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

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THE CHURCH

Peace

He shall give His angels charge
Over thee in all thy ways;
Though the thunders roam at large,
Though the lightning round me plays,
Like a child I lay my head
In sweet sleep upon my bed.

Though the terror come so close,
It shall have no power to smite;
It shall deepen my repose,
Turn the darkness into light;
Touch of angels' hands is sweet,
Not a stone shall hurt my feet.
—Selected.

The Work before Us

Our great need is to know that we are wearing Christ's yoke. His service brings rest to the soul. Are we, in the fullest sense of the word, heeding the invitation, "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"? By accepting this invitation, you commit your soul to God as unto a faithful Creator.

Our heavenly Father knows how weak we are. He understands our necessities and our capacities. He has not left us to be guided or controlled by the will of any human being. We are to

obey the word, "It is written."

Remember that however great the wisdom man may appear to have, if Christ does not abide in his soul, if he is not controlled by the principles of the Word of God, he will guide your feet into false paths. However great the capabilities and talents entrusted to man, unless he is breathed upon by the Lord Jesus, unless the life-giving current of Christ's love circulates through his soul, unless he receives nourishment from Christ, as the branches of the vine receive sap from the parent stock, he is not to be trusted as a safe guide in spiritual things. If man misuses his wisdom, as did the one once a covering cherub in the heavenly courts, and places his judgment as supreme, be afraid of him, and turn from him to the living God.

Let every one study the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. What is the great work before us?—The proclamation of the Gospel, with its life-saving principles, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Let no one remain in idleness because he can not do the same class of work that the most experienced servants of God are doing. Because you can not be in the highest place, will you do nothing? Because you can not trade upon pounds, will you refuse to trade upon one pound? Because you have not five talents, will you put your one talent in a napkin, and hide it in the earth?

Because you can not work for the multitude, will you refuse to work for individuals? Do the smaller duties waiting for you. Thus you will help those who are bearing heavy responsibilities. Use your talents, be they ever so few. God has certainly given you a work to do for Him. In all that you do, keep the Lord Jesus before you. Do all to the glory of His name. You belong to God, and you are to do His work. Your life is sustained by the Giver of life. Your every capability, therefore, is to be put to use in His service. By using your talents wisely and faithfully, you are gaining power to do better work, to bear heavier responsibilities.

Whatever you accomplish, be it little or much, leave it with God, remembering that it is not for man to measure the worth or the reward of his own efforts or the efforts of his fellow men. The Lord Jesus will give you the wages that are your due. Your reward will be proportioned to the spirit in which your work was done. Purity of motive, an earnest desire to glorify God, will bring to the earnest worker the same reward that is given to the one who accomplishes more. The principles by which the worker is governed determine the reward.

It is not alone by men in high places of responsibility in the ministry, not alone by men holding positions on boards or committees, not alone by the man-

agers of our sanitariums and publishing houses, that the work is to be done which will cause the earth to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. This work can be accomplished only by the whole church acting their part under guidance and in the power of God.

Ellen G. White.

Our Great Need

To-day there is going up a cry from all over the land, a cry for help. It is not a false call, for it is painfully evident that there is strong reason why just such a call should be sounding. It ought to have been made long ago. But we may thank the Lord that some are awakening to a sense of the hour's need, and are determined to have no rest until their plea shall bring them the desired success.

This call is nothing less than one in behalf of the children that God has given to Seventh-day Adventist parents. It is a most important appeal, and is given emphasis by the very shortness of time and the fact that God has said that parents can not have a sure hope of entering the kingdom without their children with them. And when the great work of preparing the children and youth for service and heaven is taken into consideration, it is readily seen that the time has come to act, if the young people are to be saved.

The situation should be clearly understood, however, for the circumstances are exceedingly peculiar. To know that the problem is difficult, that the conditions are critical, before a beginning is made, is better than to begin in ignorance of what is to be met, and then give up in discouragement. In other words, God would have His people recognize the greatness of the work, and by faith prepare for it, as in so doing they are fortified beforehand for the unseen as well as the seen, and will not draw back when the hardships are encountered.

There is no question in reference to the condition of the young

people. While we have the finest class of youth in all the world, well-meaning and intelligent, it is a fact that they are going into the service of the world about as fast as they can break away from the influences of the truth, which have to a greater or less extent been thrown around them from childhood. But it must be remembered that they are not going because they desire to do so. They are going because they can not help it, with sadness of heart. They are conscious that they are going down into the dark, but they know of no way to turn back. And right in this circumstance is found the most agonizing situation of all. It is from this terrible fact that the call of the hour sounds forth most loudly.

Now, let it be understood that the young people are the ones who are making the strongest appeal, though all unconsciously to themselves. While parents are anxious that something shall be done, and are asking that efforts be put forth, it is the sadness of heart and the disappointment of life on the part of the young people that speak loudest. They are longing, secretly and silently longing, for that which the Lord Jesus Christ has to give; but their empty and aching hearts only hurry them towards the great day, all unprepared for what awaits them. It is not this call, however, that I wish now to notice. It is the call that comes from the parents.

"Can you not do something for our children?" You have heard this repeated more than once perhaps, and yet you have not had it answered as you desired. The question can be answered, but only in part by those to whom it is addressed. The answer must come largely from those who ask it. Seventh-day Adventist young people can be helped; they can be torn from the grasp of the world; they can be brought to love and serve the Saviour; but the work is to be accomplished through the blessedness of a beautiful home. Meetings for and with the young are right, and in their place are of

great benefit; but they can not take the place nor do the work of home, real home. Home is the place of all places where God works to restore His image in the lives of His children. If the home is what it should be under the blessing of God, it is at once the most powerful of all the agencies of heaven for binding men to Christ. On the other hand, where the home is the dwelling-place of sin and discord and Satanic purposes, there are few blessings, indeed, that can overcome its baleful influence.

The great need of the hour among the people to whom these words are written is the revival of all that home means. There should be at once a humbling of heart before God, and such a confessing and putting away of wrong, that the Lord Jesus shall find a dwelling there. There needs to be put far from the hearthstone every form of harshness and unloveliness of life, and its place supplied by the gentleness and love and tenderness of the Lord Jesus. There is a demand that parents shall demonstrate that there is power in the Gospel of Christ to keep men from falling. In almost all the homes of to-day the situation is one that calls most urgently for the blessing of the Holy Spirit. It is power that is needed. The young people have seen so much of weakness in various ways that they have come to think that religion is only a form, and they are afraid. Confidence is gone and needs to be restored.

We have reached the last days, and their perils are on every hand. But this is also the time to ask for the fulfilment of the promise made in Mal. 4:5, 6. True, the enemy has magnified his power and is planning to do great things; but God has also promised to do great things. Joel 2:21. God will turn the hearts of the children with their parents if we will but give Him the opportunity. Turn over to God one day, let Him have His perfect way during that one day, and that one day will mark the beginning of a new experience

in the lives of the young people of the homes thus dedicated. The young are simply hungry for heaven in the home. And they will be the first to recognize and accept the blessing of God when it appears in a practical form.

We have heard much about missionary work, and a great deal of missionary work has been done; but the need of the hour is Christ in the home. The living epistle of a devoted life is worth ten thousand times as much as the printed page. The beautiful book or tract or paper is a grand thing to place in the hands of men, but it is the beautiful life of the saint that counts for most, both at home and abroad. And so far as the young are concerned, the life at home is the all of the Gospel to them.

Let us revive the home. Let us begin at once to make the home in which we live the most blessed place on earth, and thus draw back the hearts that are already almost beyond our reach. The wanderers will return to the fold when it has become the abiding-place of the Shepherd.

C. L. Taylor.

Giving

Ten Cents a Week

It was by giving that salvation was provided for the world. We read that God "gave His only-begotten Son." John 3:16. We read of Jesus that He loved us "and gave Himself" for us. Gal. 2:20. And in the gift of the Son of God all things are freely given unto us. Rom. 8:32. And was not heaven impoverished by such abundant and unmeasured giving? Did not disappointment and regret follow when the plan was laid to purchase salvation for a guilty world at such infinite cost to God and His Son? O, no! for we read that "for the joy that was set before Him [He] endured the cross, despising the shame." Heb. 12:2. A joy and a blessing in the soul always come in proportion to the measure of unselfish giving for the highest good of others. It is the natural working of the highest law known among God's intelli-

gences,—the law of love. It is an experience that can be had in no other way, and is known only by those who experience it.

