKS.

A. D. Guthrie	102	80	\$445 25
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The Influence of a "Signs" Worker

The Pacific Press Publishing Co. have just received a letter from one of our people in Ouray, Colo., in which reference is made to the influence of two Bible workers who have been working in that city recently with the special "Signs." Four have already accepted the truth, and more than thirty are studying it. The following is a clipping from the city paper, which will be read with interest:—

Seventh-day Adventists

"Miss Carrie Dowden, who came here from Grand Junction in September, and who has been quietly engaged in missionary work for the Seventh-day Adventists' church, was a caller at this office last week and left us two copies of the weekly magazine publication of her faith, 'Signs of the Times,' published at Oakland, Cal., which have proved to contain much excellent reading matter worthy of perusal by people anywhere, and especially those of a mining-camp like Ouray. The two left us are largely devoted to a treatment of the great conflict between capital and labor, setting forth the facts in an unprejudiced and unbiased manner for both sides of the controversy, and furnishing much food for thought along those

lines. The editor views the conflict in the light of prophecy, and looks upon it as one of the signs of the times spoken of in Holy Writ."

Work among the Wealthy

We are planning to place the "Desire of Ages" in the homes of the well-to-do people on the Pacific Coast. Although not yet ready to ask for workers to volunteer, we will explain briefly the plan.

A very fine edition of the "Desire of Ages" has been printed on heavy paper, with wide margin, and bound in twenty-five parts with heavy paper covers. All the full-page illustrations are beautifully colored, and ten extra illustrations have been prepared particularly for this edition. The price of these parts is 25 cents each, or \$6.25 for the set. The prospectus is a very thin book, and may be carried in a pocket especially prepared for it, by the gentlemen, or in a music roll by the ladies. The solicitor secures the orders and turns them in to the manager of the company, (these workers always form into companies), who delivers them, four at first delivery and two every two weeks subsequently. He, of course, collects as he delivers. After from four to ten parts have been delivered, the solicitor receives his full commission. After having delivered a few parts, the deliverer solicits binding orders. Our experience thus far indicates that about 75 per cent of the orders will be bound. We anticipate this by binding up volumes beforehand, so that there may be no delay in delivery. After bound volumes have been delivered, the parts are taken up and delivered to other customers. One great advantage in this plan is the continued visits of a Christian deliverer to each family from whom an order has been taken.

This work has been going on very successfully for several months in Kansas City, and I have had the pleasure of meeting with those engaged in it a number of times. I am convinced that it is opening a new epoch in our book work, and

sincerely hope we may introduce the plan in the west this coming season. The following is a quotation from a letter just received from the manager of the company in Kansas City:—

"Last Friday I arranged with one of our customers, who is interested in the truth, to receive Bible readings from Sister D—. The lady is very much interested, and as she was taking up so much of my time from delivery, I asked her if she would not like to study the subject we had been talking over, and she was delighted. By the way, this lady is a dissatisfied Catholic.

"You remember that Brother Hiatt spoke about taking an order from the manager of a wholesale house here in the city. Well, I delivered the set complete, bound in half morocco. The daughter studied her Sunday-school lessons from it, and in answer to questions asked, quoted from 'Desire of Ages.' The teacher wanted to know where she got her information, and she replied, 'From "Desire of Ages."' This teacher sent in his order for the work."

In closing, I might say we have seven now engaged in this work in Kansas City, and several others will join early in the spring. The deliveries have thus far been successful.

H. H. Hall.

How We May Help Our Canvassers

One of the salesmen for the Part Edition of "Desire of Ages" secured an order for the series from a prominent church worker in the city. The lady had just received a letter from an Adventist in another State. Throughout the letter were gems of truth, but near the close of the letter the sister said, "I am praying for you." On delivery of the first parts, I learned that this lady was receiving letters and tracts frequently, and was more than pleased to get a series published by our people. During the conversation with her, I learned she had already accepted the doctrine of the soon-coming Saviour, the state of the dead, the resurrec-

tion, and is now studying the Sabbath question. These are her words: "If I see that the seventh day is the true Sabbath, I will keep it if the whole city is against me."

Experiences of this kind make us strong and very courageous in our work of scattering the printed page of truth, and should be encouraging to those who do missionary corresponding and tract distribution.

I suppose the sister does not realize how she prepared the way for the evangelistic canvasser. The call is to service; follow up; work! work! work!

J. L. McGee.

Our Work Moves Onward

Although quite busy, I went out some time ago to sell the Capital and Labor number of "The Signs of the Times." The distance I had to go, before commencing, was about ten miles; so the time that remained for me to canvass, as I was compelled to return that afternoon, was a little over three hours. But the Lord was in the work; and by His aid I was enabled to dispose of seventeen papers. On my return home I felt very joyful; and earnestly prayed that God would open the eyes of all who had bought papers, to see the truth they contained.

Last Thursday I went again, and disposed of several more copies. It is my earnest desire that God may bring forth much fruit from my wayside sowing.

