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

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## THE CHURCH

### To-day

"Why forecast the trials of life  
With such sad and grave persistence,  
And look and watch for a crowd of ills  
That as yet have no existence?"

"Strength for to-day is all that we need,  
For we never will see to-morrow;  
When it comes the morrow will be to-day,  
With its measures of joy or sorrow."

### Signs of Christ's Coming

[Sermon by Eld. A. G. Daniells, at Pacific Union Conference.]

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom His Lord hath set over His household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing." Matt. 24:45-46.

In order for us to get the full force of this scripture, it will be necessary to consider the facts presented in the last verse of the preceding chapter:—

"For I say unto you, Ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Our Saviour here directs the attention of His disciples to His second coming; and with that thought before them, the disciples came to Him on the Mount of Olives privately, saying, "Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming?"

Jesus said, as we find the record in Luke:—

"There shall be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations." "The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven." "Upon the earth" there shall be "distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth."

These are signs that Jesus pointed to, that the people might know when His coming is near. Then He goes on: "The powers of the heavens shall be shaken; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send forth His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

"Now from the fig-tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that He is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished."

The teaching of this scripture is that when these signs that are to herald the return of our Lord have

appeared, so that men can take knowledge of them, locate them and get hold of them just as they have been given, they are to know from them that Christ is ready to come, that He is at the door. And they are to know that the generation living when these signs have been seen is not to pass away till all that is spoken of there shall be accomplished,—and that will be the shaking of the powers of heaven, and the appearance of the Son of God on the clouds of heaven, to reap the harvest of the earth.

Most of us, as a people, know from the study of the Scriptures that these signs have been given, that they have taken place, that they are in the past. And knowing this, we know that He is near, even at the doors. And we know the meaning is that the end of this world is to come in this generation. That is a great thing to know.

I walked down the lane last evening after the service, and saw the blossoms out on the trees. By this I know that summer is near. What would you think of me if I would say: "Well, I think it is. I am inclined to think so. I am half-way persuaded that summer is nigh"? You would say, "Open your eyes, and you will know."

God says, "So likewise ye, when ye see all these things coming to pass, know ye that He is near, even at the doors."

That is one of the grandest facts that we can proclaim to the world to-day. Suppose that we knew,

absolutely knew, that Jesus Christ would come in just one week from to-night, if we expected it just as we expect a friend to come or the week to roll around, what sort of a message would we bear to the world during this next week? We would bear to them the grandest message that could come to them. It would mean the end of all sorrows that are filling the hearts of the world. It would mean the end of all pain that poor, suffering humanity in this world is enduring. It would mean the end of all the work in the hospitals, all the funeral trains, and all the sad sights. It would empty all the insane asylums, all the jails. It would end all that grieves the hearts of men, all that has cast them down in discouragement and disappointment. What better message could we bear to the world than that? There is no other thing that will bring this earth's sorrows to an end but the coming of Jesus.

We may go out as physicians and nurses and preachers and servants of the people, and serve them, and work for them, and alleviate their sufferings in a measure, and help them some, but that which will bring it to an end with one shock, is the coming of Jesus Christ. I sometimes try to get people to see what that event is going to do to all humanity. I illustrate it by an experience in my own family. A couple of years ago, when I was in Texas, and I had been away from home for some time, my little boy came into the room, sat down in the middle of the floor and began to cry as though his heart would break. His mother asked why he cried, and he said, "I was wondering if, when we get to heaven, papa is going to be gone preaching all the time like he is now." She said: "No, when we get to heaven papa's preaching will be done, and he is going to come home. He is going to stay with us all the time, and we will be so happy then, won't we?" The little fellow looked at her a minute with the tears still dropping, and said, "Well, I wish Jesus would come quick."

That does not mean anything to you, I suppose, but it meant everything to that little fellow, and it means something to me. It means something to some other men here to-night that are away from home. I would be glad if Jesus Christ would come in a week from now. I would be devoutly thankful. But says one, Do you feel ready?—No, I do not feel ready. I do not know whether I will ever feel ready. But I am trusting in the perfection, and in the merits and goodness of Christ, who pleads my case before the throne of God; and I do expect to meet Him with joy.

"The sun shall be darkened." That will be one of the signs; a supernatural darkening that will occur at a specific time, "in those days after the tribulation." Those days of tribulation were the 1,260 years of papal persecution. Jesus said the tribulation of those days should be shortened, or else no flesh would be spared. The tribulation of that period would not continue to the end of the period itself. Should it so continue, the people of God would be removed from the earth, and the seed of Christ would be lost. Those days ended in 1798. The persecution ended about the middle of the century, 1756 or 1760. Right in there, after that tribulation, but in the days before it ended, the sun must be darkened. That came, as God said. It is one hundred years in the past.

Further, "The moon shall not give her light," and that occurred. "And the stars shall fall from heaven;" and that occurred still later. Luke, in recording it, shows very plainly that these signs were to cover a period of time; for he says, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." When they begin to come to pass. Now Matthew words it a little differently. He looks at the other end. He said, "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near; even at the doors." Luke looks at one point and calls attention to the beginning of these things. Matthew looks at the other, and calls

attention to the ending of the events, the closing of the events. Luke, speaking of the beginning, says that when these things begin, then you can lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh. But Matthew says when you have seen them all, and they are in the past, then you know that He is near, even at the door. "Verily I say unto you, This generation [the generation that has witnessed these signs and knows that He is at the doors] shall not pass, till all be fulfilled."

The last sign in the heavens came in 1833. There was something to follow that,—"upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." We are there in that period, in that condition now. We see in the daily papers these things. Some time since I read in a paper the statement that during the last fifty years there have been more deaths from suicide than have come from all the wars that have been waged by nations during that time. More people have taken their own lives than have been slain in battle during the last fifty years. And it went on to give facts, and quoted the figures, and gave the ages and the conditions of the people, and the causes as far as they could be summed up. The record was something appalling. Why is it that people are taking their lives in this appalling way? Their hearts are failing them. Men lose their courage. They lose their hope; they lose their strength to meet what is before them.

That is the way the Bible said it would be at this time,—after these signs occurred, men's hearts should fail them.

Christ says, The generation is now here to whom I will come. "Who then is that faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath set over his household, to give them their food in due season." Blessed is that servant who shall be so doing—giving that food—when I come.