He that withholdeth more than is meet, comes to poverty; if not in tangible or material things, most surely he feels a dearth in his soul. Have you not, to a degree at least, proved these things true? How many of you have given liberally and in faith, and have not felt a blessing in your soul in much greater measure than you gave? We have all known something of it, and our "secret of a happy life" as a Christian lies right there. Our joy in the world to come will be in proportion to our experience in unselfish giving for the highest good of our fellow men,—their salvation. If we enter into the joy of our Lord over there, we must share His unselfish giving for the salvation of the world.

Note the following as illustrating this great truth: The Lord promises unmeasured blessings on conditions, viz., that ye bring all the tithes into the storehouse. Mal. 3:10. All the tithes, not a part, must be brought before faith can be exercised which makes the connection between earth and heaven, and makes it possible for the promised blessing to come. And this must be an experience of faith, else the avenue for the blessing to come is not opened. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. 14:23. Hezekiah did his work, seeking the Lord, in the service of the house of God and in the law, with all his heart, and prospered. 2 Chron. 31:21.

If our delight is in the law of the Lord, and we meditate in it day and night, we shall grow and prosper. Ps. 1:2. And the following is especially to the point: The apostles had the truth, the Gospel. They saw it exemplified in the Saviour's life and heard it taught by Him. He gave them commission to go and teach the Gospel to all nations, yet they lacked one essential thing,—a hold upon the arm of power. The Holy Spirit, the agent through

which God operates and exercises His power on earth, must come upon them. So they were told to wait at Jerusalem for this equipment. Hence the ten days spent together in the upper room. Now note the result. "They were all of one accord." You say that means that they were in harmony among themselves, that love and accord prevailed. That is all true. But have you not seen even more in the narrative than that? In what respect were they of one accord and of one mind? "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet." Acts 4:32-35. Well, then, in what respect was their oneness of heart and soul? It was in a consecration of all they had to the work which had been entrusted to them,—of giving the Gospel to the world. Nothing was their own, of houses, lands, money, or even their lives; all belonged to the world, to which they had been made debtors by the gift of God in His Son Jesus, and inasmuch as they had received the blessing of salvation vouchsafed in this wonderful sacrifice. And it is evident that God could not pour out His Spirit upon them, which would mean an equipment of power,—power to heal the sick, to cast out devils, to move the sycamine tree, to speak with tongues, which was all involved in the great commission given them,—till an unreserved yielding up to God of self and all that self possessed, had been made. For, if such power was given them without this surrender, they would make a wrong use of it. If nothing worse, they would have used it for self-glorification, and God

can not let His power be exercised through man, except as it will get glory to His great name among the heathen. See Mal. 1:11.

Now all this is for us. We need power in our work. We have the truth to give to every nation. Rev. 14:6, 7. But we can not give it without the power of the Holy Spirit. We evidently need, as they did, to wait for this equipment. And the point to reach to clear the way, to open the avenues for it to come, to make the connection with heaven, it to become of the same mind, of one soul and one spirit, as they did; that naught which we have of houses, lands, home, friends, money, anything else, even our lives, is our own; but all belongs to this cause and this work. And then the message will go in power, and the earth be lightened with its glory, and in this generation.

If this be our experience, will not our offerings for the work of God be so increased that there will be no comparison between what has been, and what will be, in this respect? Ought not a plea that you study these things be enough as an appeal in behalf of the plan which has been in vogue among us for a long time, of donating weekly to the cause of missions at least ten cents? Why has this plan, in some places, almost become an obsolete thing?

Now, shall we not revive it in every church? The mission board has gotten up some very appropriate envelopes for use in churches and by individuals in making such an offering. Why not form a habit of making this ten-cent-a-week donation to the needy fields in all lands, and reap a blessing which will follow unselfish giving, as water will flow when the flood-gate is opened? In the study of this momentous question and in writing this appeal, a blessing is upon me; and I trust to see good results from an effort to revive a plan among our people, which will provide a steady flow of means into the treasury of the Lord for carrying the good tidings to lands everywhere.

F. M. Burg.

The King's Daughters

"The King's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold."

Here is presented a woman whose life and heart are pure and lovely, and whose outward seeming agrees with that within; she is beautiful, without and within. Like Moses, she has been in such close communion with God that her face reflects His image, and His glory is seen upon her.

Let us consider first that inward glory. In Peter 3:3-5, we find the Lord's instruction to His daughters, "whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

1 Tim. 2:9, 10: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." "House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent wife is from the Lord." "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

The outward clothing which appears on the daughter of God is the result of that inward adorning. In Revelation we find that the fine linen, clean and white, in which the bride is arrayed, is the righteousness of saints, and we are counseled to buy of Him gold tried in the fire, that we may be rich, and white raiment, that we may be clothed, these white robes being Christ's righteousness, with

which He clothes His saints, and by faith it becomes their own, as in Isa. 61:10: "He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." It is the privilege of every daughter of the King to be thus arrayed.

Belle Beck Gibson.

Vaughn, Wash.

He Will Abundantly Pardon

It would seem that the sacred writers struggle with language to find words sufficiently comprehensive to express the magnitude of God's compassion. This word "abundantly" sounds like the waves of the sea that come rolling in upon the beach, day and night, year after year, for countless centuries, never ceasing, never exhausted. So is the compassion of God.

He is a bountiful God. He does not give sparingly. When men give alms they give sparingly. When parents give money to their children even they give sparingly, partly because they are not able to give in any other way. But God gives bountifully. Bountiful rains, bountiful sunshine, bountiful harvests, a bountiful sea are the gifts of His hand. When He would fully express the bounty of His compassion He gave His only-begotten Son.

When men spread the mantle of charity over the faults of their neighbors it is a narrow mantle, leaving the faults exposed to the gaze of all. But when God spreads the mantle of charity over our sins it is as broad as the universe and as long as eternity. When He pardons our sins He blots them out, He casts them behind His back, He casts them into the depths of the sea, He separates them from us as far as the east is from the west. He remembers them no more, "He will abundantly pardon."—Selected.

"No man is right with God who is wrong with himself, or with any other man."

THE FIELD

The Bonacca School

From a private letter, written January 3, by Miss Ada Evans, of Bonacca, Bay Islands, we quote the following:—

"School closed the last of November for a month's vacation and opened again to-day, but only with those in the family in attendance, for the people here seem never to be able to get to school at an appointed time. Mr. Smalley, who has lately come here from Michigan, took charge of the school, which was held in our new schoolroom. Our new building is two stories high, made of galvanized steel. The schoolroom is upstairs, and the lower part is divided into four parts for the students to live in. It is not finished yet, but everything is paid for so far, and there is some money on hand for it. We consider it a gift from God. Most of the material was bought at such a low price, and everything has worked so nicely all the way through in getting it.

"Our first boys did not come back this last year; they have decided to go to the States to school, and have been working to get money to pay their way. They think Healdsburg is the place to which they want to go. This year my school was girls instead of boys. Three large black girls came from Ruatan. They were nicely behaved and a help to me in housework. They seemed more kind-hearted and considerate than some white girls we have had.

"If some of you have maps of the United States or other countries, or old charts, we would be thankful for them. The younger children take such an interest in things of that kind, and learn so readily from them. They can be sent with U. S. postage rates by addressing them to Wm. B. Curry, Key West, Fla., for Ada Evans, Bonacca."

You can't keep your sin and have salvation.—Dr. Torrey.

CALIFORNIA

Counsel to the Churches

In view of the state of many of our churches as regards spiritual condition, membership, proper order, and discipline;

In view of the fact that our experienced ministerial laborers are few, and therefore unable to regularly visit our churches;

In view of the evil times through which we are now passing;

We, the following members of your conference committee, beg to make this earnest plea to our church officers and members:—

1. Lift high the standard of the everlasting Gospel—"the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus"—and, especially, in your own life and conduct.

2. Let the officers of the church, of the missionary society, the young people's work, the Sabbath-school, and church school hold regular meetings together as often as once a month, if possible, to consider and study the interests of the church, and to seek God together for putting away sin, and for the outpouring of His Spirit.

3. Let each church officer, and especially each elder, earnestly seek to know what God would have him do, studying the Scriptures and Testimonies; and thus learning his duty, perform it in the spirit of Christ. Gal. 6:1.