Alonzo Briggs.

Morganhill, Cal.

Brother Walter Harper sends in the following item of experience:—

"After leaving Oakland my first stopping place was Tehachapi. The outlook, from a human standpoint, was discouraging. It was dry, dusty, and desolate. It would seem useless to stop at such a forbidding place, but I had prayed much for wisdom and guidance, and the Lord most graciously answered. The next day after my arrival at Tehachapi He granted me success in taking about thirty dollars' worth of orders. One lady

paid for a copy of 'Object Lessons' in advance, and another bought three copies for presents to friends."

Missed by Waiting

Waiting to be of service is the sure way of missing the service altogether. There is no waiting one's chance in the life of true service. Opportunities through the path of every-day routine. Every one is susceptible of greater joy. Every one has a burden, often to be lightened by an understanding look, a tactful word, a sense of companionship. But we wait, and offer none of these, because we are not quick to see, and we want to do something notable and striking when we do serve. Meanwhile, a whole brood of opportunities are born, and die. Let us be—not wait to be—of service.—Selected.

Count no duty too little, no round of life too small, no work too low, if it come in thy way, since God thinks so much of it as to send His angels to guard thee in it.—Mark Guy Pearse.

The Quest for Happiness

The little country place looked so pretty and quiet amid its trees and flowers that the visitor, fresh from the city's turmoil, said to an old woman who was knitting in the shadow of the vines:—

"You must see a good deal of happiness here."

She was partially deaf, and looked up doubtfully for a moment before she answered:—

"No, I haven't seen him, so far as I know. I'm not much acquainted around here, and, anyway, my eyes are so poor that I wouldn't know him if I saw him coming in the gate."

The other visitor, sitting on the end of the porch, laughed softly.

"You have your answer," she said, as the two walked away. "I fancy this matter of happiness is mostly a question of eyesight, after all. It's not living here or there, having this or that, but just knowing the blessed guest when he comes in many ways and carries

long, if only we did not fail to recognize him. Our eyes are only opened when he is going out of the gate."—Selected.

Obituary

STICKNEY.—Died of cancer, in San Francisco, Feb. 16, 1904, Silas Coombs Stickney, at the age of 42 years, 10 months, and 3 days. Brother Stickney was born in Whitefield, Maine, and was brought to California at the age of two years. His people settled in Mendocino County. Here, when a young man, he accepted the truth which we hold so dear, and at the age of 19 connected with the Pacific Press, in whose employ he was to the time of his death. During this time he served in the positions of bookkeeper, secretary for the company, and solicitor. He was for many years one of the directors, and upon him at different times was laid heavy responsibilities. He was largely instrumental in developing the counter check-book business, which he managed as long as health would permit. June 21, 1881, he married Lydia A. Bartlett. The fruit of this union was a boy and girl. His wife died May 29, 1896. He married again while in Guatemala for the Pacific Press, Maud S. Gardner, who died Feb. 12, 1903.

Brother Stickney was a faithful, painstaking, assiduous, accurate worker. In the earlier years he confined himself too much to his desk, not seeing or appreciating, like many others, the need of physical exercise, when so much needed to be done. He longed to live for his children, but was resigned to God's will, and trusted Him to the last. He felt that his moral accounts were all straight with men as far as he could make them, and that God had covered all his sins. He left of near relatives, two brothers, two sisters, an aged mother, and two children—Barbara, aged 17, and Silas Lynne, aged 12. Upon Barbara especially this third blow falls with crushing weight. May faithful friends and a kind Father help her to bravely bear her burden. The funeral was held

in Oakland, Sabbath, February 20, C. H. Jones, Elder B. F. Richards, and the writer officiating. He waits the coming of the Lifegiver.
M. C. Wilcox.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

One of the members of the nurses' class at the St. Helena Sanitarium is a Chinese young woman who is preparing herself to labor among her own people.

Brother H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, is planning to attend the biennial meeting of the Central Union Conference, to be held at Omaha, Neb., March 4-14.

The year-book of the Seventh-day Adventists for 1904 has come to our desk. It is an octavo volume of 144 pages, and contains the official denominational directory of the General Conference, Union and local conferences and mission fields, and the various institutions throughout the world. The work has been prepared with much care, and will be of service to every worker in our ranks. Price 25 cents. Your State tract society can furnish it.

Our sanitariums at Portland, Spokane, and St. Helena have enjoyed a very fine patronage during the last twelve months. The opportunities for sowing seeds of truth have been many, and the doctors and nurses have improved them. The wisdom of establishing medical institutions for the promulgation of the message is being demonstrated week by week. May their sphere of usefulness continue to increase.

The periodical workers in Great Britain used 44,300 copies of the January edition of the "Good Health" published in London, and 72,600 copies of "Present Truth," during the four weeks ending Jan. 21, 1904. And we are pleased to say this periodical work is building up the cause in the British field. In Germany the same methods of

labor are in operation, but on a more extensive scale and with like results. Where this method of personal effort has been put forth in America it has always produced good returns. When the work first started in this country it was the zeal manifested by every believer that caused the work to grow rapidly. It will also be the same burning desire to tell the truth unto others that will carry the message to the world in this generation and thus usher in a new order of things. Let us co-operate daily and continually.