What is the food that the church

of God will need at this time? What will be food in season? If I can understand this at all, and have any sense of the meaning of this scripture, it means that when Jesus Christ is about to come, the food that the world should have, and the church should have, is the truth applicable for the time. And you can not think of the truth for this time without seeing at a glance that it must include the teachings of the Scripture and the promise of God regarding His coming. Then I understand that the food, the meat for this time, must be the great doctrinal teaching of the Bible regarding the second coming of Christ.

This is a soul-purifying doctrine. When a man gets hold of that so he actually believes it, and it has hold of him, that man will not go on committing known sin and willingly neglecting his duty. That truth will rein him up and lead to the renunciation of sin. That truth will lead to the cleaning of his heart from sin; for I want to tell you that no man could say, I believe that Jesus Christ is coming to-morrow, I believe it with all my heart, and then go right on in flagrant, open sin against God. It is impossible. You may talk about righteousness, by faith and sanctification, you may dwell upon this whole great question of salvation from the power of sin, but there is no truth calculated to lead men right up to that position to face God, and put away sin, more than the true doctrine of the immediate coming of Jesus Christ. I do not say that these other phases of truth are not necessary, but this other truth will give force and efficiency and power to all the rest.

Paul in writing to Timothy says: "I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the Word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but,

having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables."

He tells us what will be in the closing hours of this world's history. Error will be all-pervasive; it will be like a deadly germ that finds its way into the very atmosphere, and lays hold on everything that it can inoculate, and that is the danger at the present time. This great metaphysical or New Thought movement now abroad in the world is a direct fulfilment of this prophecy.

The question that our Saviour asks is the one for us to consider from day to day: "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath set over his house, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing."

## THE FIELD

Washington, D. C.

From my desk as I write, in the topmost story of the old Washington House, which is the temporary office of the General Conference and "Review and Herald," looking southward five hundred feet distant I see a gigantic building, with a towering dome in the center, and at dizzy height on its pinnacle stands the statue of Liberty, with drawn sword, facing the east.

Flags are waving over the entrance, and over each broad wing, for the national Congress is now in session. This is the capitol of the United States, and we are looking into the windows of the United States Senate.

Looking further south we see the broad Potomac. The low hills across the river are historic ground, the old dominion, the Virginia of Washington and Robert E. Lee. Almost in sight, on the Virginia side of the river, is Mount Vernon, the old country home of George

Washington, and this house from which I write is the old Washington House, which was for a short time before his death, the capital home of the father of his country. From this very house to-day is sent out the proclamation of a liberty greater even than that for which George Washington fought.

From this historic structure is now sent to all the world the tidings of the coming of Him who, when first on earth in human form, proclaimed "liberty to the captives, the opening of the prison to them that are bound," and for whose second coming the whole creation groans and travails in pain, waiting for the adoption, the redemption, "the glorious liberty of the sons of God."

Across the Capitol and Liberty grounds stands the building used as headquarters by the International Reform Bureau, the association formed to unite church and state, to secure religious legislation in this country, and ultimately to bind the consciences of all men in a despotism that shall be terminated only by the ruin of the world and the setting up of the kingdom. Does not this situation appeal to every reader of this paper?

It was unanimously voted by the Washington council of the General Conference Committee that one hundred thousand dollars should be raised to build in Washington the General Conference offices, a sanitarium, and a training-school for Christian workers. The sanitarium has been duly organized and incorporated.

One hundred thousand dollars is certainly the least amount of money needed to build these various and important institutions. We believe that all who love the great truth of the coming of the kingdom of Christ, will rally as one man in this great crisis, and help this onward and upward move to establish the message of truth where it shall truly be the living representative of "liberty enlightening the world." We earnestly trust, we confidently believe, that these institutions will be built free. We mean by this that the money will be largely

raised before buildings are erected, and that the item of interest will not enter into the expense account.

The matter is in the hands of our readers. You must decide very largely this financial problem. The wonderful response to our appeal for help in paying for the Memorial Church, assures us that vastly deeper interest will be manifested by our people in these institutions, which are of much greater importance.

Will not all the readers of this paper help at once? Surely there are those who read this article who can give from five thousand to twenty thousand dollars, and be greatly blessed in the giving. A good number can give one thousand; many will give from one hundred to five hundred dollars; and we feel that every one who believes this truth, young and old, will invest something in these most important institutions.

The establishing of the work true and strong at the heart will send a flood of new life to every part of the world.

We have been instructed to use the strictest economy in erecting these buildings, but that they should be substantial, neat, and should rightly represent the work.

We quote from a letter of instruction written February 15:—

"The instruction that has been given me in regard to the buildings to be erected in Washington is that it is not the Lord's will for an imposing display to be made. The buildings are to show to believers and to those not of our faith, that not one dollar has been invested in needless display. Every part of the buildings is to bear witness that we realize that there is before us a great, unworked missionary field, and that the truth is to be established in many places.

"When I was last in one of the great cities, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fire-proof, and they were erected to glorify the owners. Higher and still higher these buildings rose, and in them the most

costly material was used. Those to whom the buildings belonged were not asking themselves, 'How can we best glorify God, that we may enjoy Him forever?' God was not in their thoughts. I thought: O, that those who are thus investing their means could see that this display does not give them one iota of advantage with God! They are piling up magnificent buildings, but how foolish in the sight of the Ruler of the universe is their planning and devising! They are not studying with all the powers of heart and mind what they may do to glorify God, that they may enjoy Him forever. They have lost sight of this the first duty of man. . . . The scene that next passed before me was an alarm of fire. Men looked at lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said, 'They are perfectly safe.' But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the fire engines.

"I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that has been strong to save will be strong to destroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God.

"The buildings that you erect must be solid, and well constructed. No haphazard work is to be done. The buildings are to be thoroughly presentable, but no extravagance is to be seen. We are not to make it possible for worldlings to say that we do not believe what we preach, that the end of all things is at hand.

"The buildings should be put up at as little cost as possible. No money is to be spent on them merely for show. We are living in a time of fearful depravity. The whole world has thrown off the restraints of religion. Worldlings and church-members are making void the law of God. We are to bend every energy to the proclamation of the message of warning."

These directions will be most

carefully carried out. You will note that the "buildings are to be solid and well constructed;" "that no haphazard work is to be done;" that while "no extravagance is to be seen," yet "the buildings are to be thoroughly presentable." This surely can not be done for less than one hundred thousand dollars. There are not a hundred thousand Seventh-day Adventists in the world. Some can give but little; therefore, many will necessarily make large donations.