4. If any member is out of the way, for the sake of the Master, seek to restore him to the truth of Christ and His church,—to save him from his sins. If any one is openly sinning, and thus bringing disgrace upon the cause of God, seek to restore him. If he will not yield to faithful effort, "put away from among yourselves that wicked person" (1 Cor. 5:13), to save others from contamination; but do this praying and hoping for his salvation. It is benumbing to the moral sensibilities, paralyzing to spiritual growth, utterly subversive to all church order and discipline, and destructive of the souls who may sin, to allow open sin to continue, and retain in good standing those who thus dishonor God.

It is better even to pluck out the right eye, or cut off the right hand, than permit the whole body to be affected and ultimately perish.

5. If, in pursuance of such a course, trouble or division is likely to occur in the church, stop the work, seek God the more earnestly, and bring it before the minister in charge of your district, or the president of the conference.

6. Another matter which causes perplexity is the church-membership records. Many persons have changed their location, and cannot be found, having failed to report. Still another class who have changed their place of sojourn can be located, but can not be induced to report. And all these are ignoring their duties to the churches of which they are members. These names are being reported quarterly, and this imperfect list forms the only basis on which the conference can plan its work and resources. This leaves them in ignorance of their true standing.

We therefore earnestly recommend that church officers make a special effort to correct this condition, and, so far as possible, place the membership on a correct basis numerically. To accomplish this, we offer the following suggestions:—

(a) The first mentioned class of absent ones should be put on an unknown list and not reported. They should not be cut off, as they may be found later, living the truth in some other locality.

(b) The second class should, after thorough effort to get responses from directly and through others, with failure, be cut off, as showing that they do not desire to be recognized.

We earnestly ask that churches be watchful to see that persons moving from or to the churches take or receive letters promptly, so far as consistent with the circumstances, in order that confusion may be prevented.

7. We plead also that all shall be done that is possible, not only for the sake of the cause, but for the

sake of the members, to secure a faithful tithe from all.

8. Finally, we desire to urge upon our churches the importance of being prompt and faithful in keeping records and accounts, and making financial and other reports in their seasons. We urge this for the reason that it helps to create thoroughness in every branch of the church work, and brings the blessing of God upon them. "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently."

Praying that the blessing of God may be with you all, we are your fellow servants in Christ Jesus our Lord.

By action of the
Cal. Conference Committee.

Auburn

Since coming to Auburn, we have spent some time visiting different neighborhoods and small villages in this vicinity with papers and envelopes of tracts. Mrs. Morrison is teaching a class of nineteen in one of the Auburn Sunday-schools, and by special request she occupied an evening of the W. C. T. U. County Convention, February 19, giving them the Bible solution of the capital and labor problem. The county superintendent has invited her to speak at their next convention, upon "Christian Citizenship."

March 6, we commenced a series of meetings at Bowman Station, two miles from our home. The house was filled the first night, and the interest is increasing. Last night, as we were announcing the closing hymn, two men voluntarily arose and took up a collection for us.

Isaac Morrison.

A more glorious victory can not be gained over another man than this—that when an injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours.—Tillotson.

"Be YE steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Tithes and Offerings

Receipts for January

Alameda, \$26.50; Alton, \$11.75; Arcata, \$66.00; Armona, \$844.87; Arroyo Grande, \$36.05; Bakersfield, \$11.30; Berkeley, \$55.55; Bishop, \$11.10; Buckeye, \$5.80; Burrough, \$27.00; Calistoga, \$87.60; Crows Landing, \$20.00; Dows Prairie, \$127.83; Eureka, \$158.50; Ferndale, \$43.75; Fresno, \$1,351.00; Grass Valley, \$138.00; Glennville, \$57.52; Hanford, \$126.64; Healdsburg, \$306.15; Laton, \$15.00;

Lemoore, \$26.00; Lindsay, \$15.30; Lockwood, \$13.05; Monterey, \$66.00; Morganhill, \$105.48; Napa, \$10.43; No. San Juan, \$10.75; Oakland, \$44.04; Pepperwood, \$56.70; Personal, \$653.42; Petaluma, \$124.63; Placerville, \$71.83; Red Bluff, \$69.70; Redding, \$2.50; Reno, \$74.80; Sacramento, \$549.73; San Francisco, \$235.00; Sanitarium, \$911.63; San Jose, \$252.96; Santa Cruz, \$122.28; Santa Rosa, \$5.23; Sebastopol, \$237.15; Selma, \$92.70; Soquel, \$22.26; St. Clair, \$67.85; St. Helena, \$273.59; Stock-

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

NAME OF SCHOOL	No. Boys Enrolled.....	No. Girls Enrolled.....	Total Enrollment ...	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	17	31	48	2	32.9	37.1	88.6	20	0	30	87
Intermediate Dep't.....	22	19	41	1	31.8	34.5	92.0	32	0	20	85
Primary Department...	26	26	52	0	34.9	38.0	91.7	23	0	18	91
	65	76	141	3	99.6	109.6	90.9	75	0	68	88
Oakland:—											
Advanced Department	11	11	22	1	14.6	15.5	94.7	48	0	00	.....
Intermediate Dep't.....	16	17	33	4	22.0	23.4	93.7	31	0	14	.....
Primary Department...	14	14	28	4	15.3	17.2	88.7	42	2	18	.....
	41	42	83	9	51.9	56.1	92.5	121	2	32	.....
Fresno:—											
Advanced Department	24	21	45	2	38.7	40.3	96.0	11	0	00	92
Primary Department...	14	13	27	0	23.3	23.7	98.3	7	0	00	89
	38	34	72	2	62.0	63.0	98.4	18	0	00	90
San Francisco:—											
Advanced Department	8	13	21	0	16.7	17.5	95.4	8	1	6	87
Primary Department...	14	8	22	2	18.2	19.2	95.8	4	1	6	89
	22	21	43	2	34.9	36.7	95.6	12	2	12	88
Sanitarium	20	19	39	1	27.1	27.8	97.6	14	.....	.....	.....
Santa Rosa.....	11	12	23	0	16.3	19.1	87	35	.....	.....	92
Hanford.....	19	24	43	1	36.2	38.3	94	10	0	3	.....
San Jose.....	18	19	37	9	28.2	32	81.2	34	1	5	82
Eureka.....	16	14	30	0	13.9	15.7	87	33	0	5	87
Red Bluff.....	6	17	23	4	12.6	14.7	86.9	24	3	5	90
Pepperwood	5	4	9	0	7.8	8	97	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alameda.....	6	3	9	0	5.3	6.9	77	6	.....	.....	93
Petaluma	6	7	13	0	9.6	11.4	84	29	0	1	.....
Burrough	2	3	5	0	3.6	3.7	96	12	0	1	92
Glennville.....	3	1	4	0	4	4.1	100	2	0	0	.....
Calistoga.....	4	6	10	2	7.7	7.9	96.5	3	2	2	95
Alton	6	4	10	0	8.8	9.0	98	2	3	6	94
Santa Cruz.....	3	7	10	0	9.3	9.9	92.7	8	3	5	85
Armona	7	7	14	1	13.1	14	82	13	0	1	.....
Reno (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stockton (no report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sebastopol (just opened).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	298	320	618	34	451.94	487.8	92.7	451	16	146	89.7

Healdsburg, Calif., Mar. 5, 1904.

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

ton, \$346.43; Susanville, \$2.50; Ukiah, \$67.10; Vacaville, \$28.63; Vallejo, \$1.30; Valencia St., \$144.00; Woodland, \$55.05; total, \$8,287.93.

Receipts for February

Buckeye, \$5.80; Calistoga, \$11.90; Chico, \$223.35; Ceres, \$21.00; Ferndale, \$6.80; Fresno, \$17.60; Grass Valley, \$19.20; Glennville, \$3.72; Hanford, \$164.85; Lockwood, \$51.00; Lodi, \$4.00; New Monterey, \$70.00; Oakland, \$1,573.39; Paso Robles, \$13.50; Personal, \$35.42; Reno, \$100.40; Sacramento, \$3.50; San Francisco, \$200.00; St. Helena, \$94.61; Vacaville, \$9.37; Vallejo, \$2.25; Woodland, \$131.35; total, \$2,763.00.