Elder Dart, of Dawson, Yukon Territory, in writing of his work, under date of January 7, gives the following information:—

"You will be glad to know that we have two substantial conversions to the message, and good reasons to believe that two or three more will join us ere long. Also, that the attendance at our studies is increasing. I can also give a good report of our meetings in the little chapel on Poverty Flat, two miles from Dawson. The attendance there is increasing and the interest excellent. Interested ones keep the lamp supplied with oil and the stove with wood, and have the place swept and a good fire upon our arrival. One said, as he shook hands with me last Sunday, 'We must have more yet; these seats must be filled.' Another said, 'You spoke lots of truth to-day.' While it is no small task to keep up these meetings in such cold weather, we feel abundantly repaid with present results.

"We have been having intensely cold weather of late. At some points between here and White Horse, the thermometer registered between 70 and 80 degrees below zero, and the mercury was frozen. Brother Rice and I walked out to our chapel when the thermometer registered 60 degrees below zero. Ten or eleven people were present at the meeting, but they said they did not expect me."

"Profession without confession soon ends in digression."

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Our Portuguese laborer, Brother Da Silva, is working on the island of Hawaii. He is taking many subscriptions for the Portuguese paper that is published in Brazil.

In Honolulu, Elder Behrens is carrying forward a reading circle of one hundred members, to whom he sends a letter with reading matter, on some point of the message, every two weeks. He expects to give, in this way, as full a course of lectures as is usually presented in our tent meetings. Already some hopeful signs are appearing as a result of this systematic effort.

A Word of Caution

A great many inquiries are being received by those connected with the Pacific Press from brethren in all parts of the country, concerning Mountain View, the prospective home of the Pacific Press Publishing Company. A large number of these communications state that the writers are contemplating making a home in that vicinity.

Now, while it is a fact that the managers of the publishing house have selected a very desirable locality for their business and for the employees, yet it will be a great mistake for our brethren to colonize there in large numbers. It must be evident to all that only a limited number can find employment in the publishing house. All other employment must be of that character that can be furnished by a small village and the orchards around it during fruit season. It will be well for all who are think-

ing of settling in this place to make inquiry concerning other sections before making any hasty move. There are many places in California, Oregon, and Washington, that offer special inducements to energetic men with a small amount of capital. It certainly will not be advantageous to have a large number of our people move to Mountain View unless there is a need of their services in the work to be established at that place. We do not want to repeat there the mistakes of Battle Creek and Oakland.

W. T. Knox.

Pacific Union Conference

The regular biennial meeting of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 9 A.M., March 18, and to continue until the 27th, 1904, at Healdsburg, Cal., for the purpose of selecting the officers and the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference for the ensuing biennial term, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each local conference and mission field is entitled to one delegate in the sessions of the conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred church-members.

W. T. Knox, President.

J. J. Ireland, Secretary.

Instruction to Church Treasurers

Nearly all of the conference treasurers are providing special remittance blanks for the use of the church treasurers, to be used by them when remitting funds to the state office. The object of this is to assist the local treasurers and also the State treasurers in despatching their work with less chance for errors or mistakes. It will therefore be a great convenience to the various State treasurers for the local treasurers to always use these blanks when remitting their funds. If your supply is exhausted insist on the conference treasurer sending you another supply.

At the end of each quarter the church treasurer is furnished with

a special blank on which he is to give a report of all his receipts and disbursements for the three months previous. This blank in the past has been considered by some treasurers as a remittance blank, but it is not intended that it should be so used. It may be enclosed in the same envelope with the last remittance of the quarter but always send a remittance blank with it, properly filled out, when sending a remittance.

Each State treasurer is held accountable for all funds which come into his hands, and our local church treasurers can assist these officers very much by using the regular remittance blank for remittances, and promptly filling out in every detail the quarterly report blanks.

The Coming Conference

According to the notice that appears in this paper, the Pacific Union Conference will convene at Healdsburg, March 18, at 9 A.M., continuing until and including March 27. In order that the objects of this conference may be attained, it will be necessary that the full delegation be in attendance during the entire meeting. Therefore it is hoped that now, when the delegates begin to plan for the meeting, they will all take due notice that it begins March 18, at 9 o'clock A.M., and will continue to and include March 27, while a day or two in addition may be necessary for the incoming executive committee.

It often happens on occasions of this kind that delegates come a day or two late and with appointments that take them from the meeting before its adjournment. We hope this meeting will be an exception to this general custom. In order to be present at the opening meeting, the delegates will be obliged to arrive at Healdsburg not later than March 17. There are two trains each day from San Francisco, to Healdsburg, leaving the city at 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

The committee on entertainment will be in attendance at the church, waiting the arrival of the visitors.

W. T. Knox.