The work here is onward. Our public meetings are held in a very good hall, located in a most central position, accessible to all parts of the city. For fourteen weeks from ten to twenty thousand leaflets have been placed in as many homes weekly. These leaflets are large, four-page, and contain a comprehensive summary of the last discourse, and an announcement of the subject for the next Sunday. These are also given to the people at the close of the meeting, so that they may take home with them a very complete statement of all they have heard, with scriptures quoted and indicated, historical extracts, etc. These leaflets are doing good work. Many desire the whole set from the beginning of the series.

A number of lawyers and professional men are deeply interested. One of the lawyers has not missed a meeting. They seem nearly ready to obey. There are more openings for visiting and Bible work than can be filled. This field is ripe for the harvest.

#### NOT TIRED OF GIVING

Within the last few years our people have paid the \$66,000 debt on the Christiania Publishing House, nearly \$55,000 on the Relief of the Schools Fund, paid for the English sanitarium, and given largely in response to other calls; and yet from January 1 to April 22 \$38,900 annual offering was received, as against \$22,000 for the whole of the year 1903. This very large increase in the annual offerings shows clearly that the confidence of our people has been greatly strengthened by this move to

Washington, and that now there will be more money than ever before for missions and other enterprises.

We have received from a brother in Nebraska a donation of \$1,000 toward the building fund of the sanitarium, training-school, and General Conference offices in Washington. We believe that this will be the forerunner of many donations of the same and still larger amounts. A list of the donations to the fund will be published in the "Review." A constant stream of smaller donations is flowing in daily. We are deeply grateful to see the means coming in before the buildings are erected. We are sure this is God's way, and that His Spirit is at work pleading this cause with our brethren who have means in large or small amounts.

We will gladly send to each one who sends a donation to the work to the General Conference treasurer, a thirty-two page illustrated leaflet, describing the situation and the present need; also blank subscription lists, authorizing any who desire to secure funds for these enterprises.

J. S. Washburn,  
Financial Secretary.

### The Work in England

The reports of the work, both in California and elsewhere, performed by former California laborers are of great interest to the workers in England who have but lately left that state. Reports from this field do not often appear, but perhaps the readers of the "Recorder" would be glad to know what we are trying to do over here. As is well known, most of the company who left California in 1902 and remain in England are located in the North England Conference.

The work in this field goes slowly, still the Lord permits us to see some fruit for the efforts made. During the last quarter of 1903, twenty-one persons were baptized in this conference, and during the entire year, sixty-five souls went forward in this ordinance, so that at the close of 1903,

we had a membership in this conference or 357. To those who have followed the reports from this field for some time, it may appear strange that, while we have continually been adding members by baptism, still the general membership of the conference has not shown a corresponding increase. This is accounted for in this way: When we came to this conference there were a large number of names on the records purporting to be members of some church, but which, in reality, were only keeping the Sabbath or professing to keep it, and had not fully identified themselves with this people. When we began to correspond with these individuals, we found them not members, and in some cases did not even know of such a people as Seventh-day Adventists. Of course, their names came into the office through some one interested in them, and were in time counted as members. This will explain why our membership has not shown a corresponding increase with the members reported as added from time to time.

Our laborers are now doing good, thorough work, we believe, and are building on a firm foundation, for which we are all very thankful.

So far in 1904, we can report nineteen accessions to the faith by baptisms and three more churches organized. This gives us nine churches, and the very favorable reports from the workers indicate that we may be able to organize one or two churches before the tent season opens.

Elder McCord is working in King's Heath, which is a suburb of Birmingham, where he labored last winter. He reports a growing interest among a good class of people. Elder Parsons has recently gone to Grimsby, a small town not far from Hull, and reports interest there, with some fruit. He has been visiting this town during his work in Hull. Sister Parsons is still working in Hull. We already have a church building at Ulceby, another small town near Grimsby, where Brother Parsons has been doing

some work. We hope soon to reorganize a church there. The former members have about all removed, so that there is at the present time no church in Ulceby.

Brother Marchus went from Leicester to Nottingham to take up the work left by Brother Altman, who went to South Africa in December. The work in Nottingham is going rather hard, but the Lord is enabling them to make some progress. Brother Marchus has one of our Bible workers assisting him.

The writer and Mrs. Castle have remained in Leicester, as far as possible assisting Elder Andross in the work here. A church of sixteen members was organized at this place in January.

Mrs. Castle opened the first church school in Great Britain Jan 4, 1904, at Kettering, one of our strongest churches in this conference. It was with fear and trembling that this work was undertaken, since it was a new phase of the work for this field, and yet it was with a firm belief that it would be successful, since it is a work that has been so long and sadly neglected. At the present writing the school is pronounced a decided success by the church and its outside patrons. To God belongs the praise for all that has been done in this way. On account of illness occasioned by the very hard work connected with the school, it was closed for several days, but the Lord used even this to His glory. Another teacher has now been found to undertake the work. We pray that success may crown the efforts in this line. Considering the fact that there are so many, many children in this field, and also that at the age of thirteen and fourteen years they are supposed to have completed their education in the board schools, which correspond to our public schools, it seems that too much stress can not be laid upon the importance of giving the children first consideration. Many have grown up and gone into the world for lack of right education and training. May God help us to arouse on this point. The neglect in this partic-

ular line is the saddest feature of the work in the English field.

We are all of good courage and believe that God will give us souls for the labor bestowed in His name. We have done some work with tracts, having adopted the envelope plan, and it is productive of good results so far as we have learned.

C. H. Castle.  
Leicester, England.

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### A Visit to Arizona

April 13 we left San Diego to attend the spring conference in Phoenix, April 15-21. On account of long distances and high railroad rates, not many of our people from surrounding churches could be present, though a few came in and met with us. All the laborers of the conference were present and all who attended seemed to greatly enjoy the meeting, which was indeed a rich spiritual feast. We all rejoiced that God's blessing and power was not confined to numbers, but that He was ready to pour out His Spirit upon the few when they met in His name. In many ways the Arizona Conference has made good advancement the past year. The tithe has been increased, so also have their offerings, and a goodly number have been brought to the truth. The patronage of the sanitarium is increasing, and the debt on the institution is being reduced. One can feel a good spiritual atmosphere about the sanitarium and a number of the patients the past year have accepted the truth. If those connected with the institution will stand shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart, God will do great things through the Phoenix Sanitarium.