Trust Funds Received in January

American Med. Miss. Col., \$100; Annual Offerings, \$1,456.71; Foreign Missions, \$223.76; Missionary Acre, \$4.50; Life Boat, \$10.00; Haskell Home, \$1.50; Jas. White Home, \$.50; So. Union Conf., \$15.00; English Sanitarium, \$2.50; Jamaica, \$10.00; Wash., D. C., Church, \$5.00; S. S. Offerings, \$305.68; So. Pub. Ass'n., \$5.00; Southern Field, \$23.50; Japanese Tract, \$10.00; total, \$2,074.65.

Trust Funds Received in February

Annual Offerings, \$1.00; Foreign Missions, \$114.03; Healdsburg College, \$23.06; Haskell Home, \$1.00; German Africa, \$1.00; China, \$1.00; Mississippi, \$3.00; Washington, D. C., Pub. House, \$2.50; Colored People in Tenn., \$5.00; S. S. Offerings, \$33.21; Japanese Tract, \$24.82; Int. Pub. House, \$84.67; total, \$294.29.

J. D. Rice,
Sec. California Conference.

Fresno

Sabbath, March 5, was a good day. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest in a large measure at the opening of the morning services. The people were deeply moved as we studied the crisis of the world in Gethsemane as a type of the greater crisis that is about to come upon the world. At the close of this service four of our school children presented themselves as candidates for baptism.

At the young people's meeting in

the afternoon we spent a little time studying the parable of the prodigal son, during which the tender Spirit of God again came very near. At the close, baptism was administered, and we feel sure that impressions were made that time can never efface.

The school work is still gaining. We have set up a shoe-mending department in a small way. Have also done something in the way of chair caning, and have a workbench partially completed. The girls are working on garments which they are making for the Southern field.

The introduction of this feature of our work has developed a number of interesting points. Some of the young men of the church have shown a real enthusiasm in it and have manifested their interest in a very practical way, by giving of their means and time to get it started.

The school board supplied us with a shoe-mending outfit and one of the brethren has spent several half days instructing the boys. Many of the sisters come to the sewing class. This whole plan brings in new life, sympathy, and co-operation.

B. L. Howe.

Reno

We have just closed a five weeks' series of meetings, resulting in seven new converts taking a public stand to keep the Sabbath. Besides, there are a number of others who are studying the truth, and we believe they will also accept it.

After a four weeks' effort, we thought of closing the meetings. But at that point the interest and attendance were at their best, and a request was made that the meetings continue. One remarkable case is that of a lady, who, with her husband, had just united with the Baptist Church, and were immersed. This lady attended our meetings, and became convinced we had the truth, and took her stand with us. Her pastor called and tried to induce her to stay in his church, but she told him she wanted to obey God rather than

man, and she would like some proof for Sunday sacredness; then he read Acts 17:31. The "assurance" of Sunday "appointment" was in "raising Christ from the dead" on Sunday. But the lady told him she could see no connection between that verse and Sabbath keeping. Then he said, "I have had this to meet everywhere I have labored; you ought not to attend their meetings." But the last statement was against him. She continued to attend, and brought her mother, who also became convinced and took her stand. Then another daughter said to the mother, "If you are going to join that church we will leave you." The mother replied, "You will have to leave then; I only wish I had heard it sooner, so I might have taught it to my children." The daughter replied, "If I never get light till I get it in the Adventist Church. I will never have it." But she was induced to come to one meeting, and has attended nearly every meeting since, and manifests an earnest interest to hear all.

The elder of our church thought it would be useless to try to get an outside attendance, but the Lord has gone out before us to prepare the hearts of the people, and to Him be all the praise for these precious souls, whom we hope to see fully established in Christ.

C. E. Leland.
Reno, Nev., March 6.

Sonora, Quartz, and Tuolumne

When we located here the first of last September, there was only one resident who was interested to observe the Bible Sabbath. She, with the consent of her husband, opened their doors for meetings, and she says the last two Sabbaths he has wholly laid aside his work. There are six other adults and one little girl, ten years of age, making in all nine, besides my family. Each family is a subscriber to the "Review" and the "Signs." None of these are members of other churches. I am loaning literature and holding

Bible studies with several others in this place. On account of sickness, we changed the place of meeting to our house. In January I organized a Sabbath-school, which has a membership of fifteen.

In Quartz, six miles west, we have a sister belonging to the San Francisco church, at whose house we have held meetings Sunday afternoons. The only regular attendants have been a widow and her daughter; they are deeply interested, and fully convinced as far as they have studied. We feel quite confident that they will obey as they study farther and learn more about our heavenly Father's love.

In Tuolumne, twelve miles east, there are two families of our people. We hope during the coming summer a public effort may be made in this district, and a couple of churches can be organized.

We have succeeded in getting one of the foremost dealers in our town to keep a supply of sanitarium health foods from St. Helena on hand and to advertise them in the county papers. He told me a few days ago that he had a fair demand for them, and calls for some he did not have on hand. It is a cause for rejoicing to see those who have decided to go with us giving up the life-long use of tobacco, tea, coffee, and pork, and in most cases flesh food of all kinds, without any special effort on our part, and seeking a diet that our heavenly Father provided for His children before the curse of sin came upon them.

M. C. Israel.
Sonora, March 11, 1904.

Fresno District

Since coming here I have visited nearly all the churches in this district in the interest of the "Object Lesson" work, and all seemed willing to do their part in finishing up the sale of these books.

At the earnest solicitation of the brethren and sisters of the Lemoore church we began protracted meetings in Lemoore, January 23, and closed March 12, having

had a fair interest all the way through. The church was well lighted, and good music furnished, and special interest taken by the brethren and sisters, and our united efforts were richly repaid by seeing a good ingathering of souls to Christ.

Sabbath, March 12, was especially a good day for the Lemoore church; the Lord came near by His Spirit and touched many hearts. Seventeen came forward and presented themselves before the Lord to be received into the Lemoore church; twelve were buried with their Lord in baptism; one to be baptized in the near future; one was received into the church on profession of faith, and three by letter.

Other dear souls were in the valley of decision, "almost persuaded" to be Christians. We hope and pray that these shall early yield and become Christians indeed, and go with us to the beautiful kingdom of God.

May the Lord add to His church everywhere "daily such as shall be saved" and hasten the day when faith shall be sight.

We expect to begin a series of tent meetings in Bakersfield next week.

C. M. Gardner.
Hanford, Cal., March 14.

WESTERN OREGON

Camp-meeting for Western Oregon

It will not be many weeks until we shall again assemble in our annual camp-meeting and conference. It is now time that we should be giving definite thought to this coming meeting, and be planning with reference to it. About ten months have elapsed since we gathered at Salem; and we are just so much nearer the time when our sojourn and work on the earth will be ended. How quickly the time has passed, we say. Yes, and yet even more quickly seems to be the onward march of events which are preparing both the people of God and the world for the close of earthly history. And, brethren and sisters, should not this fact arouse us to an interest that we

have never felt in the means of grace which are given to enable us to meet the great realities which are coming? Never has our great enemy been so on the alert as he is now to deceive and to lead into sin and error the people whom God has set his hand to lead into the promised land; and that because he knows that he has but a short time. And we can say, too, that as never before the Lord is working for His people and cause on the earth, and exercising His care and guardianship over them.

In view of the conflict which is growing more and more intense, it must be clear to everyone who is engaged in the warfare against the powers of evil, that no means of grace which God has given us can now be neglected with safety. The first thing which will have to engage our attention now, if we successfully combat the powers of evil and share the final triumph of the people of God, must be the conflict against sin, and the special work which has been given us to do.

Then should we not give the first place in our planning to the special opportunities which are given in our camp-meetings for getting the help which there is in God for us, and the special help which is in this way given to fit us for the great work which is left us to do for the world? Why should anyone say now, I can not attend the camp-meeting because of the loss it will mean to me in this, that or the other way? Can we think of anyone as saying, I will not attend the meeting because I see no special need of making the effort and sacrifice which will be involved in going? We are on most dangerous ground now if we are not conscious of our need of help for the conflict which is before us, to that degree that nothing will stand in our way of attending these meetings and using these means of grace, if it is possible for us to be in attendance.

More will be written soon in regard to the camp-meeting, as to the time and place for it, etc., but I trust that these suggestions will lead our people in Western Ore-

gon to begin now to plan to attend the yearly gathering for the worship of God.