What is needed all through our work, in the field, in our institutions, and everywhere, is more of Christ and His abundant life, a deeper consecration to His work, and very many, if not all, our perplexing problems would be solved.

The Spanish work in the territory is making some progress under the direction of Elder M. Serna and his co-laborers, and a goodly number of that people are embrac-

ing the truth. The Union Conference has recently donated to Arizona a new tent to be used in the Spanish work, and it is the purpose of our brethren of that tongue to push the work with vigor among the Spanish people.

Elder C. D. M. Williams, who for years has labored in Arizona, will now make Utah his field of labor. Our brethren in Utah are planning a strong campaign in Mormondom this summer, and we trust many whose minds are now darkened, may see and obey the truth.

Elder Williams, with his long experience in the work, will be a valuable addition to the Utah working force. This will materially weaken Arizona's force of workers which should be strengthened as soon as possible.

Elder A. J. Howard was re-elected as president of the conference, with about the same committee as last year. Dr. E. C. Bond continues as superintendent of the sanitarium, with a board of six others elected by the conference as his advisers. We look for the work to move forward in the Arizona field, and shall pray that their efforts to spread God's truth for this time may be crowned with success.

W. B. White.

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### Work among the Spanish

I thank my heavenly Father for the privilege of a part in proclaiming the last message to mankind. God in His mercy took me from error and gave me the true Gospel, which is the "power of God unto salvation." It was through much tribulation and opposition that I accepted the doctrine that we hold so dear, and I desire to spend my remaining days in turning others away from darkness and infidelity.

We have now more than a hundred Mexican Sabbath keepers in the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, and we rejoice that the Lord is gathering out a people for Himself of every race.

Marcial Serna.  
Phoenix, Ariz.

### Mississippi

We have just closed a short series of meetings at Hattiesburg, and we are glad to be able to report several new Sabbath keepers. In some ways we have had a hard struggle, but God's Word has won the hearts of some, though the indifference manifested by many is appalling. Most of the people did not wish to know that the great changes now taking place are precursors of the coming of our Lord. Business and pleasure to them are far more important.

We have placed quite a quantity of literature in the hands of the people, which we hope may bear fruit in days to come. Our cash donations have fully met the expenses of our meetings.

The book work in this state is increasing, for God is blessing it and those engaged in it. One brother who has taken his stand in this place desires to enter the field and sell our literature. Another traveling man has decided to obey, and wishes to scatter tracts wherever he goes. We are very grateful to see people accepting the message who can and will engage in the work. If people do not come from abroad to assist us, we must raise up workers here; and we have great reason to be encouraged already, for not only here, but at our last effort, we found some who give promise of becoming real helpers.

H. G. Thurston.  
Hattiesburg, Miss.,  
March 14, 1904.

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### WESTERN OREGON

#### Ashland

While canvassing in Grants Pass I sold sixteen copies of "Great Controversy" and one of "Patriarchs and Prophets." Nine of these were trade orders for board, room rent, dentistry, tailoring, and millinery work. The dental orders I traded for stationery, etc., to a druggist. Besides, I sold about twenty-seven "Best Stories," and the "Power for Witnessing,"

nearly all of which were for cash. The time consumed was three months.

Since coming home I have taken three orders for "Great Controversy" and sold one help. These four orders have been taken in about seven canvasses.

In order to be really successful I should put in much more time. I find, also, that mechanical canvassing is unsuccessful. Sometimes the burden of souls rested so lightly upon me that I found myself "going through" with the canvass instead of being intensely interested in the thoughts presented in the book and being burdened for the soul canvassed. At such times I often sold "Best Stories," as that is a very easy book to sell. I feel my need of more of the power of God. To-day I have ordered "Early Writings," that I may study the instructions given to God's people for this particular time.

Now, just now, is the time to distribute our literature. If we do not do what we can, by the help of God, to get these startling truths before the people, the blood of souls will be upon our garments.

While I feel very unworthy and incompetent for this sacred work, I am very thankful to have a part in it. The Lord can use the weakest of His children when they depend on Him for guidance.

Mrs. Cora B. Findlay.

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**Grants Pass**

My work has been mostly in Grants Pass the past three months. Early in February we began a series of meetings in the church which was continued six weeks. On account of bad weather and much sickness the attendance was small. So far two honest souls are observing the Sabbath, and are awaiting the time when a minister can be present to baptize them. There are others who are interested, and who attend Sabbath-school quite regularly. More work has been done in this town than in other towns in this part of the conference during the past two years, and as a result the best interest seems to be here.

March 26 I visited a company a few miles out in the country, who have recently begun to observe the Sabbath. Here are two families, all of whom have accepted present truth by reading. This is the result of faithful work done by a family who have lived among them for a number of years. We think there will be others there who will obey in time.

J. J. Clark.

April 15.

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**Portland**

I am having good success, and find more openings than I can fill. Those who are reading are doing so with real interest. There is a great need for work now, that the message may go to the people before they are thoroughly deceived by the doctrine of Spiritualism which is flooding the world.

I now have thirteen appointments and several names. Two of these are being opposed by their friends, but the Lord is blessing me, and I am of good courage.

Mrs. M. A. Neale.

April 1.

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**Obituary**

Cook.—Died at Oakland, Ore., March 12, 1904, of slow fever, little Edna Marguerite, aged three years, eleven months, and twenty-two days; youngest daughter of W. E. and Ella Cook. Although so young, she was interested in Bible stories, and never wanted to retire without the reading of the Bible. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers, and two sisters to mourn her loss, but they do not mourn as those who have no hope.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder O. Soule from Jer. 31: 15, 16.

Bertha Camp.

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**WESTERN WASHINGTON**

**Tacoma**

Last Sabbath, April 9, I visited the church in Tacoma. A blessed work is being accomplished in this city under the labors of Elder Watson, his wife and daugh-

ter, and our faithful brethren. I found the house well filled with some twelve or fifteen, who were deeply interested in present truth. The Lord gave freedom in presenting the message. In the afternoon we spoke to the young people of our organization.

In the evening Elder Watson and I visited Sister Woolsey's home, where she is caring for about fifty little children—orphans and homeless ones. She has no means of support except by donations, but the Lord is blessing her day by day. She is anxious to move her family into the country, and Sunday, the 10th, our church voted unanimously to sell their church property in the heart of the city and obtain a small tract of land outside the limits. This will give Sister Woolsey a location in the country. We hope and pray that this is a step in the right direction, and that the Lord's blessing will attend it.

Several candidates have presented themselves ready for baptism, and Elder Watson will administer the ordinance April 16.

Pray that the work may grow strong in Tacoma.

E. L. Stewart.

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**Poulsbo**

For the past month I have been laboring here in Poulsbo. Meetings have been held in the hall every night except Friday, besides a number of afternoon meetings in private houses. I have been giving Bible readings in the homes of interested ones, and have loaned thousands of pages of tracts in doing house-to-house work.

The meetings have created quite a stir in the community for several miles around, and there have been calls for labor in other places.

There is much opposition to meet from the many Lutheran preachers here, but, in spite of this, four honest souls have begun the observance of the Lord's Sabbath.

A Swedish Baptist minister, who recently accepted the truth in Whatcom, has been with me

most of the time, and has proved a most efficient helper. He seems to be as fully established in the truth as though he had known it for many years. For this we feel to praise the Lord, for more laborers in the Scandinavian tongue are certainly needed in this field.

H. C. J. Wollekar.

April 10.

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### Camp-meeting

The second annual camp-meeting of the Western Washington Conference will be held at South Tacoma, May 19-29. A beautiful tract of land has been selected two blocks north of the South Tacoma railroad station. Those coming by railroad should ticket to, and get off at, this station. Those coming by boat should take the street-car at the dock and transfer to the South Tacoma line, which will bring them, without further change, direct to the camp ground.

Checks should be retained and given only to those persons appointed to receive the baggage.

T. H. Watson.

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For the convenience of those who attend this camp-meeting, a large dining tent will be pitched and meals served at the usual price. A store also will be on the ground, where all necessary articles of food can be obtained.

Tents can be rented also. Those who desire special accommodations should write to Elder W. F. Martin, South Tacoma, or the writer at the same address. Those who come by rail should secure a certificate on purchasing tickets, which will entitle the holder to return for one-third fare.

E. L. Stewart.

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### Notice to Church School-teachers

A summer school of six weeks will be held at South Tacoma, Wash., beginning June 6. Tents, board, and car-fare one way will be furnished teachers who actually engage in teaching in western Washington. Western Oregon

will join in this institute, and no doubt the same arrangement will hold for western Oregon teachers. Instructors from Walla Walla College and the Pacific Union Conference will attend. We hope also to have Prof. F. S. Bunch and Elder Burg with us from western Oregon. Beautiful grounds have been secured, and we hope and expect rich blessings. Teachers should bring bedding.

E. L. Stewart.

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### Notice

The Western Washington Conference will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and such other business as may properly come before it, at South Tacoma, May 19, at nine o'clock, A. M.

E. L. Stewart.

President W. Wash. Conf.

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## CALIFORNIA

### Conference and Camp-meeting

The thirty-third meeting of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with their camp-meeting at Bushrod Park, beginning June 1, at nine A. M., and continuing to June 12, 1904. It is planned to devote the first three days of the meeting, June 1, 2, and 3, wholly to the conference business, with the exception of the evening meeting, at which time public services will be held. Delegates are requested to be present at the first meeting of the conference. Credentials will be sent to the churches. Each church is entitled to one delegate and an additional delegate for every twenty members. The matter of selecting delegates should be attended to as early as possible and the credentials forwarded to the conference office.

Tents will be furnished at the following prices:—

12x17, \$3.50; carpet (burlap), \$0.75; fly, \$0.75. 10x12, \$2.50; carpet (burlap), \$0.50; fly, \$0.50.

Orders for tents should be sent to the secretary, 206 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

Special rates for transportation over the various railroad lines will probably be secured at the usual one and a third fare. Particulars will be given in the next issue of this paper.

An old-time workers' meeting will precede the camp-meeting, dated May 17-31. Able-bodied men and women who can come to help fit up the grounds will please correspond early with the secretary. To all who can be utilized board and tent rent will be free. Daily Bible study will be a part of the program.

A. S. Kellogg, vice-president,  
J. D. Rice, secretary.

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### Annual Meeting

The eighth annual session of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Bushrod Park, Oakland, Cal., at nine A. M., June 1, 1904, for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

C. H. Jones, president,  
M. H. Brown, secretary.

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### Eureka, Cal.

I have been in this district one month, looking after the selling of "Object Lessons." The church at Eureka numbers fifty-five members. They have already sold 203 copies of this book, and are now putting forth efforts to finish the work. I have taken orders for forty copies since coming here.

The branch sanitarium located in this place is having a good influence for the truth and a good patronage. The church school has passed through some difficulties, but now bids fair to be a success. I assisted in the work of lining, papering, and painting the church-school building, so the house looks very neat and inviting. I have met with the church in Arcata several times. At the quarterly meeting an elder and a deacon were ordained. The Lord came very near to us on the occa-



sion, and a great blessing was received by the people. They are all of good courage in the work of the Lord, and intend to finish selling their quota of "Object Lessons." I have enjoyed much of the Lord's blessing in my labors here.

Andrew Brorsen,  
538 F Street.

April 10, 1904.

**Bishop. Inyo County**

While the work seems to move slowly in this part of the field, yet we thank the Lord that His Spirit is pressing the blessed word of truth home to some hearts. On a recent Sabbath, the following notice was seen in the window of one of the leading stores of the town: "This store will be closed this Sabbath day." And a good testimony was given by the same merchant that day at our Sabbath service. We look for other members of his family to come out firmly upon the truth. Another person, a lady, has become convinced of the Sabbath truth, and met with us last week. We conclude she, too, has decided to obey.

The merchant referred to has given good evidence of his sincerity, for, like Zaccheus of old, he is making restitution. He is determined to be right with God and man. The above interest is not due alone to my labors, but to the missionary spirit and effort of some of the church-members. What good might be done by many of the brethren and sisters everywhere, if they would let the Lord use them.

A brother is doing a good work in the valley by evangelistic canvassing.

We have not yet dedicated the new church, as we are waiting for Elder Kellogg to be with us. Pray for the work here.

A. J. Osborne.

April 19, 1904.