I might say, inasmuch as some inquiries have been made regarding the time and place for the meeting, that as far as we know now, the meeting will be near the same time that it was held last year; and the place, while not definitely settled upon, will be at some point in the Willamette Valley easy of access by railroad and the river boats.

Let us pray the Lord to prepare us for this feast of good things.

F. M. Burg.

The Closing Exercises of Royal Church School, Or.

Our four months' term closed last Friday. We had our closing exercises in the church, Feb. 20, at 7 P. M. Nine of the young men delivered five-minute speeches. The following program was well rendered:—

Opening song, No. 1330 "Hymns and Tunes."

Prayer.

Bible reading by three pupils.

Song by the school.

Mathematical exhibitions.

Talks were given by the pupils on the following subjects:—

"The Human Framework."

"The Flood and Consequent Changes."

"Man's Food and the Digestive Process."

Song—Based on Matt. 24.

"The Metamorphosis of the Butterfly."

"The Solar System and Stars" (God's greatness in great things).

"The Greatness of God in Little Things."

"God's Wonderful Water System."

Song by the school, No. 406 "Christ in Song."

"Air and Sound."

"The New Earth."

Select reading from "Christ's Object Lessons."

Song by the school, No. 1264 "Hymns and Tunes."

During the term we studied the last part of the life of our Lord in

the Acts of the Apostles; First and Second Thessalonians and First and Second Corinthians, hence all the children, but four, took part in answering the following review questions:—

How much time was allotted to the Jewish nation after their return from the Babylonian captivity?

When was the commandment given to build and restore Jerusalem?

When was Messiah the Prince baptized?

What did God do especially during the last prophetic week?

What covenant was confirmed?

Since God confirmed the covenant to many Jews even three and a half years after Christ's resurrection, what does that prove?

When was the first step taken by the Jews in rejecting God as their king?

When did they formally reject the King of Glory?

How long did the disciples preach exclusively to the Jews?

Did God thus confirm His covenant with many Jews? How?

When was Paul converted?

When was Jerusalem destroyed?

How long shall it remain desolate?

When was the temple so completely destroyed that not one stone was left on another?

Who was Julian the apostle, and what did he attempt to do?

About how many Jews perished in the destruction of Jerusalem?

How many Christians? Why?

When the apostles were brought before the council, what did the high priest say?

What was Peter's answer?

State Gamaliel's counsel.

How were the apostles treated?

How did they feel about it?

Why did Stephen, in setting forth the history of Moses, mention so many of the wonderful dealings of God?

Did Paul ever see Jesus?

When?

Relate the conversion of Cornelius.

Which one of the apostles did Herod kill?

Whom did he put in prison?

How was Peter delivered?

How were Saul and Barnabas set apart for the ministry?

Relate the experience of Paul and Barnabas in Lystra.

For what purpose was the council called at Jerusalem?

When was the attempt made to change the Sabbath?

Were there any great councils held at that time?

How many Arian Christians were at one time killed by the orthodox Christians?

Relate the experience of Paul and Silas at Philippi.

What favorable trait had the Bereans?

How long did Paul continue to preach in Corinth? How did the Lord encourage him?

What was Paul accused of before Gallio? Result?

How did the Lord approve the teaching of Paul at Ephesus?

Who else attempted to cast out devils? Result?

For what does Paul praise the Thessalonians?

What error does he correct?

What would take place before Christ's coming?

Why does Paul write to the Corinthians?

How does he speak about the wisdom of the world and that of God?

What is the sure foundation? How build on it?

By what shall everything be tested?

How does Paul prove the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

What plan does Paul suggest to the Corinthians for prompt and systematic giving?

How does he prove his apostle ship?

Give his closing admonition.

The average attendance for the whole term is 89 per cent, and the average scholarship is 93 per cent. We have enjoyed this term's work together very much. The pupils have been very kind and considerate, and easily governed. They have swept the schoolroom and started the fire every morning (except two), and in every way showed their willingness to keep up the honor

of the school. We have indeed reason to thank God, who has heard our prayers and been so near to us in our work. Peace and love and harmony have prevailed in our school every day, and we have felt the presence of heavenly visitors.

One young girl who had visited our church school one day was also present at the closing exercises, and when all was over she said: "I wish that I could go to church school. I never knew there was such a difference until I visited the church school a little while ago."

John J. Westrup.

Roseburg, Oregon.

Johnson Church School

When our school first opened here, we did not know that we would have more than four students, as there was a strong opposition to the school. But God has said that schools should be established for the education of our youth, and we moved out by faith. There is now no opposition, and we have a regular attendance of fourteen. God has been with us and abundantly blessed us, for which we are very thankful.

From the beginning all have taken hold very earnestly, and I think I never before met with a class of students any more anxious to learn—especially the truths of God's Word and how they can rightfully present those truths to the world.

The class in commercial work is also doing well and is becoming quite proficient for the length of time it has had to study.

As our term draws to its close, all are very anxious to have the school continue another year, even some not of our faith, who, though living near a public school, desire to have our church school continue.

Arrangements are being made to have a nine months' school next year, and we expect quite a large attendance.

C. L. Butterfield.

"Your difficulties are God's measure of His confidence in you."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Riverside

The new church of the Seventh-day Adventists, located between Orange and Lime Streets, on Twelfth, was dedicated March 5, when the Sabbath-school convention, representing all the schools of that denomination in this section, opened its all-day session.

The basement floor is divided into two sections. The front room is to be used for Sabbath-school purposes, and the rear room is now being used as a schoolroom, where Miss Guerne presides over about twenty pupils, ranging from little tots to young men and young women.

This morning's exercises opened with a song, "Jesus Is Coming Again," and an invocation by Elder J. F. Ballenger. Then followed a gramophone selection, "The Holy City."

Mrs. Hibben gave a forcible "demonstration in the handling of children," and proved conclusively that she could control them, for they paid rapt attention to her earnest talk and plea for the betterment of the little ones.

The remainder of the program follows:—

Mixed quartet.

Song by the congregation.

Paper, by J. Brant: "Consistency of Sending Children to the Sabbath-school, While Parents Wait for the Regular Service."

Song by the children.

Paper, by Dr. Leadsworth: "How to Make Teachers' Meetings Most Interesting and Profitable."

Gramophone selection.

Paper: "Advisability of Introducing Short Periods of Special Exercises in the Sabbath-school."

Talk by Mrs. Leadsworth: "Exercise with and for Children."

Mixed quartet.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Young People's Society Program:—

Song and invocation.

Paper, by Professor Ballenger: "How to Make Young People's Societies Most Interesting and Profitable."

Chorus by the children.

Paper, by L. E. Brant: "Calls from the Southern Field."

Paper, by Dr. Myers: "Africa and Its Needs."

Report of Church Schools of Southern California for Month Ending February 26, 1904.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS		Total Enrollment	No. Boys Enrolled	No. Girls Enrolled	Average No. Belonging	Average Daily Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Tardinesses	No. Visits by Board	Others	No. Visits by Others
Centralia	Milton Robison		19	10	9	17	14.7	85	×	0	2	2
Escondido	Mabel Bostwick		10	2	8	9	8	89	12	0	2	2
Fernando	A. W. H. Millard		28	13	15	26	25.4	95	12	0	0	0
Fernando Primary	A. W. H. Millard		20	6	14	17.9	17.4	97	11	0	4	4
Garden Grove	F. M. Adams		18	13	5	14.4	13.6	94	31	0	12	12
Los Angeles	L. C. Lea		19	10	9	17	13	82	29	0	2	2
Los Angeles Primary	Linnie Stowell		16	7	9	×	14	81	31	1	1	1
Norwalk	Mabel Howell		20	10	10	15.8	14.3	94	3	0	3	3
Pasadena	Mrs. B. F. Harris		24	10	14	16	15	94	5	0	3	3
Pomona	P. P. Adams		15	6	9	9.8	8.6	87	14	0	7	7
Pomona, Primary	Mrs. P. P. Adams		31	13	18	22.4	18.8	88	58	0	3	3
Redlands	Mrs. Ida Hibben		26	12	14	24.5	23	94	20	0	4	4
Riverside	Miss M. L. Guerne		16	6	10	14.5	13.6	94	9	0	2	2
San Diego	Geo B. Morrison		26	12	14	+	+	×	15	1	1	1
Santa Ana	Mrs. S. M. Strong		13	6	7	13	11	85	4	2	1	1
San Pasqual*	S. P. Smith		17	9	8	16.2	15.	96	13	0	1	1
	Total		318	145	173	234.6	226		267	4	48	48
	Average		20	9	11	17	15	90	17	1/4	3	3

*For 5 days. × Not Reported. + Incorrectly Reported. °Average per pupil.