**Conference and Trust Funds Receipts for March**

**Tithes**

Armona, \$79.13; Berkeley, \$32.30; Buckeye, \$4.85; Burrough, \$37.65; Chico, \$6.90; Crow's Land-

ing, \$3.40; Lemoore, \$29.00; Lockwood, \$28.40; Oakland, \$615.52; Personal, \$205.80; Redding, \$23.70; San Francisco, \$200; Sanitarium, \$35.26; San Jose, \$198.96; San Luis Obispo, \$6.25; Santa Cruz, \$20.00; St. Helena, \$39.20; Susanville, \$6.30; Vacaville, \$3.86; total, \$1,576.48.

**Trust Funds**

Southern Field, \$1.36; Annual Offerings, \$27.05; Foreign Missions, \$43.03; Healdsburg College, \$26; Home of the Friendless, \$0.40; Miscellaneous Funds,—China, \$4.26; Australia, \$0.35; S. S. Offerings, \$41.01; International Publishing Association, \$26.28; Religious Liberty Library, \$35.09; total, \$204.83.

J. D. Rice,  
Secretary Cal. Conf.

**UPPER COLUMBIA**

**Notes**

This issue of the "Recorder" will be the introductory number to the Upper Columbia "Reaper" family. The "Reaper" has given way to the "Recorder," and we wish for it a hearty welcome in our homes. There are already quite a number of subscribers to the "Recorder" in our conference, but as we turn over 300 names, we will swell the mailing list in our field.

Since our conference adjourned, Brethren W. S. Holbrook and F. D. Wagner held a short series of meetings at Echo, Ore. The brethren have returned to prepare their tent to go into Crook County as soon as school closes and the company is made up.

Elder W. F. Martin is now at home, making preparation to take his family to western Washington for the summer.

The students, and many from the village, held a picnic on the Walla Walla River, Thursday, April 28. Dr. F. E. Braucht was present, and a brief history of the Samoan War was given by him. It was very interesting, inasmuch as it was given by an eye-witness. A long table was spread with

palatable food, and after a hearty dinner a program was rendered. Notwithstanding a wind and dust storm, an enjoyable time was had by all.

Sister Wiley, mother of Sister C. C. Lewis, is quite ill. An operation was performed and tumor removed, yet her life is despaired of.

Brother T. G. Johnson arrived April 22, from College View, Neb., to take charge of the canvassing work in Upper Columbia. For the past few months Brother Johnson has been connected with the International Publishing Association at College View. He was formerly secretary of the tract society and treasurer of the conference in Montana. Brother Johnson comes well recommended, and we believe the book work will prosper under his direction. His family will remain in College View until fall.

An encouraging letter has been received from Walter Mitchell, of Cle Elum, Wash. Brother Mitchell has lately entered the canvassing work, and is making it a success.

Elder J. M. Willoughby, field superintendent, has been visiting some of the churches in southern Idaho in the interest of the educational work. After visiting Ontario and fully organizing a society of nineteen members, he next visited Parma, and is now, April 29, at Boise.

The church school at Wenatchee, Wash., has closed, and the teacher, Miss Martha Bordow, will soon begin a family school at Lakeside.

Elder Breed was called to Union, Ore., last Sunday evening, to attend the funeral of Brother George Ames. Brother Ames had been sick but a few weeks, and although all was done that kind hands could do, he passed away to await the Lifegiver's call. He was born Oct. 16, 1839, died April 24, 1904, aged 64 years, 5 months and 8 days. Brother Ames, and

wife were among the first to settle in the Grande Ronde Valley. About twelve years ago he united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and, true to his convictions, has lived a consistent Christian life. His wife, Sister M. P. Ames, survives him.

T. L. Copeland.

**SABBATH-SCHOOL**  
AND  
**YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Ministry**

The memory of a kindly word  
For long gone by;  
The fragrance of a fading flower  
Sent lovingly;  
The gleaming of a sudden smile  
Or sudden tear;  
The warmer pressure of the hand,  
The tone of cheer;  
The hush that means, "I can not speak,  
But I have heard;"  
The note that only bears a verse  
From God's own Word,—  
Such tiny things we hardly count  
As ministry,  
The givers deeming they have shown  
Scant sympathy;  
But when the heart is overwrought,  
O, who can tell  
The power of such tiny things  
To make it well?  
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

**"Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus"**

Do you thus call Him? Is He "Jesus—Saviour" to you, and do you love to call Him so?

There is so much in a name! It is significant of so many things! It is not the name spoken in merely polite address, the one used by formality, with punctilious observance, which leaves sweet echoes when we hear it. The family name, the one by which our dearest call us, is the one around which the fond associations cluster. And when we call an intimate friend by the familiar home-name, what close companionship it means!

"I have called thee by thy name," is our Lord's dear word to each of us, and He would have us call Him by His name. How gracious this is! how close He comes to those "who think upon His name" and call Him by it! How tender the syllables are! A

little child finds them easy to say, and it is sweet to think that He was "the child Jesus" to His mother. And He would take us into the close family relationship where we have a right to use His "first name," for "the same is My mother and sister and brother."

Speak that name, teacher, in the beginning of heart-preparation for meeting your scholars. First of all, we must be saved from our sins, for we "can never bring others nearer to Him than we are ourselves." We must come in the same way that we tell others to come, and we must keep coming, for though we have been "made clean every whit," the soil of sin is found upon us again and again as we take our daily way through the world. As we turn aside from the week-day path to "go up unto the house of the Lord," we feel the need of cleansing from the contact with things of the earth earthy. Call His name Jesus, for to this end He came—to save His people from their sins; His people who have long trusted Him, but who are still in the world and need the constant renewal of His pardoning grace.

Call His name Jesus, for He saves from the sin of unbelief and discouragement, and all those besetments which the teacher knows so well. There are the multiplied hindrances to study, the temptation to partial preparation, the seemingly insuperable difficulty of the "work of practise" that should go to every lesson before it is taught—all these are in His power who is fittingly called Jesus, for He does save.

Turn to Him, think of Him, and remember why He is called Jesus, when the lesson is over, and the temptation comes to acute disappointment in the apparent results, and "the Angel of the Afterthought" cries accusingly, "Why did you not do thus and so, and say this and that, or do it all better?" No human power can grapple with discouragements such as come to the earnest-hearted teacher. He alone can conquer them who is called Jesus.