The San Pasqual school opened again February 22, with Brother S. Parker Smith in charge.

E. S. Ballenger, Supt.

Papers, by Dr. Leadsworth and Miss Lolita Leadsworth: "The Work in Pennsylvania."

Paper: "The British Isles."

Solo, by Bessie Hoyt, a five-year-old tot.

Paper, by Miss Towle: "How Best to Interest the Children in Young People's Society Work."

Recitation, by Miss St. Clair.

Paper, by Elder Ballenger: "Importance of Young People Studying the Bible."

Mixed quartet.

Benediction, by William Ward Simpson, pastor.

The Pacific Union Conference

According to the published announcement, the first biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened in Healdsburg at 9:00 A. M., March 18, 1904. The number of delegates present at the first roll call was twenty-nine. But since then they have been arriving from day to day, until now nearly all are present.

The following persons are the accredited delegates:—

W. T. Knox, J. J. Ireland, E. A. Chapman, H. H. Hall, S. C. Osborne, A. T. Jones, C. Santee, F. M. Burg, A. J. Breed, W. B. White, W. R. Simmons, C. C. Lewis.

Delegates at large: T. J. Evans, A. Boeker, Silas Yarnell, E. E. Parlin, H. E. Giddings, W. C. White, M. C. Wilcox, W. N. Glenn, A. Q. Shryock, L. M. Bowen, A. N. Loper, M. E. Cady, J. S. Osborne, C. H. Jones, C. M. Snow, J. N. Loughborough.

Southern California: Clarence Santee, W. M. Healey, L. O. Johnson, A. M. Way, H. E. Giddings.

California: A. J. Osborne, C. M. Gardner, J. B. Osborne, A. J. Bourdeau, T. J. Evans, M. C. Wilcox, M. H. Brown, C. L. Taylor, B. F. Richards, M. E. Cady, J. D. Rice, C. N. Martin, D. T. Fero, A. S. Kellogg.

Western Oregon: W. R. Simmons, F. M. Burg, G. W. Pettit, R. Rose, C. J. Cole.

Montana: W. B. White, C. A. Rittenhouse.

Upper Columbia: C. C. Lewis, A. J. Breed, J. A. Holbrook, S. Yarnell, C. M. Christiansen.

Western Washington: E. L. Stewart, O. A. Peterson, Lee Moran, J. R. Clark.

British Columbia: J. L. Wilson.

Arizona: A. J. Howard.

Utah: A. G. Christiansen.

The work of planning for the conference was placed in the hands of the following named committees:—

Plans and Suggestions—A. J. Breed, C. C. Lewis, W. B. White, M. H. Brown, C. H. Jones, A. N. Loper, F. M. Burg.

Nominations—Clarence Santee, M. C. Wilcox, G. W. Pettit, C. M. Christiansen, A. S. Kellogg, E. L. Stewart, W. C. White.

Credentials — J. N. Loughborough, J. L. Wilson, A. J. Howard.

Distribution of Labor—A. J. Breed, C. Santee, E. L. Stewart, A. S. Kellogg, W. B. White.

In harmony with the recommendations that were passed at the last Union Conference the North Pacific Conference had been divided during the biennial period and two new conferences were organized in that territory, that are now known as the Western Oregon and the Western Washington Conferences. Also conferences have been organized in Arizona, Utah, and British Columbia. These were all formally admitted into the Pacific Union Conference at the first meeting of this present session. Full statistical reports concerning the work in all parts of this territory will be found on another page of this paper. And we ask for them a careful study.

The following are the visiting brethren from abroad attending the Union Conference: A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; Elder W. T. Prescott, editor of the "Review and Herald," and Elder J. A. Burden from Australia.

Never fear to bring the sublimest motive to the smallest duty, and the most infinite comfort to the smallest trouble.—Phillips Brooks.

The President's Address to the Pacific Union Conference

To the Delegates to the Pacific Union Conference and Brethren Assembled: "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

I am especially pleased to welcome you to this, our first biennial conference, because of the important and interesting nature of the questions upon which you will be called to deliberate, and also because of the blessed and profitable occasion we anticipate this may be. You will at this time have opportunity to receive reports of the present condition of the work from the presidents of the local conferences and from the chairmen or secretaries of all the Union Conference departments. It will not, therefore, be necessary that this address should enter into many details.

The organization and machinery of the conference are perhaps fairly satisfactory to all, but its effectiveness has not been all that has been desired. I think there are some reasons for this that are very evident. With some of the local conferences and their institutions there has not been a full appreciation of the sphere of usefulness to be occupied by the Union Conference and its departments. This body, representative as it is of all lines of work connected with the Third Angel's Message and of all Seventh-day Adventists in the country west of the Rocky Mountains, should have a wide and positive influence. The results of your deliberations at this meeting should have a marked effect upon the work in every conference and institution. This should not be in our mind, an organization separate and distinct from local conferences, with its own peculiar aims and purposes. To so consider it is to raise up a wall of separation between it and the local work and to greatly curtail its usefulness. The plans formulated here will be for the entire field, and the officers selected will be men chosen by you to assist local conferences and institutions in putting these plans into operation and in every way to

advance the work in the local fields.

Evidently the first work of the executive officer is to give attention to the spiritual interests of the conference, and his time should always be subject to the demands of those localities whose spiritual condition needs his services most. But the territory of the Union Conference is very large, and existing conditions are such that other interests than those that are purely spiritual are apt to make large demands upon him. So, also, with those men selected by you as chairmen or secretaries of the departments. Are they not to be selected to assist in carrying out in local conferences and institutions the plans and policies adopted by you at this meeting? Their effort should be given to build up and unify along those lines especially entrusted to them. A lack of available funds has in the past also greatly hindered the work of some of the departments.

Might we not, during this meeting, profitably study the question of organization, especially as to the relationship existing between the union and local conferences? also the question of our conference funds, or, rather, to put the question in a plainer way, give consideration to the tithing system? Are there valid reasons to be given why those institutions doing a general work and receiving assistance from the Union Conference shall not, recognizing the tithing system, pay into the treasury of the Union Conference a tithe of their net earnings? If so, of course the same principle would apply to institutions of a more local character in their relation to local conferences. If such a plan were adopted and all our local conferences were faithful in promptly forwarding their tithe to the union treasury the usefulness of the conference might be greatly augmented. When this conference was organized it was without funds to meet the ordinary administrative expenses and those attending the operating of its four or five mission fields. The California brethren kindly furnished the conference with \$3,000 to

meet immediate demands. Since then our policy has been to contract no new obligations and to get out of debt as soon as possible. By careful management we have been enabled to repay to California the full amount borrowed, and today we owe no man anything, except some small amounts to a few laborers, but with sufficient in the treasury to settle all such claims.

There has been an effort also upon the part of most of our conferences and institutions to operate within their incomes and free themselves from debt. These efforts have met with success in some instances that is very gratifying, not a little of which is due to the faithful and painstaking work of our auditing department. Notwithstanding this a careful investigation, which I believe the existing conditions demand, will show that we are carrying an amount of indebtedness in this territory that places us beyond the limits of safety should our credit at any time be submitted to a severe test.

The missionary department has had some fruits in return for the labor put forth by it. This is found in the general revival in lines of missionary work found in a number of our conferences. An evidence of this is found in the increased circulation of all classes of our literature. And also in the gratifying manner in which the churches took up the distribution of the last special number of the "Signs of the Times." While there may not be any startling statistics concerning the circulation of our literature to be submitted to you, yet it is very evident that a new era in this work has been reached. And new conditions are calling for new methods, a closer study of the field, and a company of workers thoroughly consecrated to this phase of the work who will lead our people in such a campaign as will result in placing the truth in the homes of the land. Our brethren in the publishing house have been greatly encouraged to note this apparent turning of the tide, and recognizing the necessity of placing themselves upon vantage ground, have been

studying how they can come more fully into harmony with the real spirit of reorganization and reform called for by the Spirit of God. As a result they will have some important plans to bring before you for your consideration and counsel.