Let it not be an unaccustomed name upon your lips. It can not have a winsome sound to others if there is no tender familiarity and loving intimacy in the tone as you speak it. Let it be indeed to you "the name which is above every name." Thus you can lift your scholars up to Him who is strong to save. It is the all-prevailing name, remember, for at it "every knee shall bow." There is "none other name—none other name!"—Selected.

**In His Name**

Once, while traveling in a sister state, I had occasion to wait a half-hour at a railway station. While looking out of the car window I saw a family, consisting of the father, mother, and five children, the oldest not more than twelve years of age, and the youngest an infant. They had apparently just arrived in this country and were entirely unacquainted with our language, customs, and mode of dress.

They were evidently waiting for a train that would take them farther on their journey. It was a hot day and it was particularly hot inside the station waiting-room, so they were trying to make themselves as comfortable as possible at the end of the depot, outside, where there was a bit of shade.

They were travel-stained and looked lonely, tired, and homesick. The children tried to play, but could not succeed. The mother held the youngest child in her lap and seemed ready to drop from exhaustion. The father smoked his pipe in gloomy silence. No one around them could understand their language, and they could not understand one word that was spoken about them. They were, indeed, strangers in a strange land. They were alone and yet were surrounded by a large number of people. A more complete picture of loneliness could not well be imagined.

I was so engaged looking at them that I scarcely noticed a party of ladies who had just entered the car and had taken seats near me,

until I heard them talking of the same people I was looking at. Then my attention was arrested at once as I listened to the conversation with interest.

One beautiful young lady, who was dressed in the height of fashion and whose appearance and conversation showed her to be both refined and cultured, held in her hand a bouquet of rare and beautiful flowers. I heard her say, "I wish I could talk to them and cheer them up; they look so tired and lonely." After a moment she said: "I wonder if they would like these flowers? I think I will offer them to the children." And suiting the action to the word, she left the car, crossed three lines of car-tracks, and went up on the platform where the strangers were.

They seemed much surprised to see such a fine lady coming toward them; and the children crept close to their parents for protection. But when she divided the large bouquet into five smaller ones, and gave one to each child, it did one's heart good to see the expression of happiness and content that came over the faces of the entire family. They could not understand the words that were spoken, but they could understand the language of kindness and sympathy that prompted the action. The tired look vanished from the face of the mother, the father removed his pipe from his mouth and smiled his thanks, and the children were almost wild with delight.

The lady then recrossed the tracks, came into the car again just as the train started, took her seat, and, taking a book from her handbag, began to read as quietly as though nothing had happened. I had never seen her before, have never seen her since, but I became very much interested in knowing what kind of a book she chose to read on the train.

I was so anxious to know, that, at the risk of appearing rude, I managed to pass by her seat and glance over her shoulder, and saw that she was reading the New Testament. I then thought, No

wonder she does such kind acts. She was reading of the blessed Master, who went about doing good, and who has said to each one of us, His followers, "Go and do thou likewise."—Religious Telescope.

## MEDICAL MISSIONARY

### Annual Meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company

The second annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company was held Wednesday, March 30, 1904, at Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal., at 12 o'clock M.

Twenty-nine members were present in person or by proxy.

A. Boeker, the president of the company, presented a brief report of the progress made during the year.

The treasurer's report was presented by H. E. Randall, and upon the certificate, and approval of the auditor, J. J. Ireland, was accepted and approved.

Brief verbal reports were then presented of the working of the stores and restaurants at the various places, including San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Fresno, Salt Lake City and Provo.

Recommendations were adopted as follows:—

Believing the time has fully come for a forward movement in every branch of our work, and that our people and the world are suffering much from a lack of knowledge of health principles,

#### 1. We Recommend:—

(a) That a campaign of education be carried on by this company in all our large churches.

(b) That we invite the co-operation of the California Conference, and of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in this effort, with the view of combining the evangelical with the medical missionary and the food work in such a way as to contribute to the advantage of each, and prove a greater blessing to our

people, and through them to the world.

In carrying out these recommendations, we would suggest the following plan:—

(a) That missionary schools be carried on among the churches where instruction shall be given in the Bible and health principles, simple treatment of disease, the use and sale of sanitarium foods, health lectures, literature, etc.; and, wherever it is found practicable, that classes in hygienic cookery be conducted in connection with such schools.

(b) That a portion of each day during such missionary schools be devoted to the sale of health foods and health literature from house to house, and to visiting the people in their homes, interesting them in health principles.

(c) That an effort be made to establish permanent classes in hygienic cookery, care of the body, etc., after the close of the missionary school, in order to follow up the work.

2. We Recommend that steps be taken at once to sell the Oakland Vegetarian Cafe, or reduce the expense of rent one-half by combining the store and restaurant in one store.

3. We Recommend to the incoming board of directors that, as the Salt Lake store and restaurant are located so far from the home office, the expense of operating and travel so great, steps be taken to dispose of this branch as soon as possible.

Whereas, The administrative expense of the company, as shown by the treasurer's report and the report of the auditor, has been about \$1,600 for the past year, which has been wholly borne by the factory, although largely incurred in looking after the interests of our stores and restaurants; therefore,

#### 4. We Recommend:—

(a) That all traveling and other general expense be kept as low as possible consistent with the best interests of the business.

(b) That without losing its identity, the administrative account be

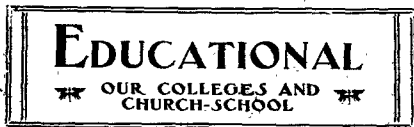
apportioned to the various branches and departments according to the benefit derived.

Directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows: A. Boeker, W. T. Knox, L. M. Bowen, J. A. Burden, T. J. Evans, H. H. Haynes, E. G. Fulton.

The board was organized by selecting the following:—

President, A. Boeker; vice-president, H. H. Haynes; secretary, E. E. Parlin; assistant secretary and treasurer, H. E. Randall.

E. E. Parlin, secretary.



**Teachers' Summer School**

At a meeting of the California Conference Committee, held April 14, 1904, it was arranged that a teachers' summer school should be held at St. Helena, Cal., beginning Wednesday, June 15, at 9 A. M.

The following committee on attendance and general arrangements was appointed:—

A. S. Kellogg, M. E. Cady, J. S. Osborne, C. L. Taylor, and M. H. Brown.

This committee held a meeting at Healdsburg, April 25, and partly completed its work as follows:—

**INSTRUCTORS FOR TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL**

Prof. E. D. Sharpe: Methods of teaching the common branches, such as arithmetic, grammar, etc., according to Christian education.