In harmony with the recommendations of the conference held in Portland in 1901, the territory of the North Pacific Conference has been divided, and two new conferences, the Western Washington and Western Oregon, have been formed. The mission fields of Utah, Arizona, and British Columbia have also been organized into conferences. This leaves our unorganized mission territory reduced to the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska, although Utah, Arizona, and British Columbia still continue to receive substantial financial assistance from the union treasury, but the management and control of these fields and the financing of their funds all rest with the responsible men in these conferences. As there are no representatives present from Hawaii or Alaska, some comments upon the work in those fields may be of interest to you.

In Hawaii the principal interest, since it has been under the supervision of this conference, has been the educational work with the Chinese. While the visible results have not been large, yet we have met with some encouragement in conversions among the young Chinese. A certain portion of the financial support of the Chinese Academy has in the past been received from the Chinese merchants, but during the last two or three years hard times and certain factional differences among them have largely cut off this support from us. This, added to the uncertainty of the final ownership of the school property on account of certain complicated entanglements, have very greatly affected the school, and its attendance. Notwithstanding this, however, Professor Colcord reports an attendance of about fifty pupils, besides night classes that he has been holding with some very influential men. It has been difficult to hold public

meetings, but Elder Behrens is conducting quite an extended work by personal visitation and with literature and correspondence, and writes that there are good prospects for a number of additions to the faith. The brethren are, therefore, of good courage, notwithstanding the many removals to the mainland, but feel that their work could be greatly strengthened if some good Christian physician would unite with them.

Elder Dart is the only conference laborer in Alaska. A report has been sent by him to this conference. In this you will notice that the effort in Alaska has been put forth along the coast and in the vicinity of Dawson. A few souls have taken their stand on the side of truth; these have been mostly found at Skagway and Juneau. The work in Alaska at best is very expensive, but it is especially so in the interior. Brother Dart has found the severe winter of the interior very trying. In view of the severe winter climate, the condition of the field, and the great expense attached to laboring in the interior where the population is so transient, it would seem advisable to confine our work largely to the coast, and especially to those places that are distributing points for the interior.

Ever since the Third Angel's Message was first preached on the Pacific Coast through the self-denial and sacrifice of our brethren in the East, there has been on the part of those who loved the truth, a lively interest in having the same message carried to all the world. The messengers of peace who have gone from this territory have carried the truth to almost every country under the sun. India, China, Japan, Africa, Australia, South America, many European nations and the islands of the seas, as well as a large number of the states of this country, have heard the message from servants of God from the Pacific Coast conferences. During the past two years a large number of workers have been sent to other fields, some of whom have been supported partly or in whole from the treasuries of

the home conferences. This is as it should be. Conference officers should not only have a care for their own fields, raising memorials to God and His truth in all localities, but they should also have in mind the fields beyond, and a strong corps of workers should be ever in training for the needy countries. Perhaps we are inclined to view our attainments in this line with some degree of complacency, but a study of the situation should alarm us. As we consider our different conferences in search of active and effective workers and men upon whom burdens and responsibilities may be placed we find the number to be lamentably small. Not only so, but while in the past our older conferences have furnished a considerable number of laborers for foreign fields, the future prospects in this line are not encouraging. Our schools, which have been established to train men to carry on this great work, and especially for the Gospel ministry, have in late years accomplished but very little in this line and the passing years show little improvement. The result is that very few additions are being made to the ministry. Unless there is a marked change in this respect, we will soon be in a most deplorable condition. Every effort should be made to encourage young men to prepare for the Master's work.

There is another feature that has been a very important factor to be considered in the development of the work and workers among us. Most of our Pacific Coast conferences offer enticing climatic and other inducements to many of our brethren in other conferences, who by reason of physical infirmities, desire a milder climate. As far as known all such who have come to our conferences have been heartily welcomed. However, it is generally and naturally the case that the conferences do not receive from these laborers aggressive or very effective work. While we must ever recognize the principles adopted by the denomination concerning the care of aged and infirm workers, is it not possible to devise some plan whereby the tal-

ents and experience of these worn laborers may be more fully utilized while they rest from the activity and aggressiveness of their earlier years? Is there not some way whereby we may recognize our obligation to faithful workers now grown old and feeble, and still keep every channel of our work, and especially the ministry, open to the young men who should be encouraged to enter the ranks?

The campaign with "Christ's Object Lessons" has been carried on intermittently for about four years. When the work was begun the financial object to be attained was the liquidating of an indebtedness of about \$68,000 resting upon our colleges at Healdsburg and Walla Walla. To accomplish this the Pacific Press Publishing Company was requested to appropriate about 54,000 copies of the book, of this amount 20,000 copies have been placed in the hands of the membership of the Walla Walla district, upon which \$22,000 has been realized and paid into the treasury of that college. There are in this district still about 8,000 copies, upon which the college should receive returns, and there remains a debt of \$15,000. In the Healdsburg district from 19,000 to 20,000 copies have been placed with churches and individuals, from which about \$10,000 has been realized. By these sales and by donations the indebtedness of Healdsburg College has been reduced to about \$31,000. The results accruing from this campaign to the brethren engaging in it and to the thousands of homes into which the book has been introduced can not be measured, eternity alone can reveal this. But that it has been a great blessing to many is very evident, and the work should go forward to its final consummation. In the past the burden and responsibility of this work has rested chiefly upon conference officers and ministers, but this work has now been taken up by our school men with the intention of bringing it to a speedy conclusion. This should be done in order to leave our brethren free to take up other lines of work that will soon be demanding their attention.

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With our hearts fully consecrated to God and our minds open to Him who is ordained to be our wisdom and light, let us take up the work of this conference, expecting that while we may be led in paths that are not our own, yet, if guided by Him, He will surely lead us in the way everlasting.

W. T. Knox.

Pacific Union Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Two Years, Ending December 31, 1903

RECEIPTS, 1902	
Cash on hand January 1, 1902...	\$3,675 67
First Tithe.....	9,845 51
California.....	\$4,561 21
North Pacific.....	961 65
W. Oregon.....	682 77
Up. Columbia.....	1,314 26
Montana.....	523 20
So. California.....	966 46
W. Washington.....	600 09
Personal.....	235 87
Mission Tithe.....	1,749 62
Hawaiian.....	978 29
Utah.....	704 23
Alaska.....	67 10
Mission Offerings.....	261 38
Second Tithe.....	6,141 79
California.....	1,916 78
W. Oregon.....	596 51
W. Washington.....	540 06
No. Pacific.....	997 46
Up. Columbia.....	1,182 85
So. California.....	918 13
Donations.....	1,146 51
Up. Columbia.....	500 00
California.....	400 00
Utah.....	54 83
Alaska.....	191 68

Hawaiian Mission.....	\$1,020 95
Mission.....	\$ 34 60
Chinese Academy.....	986 35
"Pacific Union Recorder".....	283 74
Expenses.....	15 00
Labor.....	177 60
General Conference.....	583 19
Honolulu Tent Fund.....	153 35
Pacific M. M. and B. A.....	51 85
Personal Accounts.....	84 10
Deposits.....	350 74
Trust Funds.....	17,790 20
	\$43,331 20
DISBURSEMENTS, 1902	
Hawaiian Mission.....	\$3,778 36
Alaska Mission.....	1,266 73
Utah Mission.....	2,323 62
Mission.....	\$1,827 39
Conference.....	496 23
British Col. Mission.....	900 00
Arizona Mission.....	1,752 72
Mission.....	252 72
Conference.....	1,500 00
"Pacific Union Recorder".....	1,133 20
Expense—Rent, Postage, etc.....	354 54
Labor Account.....	64 00
Laborers' Salaries & Expenses	4,963 13
Personal Account.....	40 21
Bills Payable.....	2,890 90
General Conference.....	2,478 94
Honolulu Tent Fund.....	174 44
Pacific M. M. and B. A.....	650 00
Trust Funds.....	17,643 59
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1902...	2,934 82
	\$43,331 20
RECEIPTS, 1903	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903.....	\$2,934 82
First Tithe from Conferences.....	8,063 47
California.....	\$2,071 21
Western Oregon.....	1,280 66
Upper Columbia.....	1,882 71
Montana.....	591 49
Western Washington.....	888 50
So. California.....	1,082 55
Personal.....	266 35
Mission Tithe.....	1,135 68
Arizona.....	89 42
Utah.....	122 76
Hawaiian.....	823 50
Alaska.....	100 00

Mission Offerings.....	\$ 412 82
Second Tithe.....	7,985 74
California.....	\$4,052 45
W. Oregon.....	1,152 62
W. Washington.....	800 11
Up. Columbia.....	1,694 46
So. California.....	286 10
Donations.....	1,440 13
California.....	919 43
Up. Columbia.....	250 00
Alaska.....	270 70
Hawaiian Mission.....	555 00
Mission.....	199 50
Chinese Academy.....	355 50
"Pacific Union Recorder".....	214 80
Labor.....	166 88
Honolulu Tent Fund.....	6 25
Pac. Union M. M. and B. A.....	18 55
Gen. Conf. Expense Fund.....	72 20
Personal Accounts.....	16 51
Trust Funds.....	23,076 05
	\$46,098 94
DISBURSEMENTS, 1903	
Hawaiian Mission.....	\$3,182 00
Alaska Mission.....	3,109 96
Utah Mission.....	3,029 57
Mission.....	\$ 206 81
Conference.....	2,822 76
British Columbia Mission.....	800 00
Arizona Mission.....	4,348 73
Laborers' Salary and Expenses.....	4,513 77
Personal and Deposit Account.....	413 45
Furnishings.....	12 60
Rent, Stationery, Post, Gen. Conf. Ent.....	400 46
Gen. Conf. S. D. A.....	1,276 96
Gen. Conf. Expense Fund.....	72 20
Trust Funds.....	23,222 66
"Pacific Union Recorder".....	1,116 82
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1903.....	599 68
	\$46,098 90

E. A. Chapman, Treasurer.

A man's sum of enjoyment depends upon what he has in himself.—Beecher.

Memoranda of Offerings and Trust Funds Received for the Years 1902 and 1903

NAME OF FUND.	FROM WHAT FIELD.											
	California.	Southern California.	Upper Columbia.	Western Washington.	Montana.	Western Oregon.	North Pacific.	Hawaiian.	Alaska.	Utah.	Arizona.	Totals.
1902												
Sabbath-school donations.....	\$ 563 25	\$ 168 86	\$ 562 74	\$257 57	\$ 295 06	\$414 00	\$600 80	\$ 47 15	\$ 3 85	\$ 47 52		\$ 2,960 79
First-day offerings.....	2,140 26	268 82	769 43	165 36	325 80	218 83	507 82	27 60	1 75	36 06		4,461 73
Annual offerings.....	919 66	54 15	1,209 68		178 85	6 50	389 66		10 00			2,968 50
Christiania Publishing House.....	975 82	282 67	432 51	237 67	151 64	394 75	14 14	14 25				2,502 95
Southern field.....	151 66	20 00	37 30	8 60		81 28	43 05					291 89
Skodsborg Sanatorium.....	3 00		258 86				1 90	1 00				264 76
Haskell Home.....	106 57		81 82	41 39	108 09	71 90	185 61					589 88
Material Fund.....	638 61		190 76	213 00		584 65	182 00	47 75				1,856 77
"Christ's Object Lessons".....					5 20			157 25	12 50	245 73	\$236 21	656 89
Special offerings.....	318 00		371 75	27 95	10 00	647 55	130 72	68 10	23 35			1,497 42
Totals.....	\$5,816 33	\$794 50	\$3,914 34	\$951 54	\$1,069 64	\$2,269 46	\$2,255 70	\$363 10	\$51 45	\$29 31	\$236 21	\$18,051 58
1903												
Sabbath-school donations.....	\$1,156 21	\$ 790 76	\$ 953 37	\$ 567 01	\$ 352 86	\$ 840 78		\$46 17	\$15 85	\$37 59	\$28 04	\$4,888 64
First-day offerings.....	1,687 66	432 20	904 70	556 67	445 04	750 07		57 28	6 00	44 47	32 70	4,916 79
Annual offerings.....	1,124 02	463 13	1,171 65	307 93	176 37	662 45		11 05		45 41	50	3,965 51
Christiania Publishing House.....	124 50	52 12	8 46	50	14 00	3 00						202 59
Southern field.....	185 20	51 22	64 35	3 75	2 50	74 52			2 00			383 54
Skodsborg Sanatorium.....	100 00					50						100 50
Haskell Home.....	31 40		172 45	31 74	80 60	143 48				6 75		466 42
Special offerings.....	354 27	183 78	1,704 93	1,523 31	295 18	88 90		73 75	4 00		6 26	4,184 88
"Christ's Object Lessons".....								48 75		105 50	71 85	226 10
Material Fund.....	133 50		113 25	469 97	12 00							728 72
Washington, D. C., Church.....	141 25	8 25	76 45	20 95	8 00	170 06			2 00			426 96
English Sanitarium.....	601 65		182 14	100 76	105 75	153 51				1 00	4 40	1,149 21
Missionary acre.....	30 01		94 80	12 55	7 95	14 50						159 81
Australian field.....	660 70		400 31	220 24	115 07	243 63		13 40	3 00	5 90	27 45	1,689 70
Totals.....	\$6,330 37	\$1,931 47	\$5,846 86	\$3,315 38	\$1,715 32	\$3,145 40		\$250 40	\$32 85	\$249 62	\$171 20	\$23,488 87
Totals for two years.....	\$2,146 70	\$2,725 97	\$9,761 20	\$4,766 92	\$2,784 96	\$5,414 86	\$2,255 70	\$613 50	\$84 30	\$578 93	\$407 41	\$41,540 45

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The delegates were met at the station by the college bus, and taken to the church building, where they received their assignment, and were then conveyed to their respective places.

Dr. W. R. Simmons, while en route to the conference, was recalled by telegram on account of the serious illness of his wife. But we are glad to say that he was able to reach the convention by Wednesday, March 23.

A proper understanding of the great truth of the sanctuary and its service is a sure antidote for all the popular "isms" abroad to-day, the subtle theory of evolution, higher criticism, new thought, and kindred errors that are now being advocated.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather during the early part of the conference, the hearts of the delegates were warmed and cheered by the kindness and consideration and the open hospitality manifested by the brethren and sisters of the Healdsburg church.

In connection with the conference, the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association is holding its first session since organization. On account of the unavoidable absence of Dr. W. R. Simmons, its president, Dr. S. Yarnell, of the Spokane Sanitarium, was chosen chairman, pro tem.

At the 11 o'clock hour, Elder Prescott is conducting a series of Bible studies on the book of Hebrews. The keynote of the study is the place that Christ should occupy in this closing message, "that in all things He should have the pre-eminence." Among the thoughts that are clearly brought out may be mentioned the fact of Christ's relationship to the original creation of all things and His like relationship to the work of re-creation. Especial emphasis is placed on the present work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary as our High Priest.

Daily Program of the Conference

Devotional Meeting	8:00 to 9:15 A. M.
Conference Session	9:30 to 10:45
Bible Study	11:00 to 12:15 P. M.
Intermission	12:15 to 3:00
Conference Session	3:00 to 5:00
Public Service	7:30

The First Sabbath in April

We take this opportunity to remind our readers that the donations contributed on the first Sabbath in April are for the benefit of our orphan institutions. The donations from the California Conference will, as usual, be devoted to the Home of the Friendless work. Donations from other parts of the Union Conference will go to the Haskell Home.

Notice. Arizona

The second annual meeting of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held April 15-21, 1904, at Phoenix.

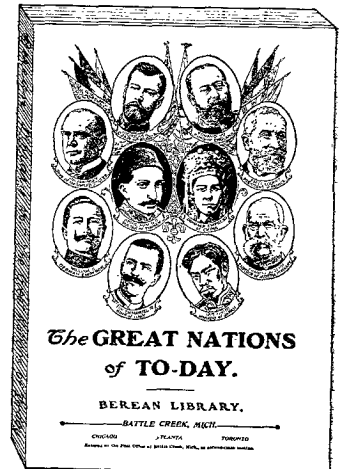
Important matters which should be considered by a representative member from the various churches will come before this meeting. Shall we not have a large attendance?

The next number of the "Recorder" will contain additional reports of the conference, the principal sermons, Bible studies, etc.

Mrs. E. G. White spoke Sabbath morning (March 19) to a large congregation. A synopsis of her sermon will appear in next issue.

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