Miss S. E. Peck: Industrial education in the church school.

Mrs. Alma McKibbin: Bible and methods of Bible teaching.

Prof. W. E. Howell: Language and methods of teaching the same.

Prof. M. E. Cady, Pacific Union Conference educational secretary, is expected to be present during the entire time of the school to give instruction in various branches, and to aid in the organization of the church-school work. Other instructors will be arranged for and selected at a later date.

The following committee on program for the summer school

was selected: Prof. M. E. Cady, Miss Katie Hale, Prof. E. D. Sharpe.

Committee on arrangements and location: L. M. Bowen, Miss S. E. Peck, and C. L. Taylor.

All teachers attending the summer school will receive the following financial aid from the conference: Tent, railroad fare from Oakland to St. Helena, an allowance of \$2.00 per week for board.

The managers of the St. Helena

Sanitarium will arrange to board the teachers at a rate not exceeding the above amount. The school will be held in a choice location in the woods, where all nature will be blooming and shedding forth its fragrance to add to the many benefits to be derived from such a school. It is expected that all who attend will provide themselves with a bed and such equipments as they may deem necessary.

**Report of Church-School Work, California Conference, Fifth 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 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Healdsburg:—</b>      |                   |                    |                  |                |                          |                       |                        |             |                     |                      |             |
| Advanced Department      | 17                | 31                 | 48               | 0              | 29.6                     | 31.6                  | 95.6                   | 23          | 2                   | 14                   | 87          |
| Intermediate Dep't.....  | 22                | 19                 | 41               | 0              | 30.4                     | 32.3                  | 91.9                   | 23          | 3                   | 25                   | 87          |
| Primary Department...    | 28                | 26                 | 54               | 2              | 29.9                     | 33.1                  | 90.5                   | 29          | 4                   | 37                   | 94          |
|                          | 67                | 76                 | 143              | 2              | 89.9                     | 97.0                  | 93.3                   | 75          | 9                   | 76                   | 89          |
| <b>Oakland:—</b>         |                   |                    |                  |                |                          |                       |                        |             |                     |                      |             |
| Advanced Department      | 11                | 11                 | 22               | 0              | 17.2                     | 18.4                  | 94.0                   | 35          | 0                   | 0                    | .....       |
| Intermediate Dep't.....  | 17                | 17                 | 34               | 1              | 26.1                     | 28.5                  | 91.4                   | 66          | 0                   | 7                    | .....       |
| Primary Department...    | 16                | 16                 | 32               | 4              | 20.9                     | 23.5                  | 88.8                   | 24          | 1                   | 10                   | 90          |
|                          | 44                | 44                 | 88               | 5              | 64.2                     | 70.4                  | 91.2                   | 125         | 1                   | 17                   | .....       |
| <b>Fresno:—</b>          |                   |                    |                  |                |                          |                       |                        |             |                     |                      |             |
| Advanced Department      | 24                | 21                 | 45               | 0              | 34.5                     | 35.3                  | 97.0                   | 7           | 2                   | 4                    | 93          |
| Primary Department...    | 15                | 15                 | 30               | 0              | 23.2                     | 24.4                  | 95.0                   | 11          | 0                   | 7                    | .....       |
|                          | 39                | 36                 | 75               | 0              | 57.7                     | 59.7                  | 96                     | 18          | 2                   | 11                   | .....       |
| <b>San Francisco:—</b>   |                   |                    |                  |                |                          |                       |                        |             |                     |                      |             |
| Advanced Department      | 8                 | 13                 | 21               | 0              | 15.4                     | 17.0                  | 91.0                   | 12          | 1                   | 11                   | 86          |
| Primary Department...    | 15                | 9                  | 24               | 2              | 19.0                     | 20.2                  | 94.0                   | 19          | 0                   | 17                   | 89          |
|                          | 23                | 22                 | 45               | 2              | 34.4                     | 37.2                  | 93.0                   | 31          | 1                   | 28                   | 87          |
| Sanitarium .....         | 21                | 23                 | 44               | 5              | 30.3                     | 31.8                  | 95.4                   | 21          | 0                   | 4                    | .....       |
| Santa Rosa.....          | 12                | 12                 | 24               | 1              | 13.5                     | 15.6                  | 86.5                   | 20          | 0                   | 0                    | 90          |
| Hanford.....             | 19                | 24                 | 43               | 0              | 31.5                     | 35.8                  | 88                     | 14          | 0                   | 0                    | .....       |
| Eureka (from 4th mo.)... | 16                | 14                 | 30               | 0              | 13.9                     | 15.7                  | 87                     | .....       | .....               | .....                | .....       |
| San Jose.....            | 18                | 20                 | 38               | 1              | 25.5                     | 28.5                  | 89.5                   | 40          | 0                   | 3                    | .....       |
| Sebastopol .....         | 9                 | 11                 | 20               | 9              | 17.6                     | 18.5                  | 91.7                   | 21          | 1                   | 8                    | .....       |
| Red Bluff.....           | 6                 | 19                 | 25               | 2              | 15.3                     | 18.2                  | 84.2                   | 28          | 0                   | 2                    | 89          |
| Reno (no report).....    | .....             | .....              | .....            | .....          | .....                    | .....                 | .....                  | .....       | .....               | .....                | .....       |
| Alameda.....             | 6                 | 3                  | 9                | 0              | 4.3                      | 6.3                   | 68                     | 6           | 0                   | 0                    | 94          |
| Petaluma.....            | 6                 | 7                  | 13               | 0              | 8.9                      | 10.5                  | 85                     | 14          | 0                   | 3                    | .....       |
| Burrough.....            | 2                 | 3                  | 5                | 0              | 3.6                      | 4.0                   | 89                     | 8           | 0                   | 1                    | 90          |
| Glennville.....          | 3                 | 1                  | 4                | 0              | 4.0                      | 4.0                   | 100                    | 1           | 0                   | 0                    | .....       |
| Calistoga.....           | 4                 | 6                  | 10               | 0              | 7.4                      | 8.0                   | 94                     | 0           | 2                   | 3                    | 94          |
| Alton.....               | 4                 | 6                  | 10               | 0              | 8.9                      | 9.3                   | 96.3                   | 4           | 0                   | 6                    | 92          |
| Santa Cruz.....          | 3                 | 7                  | 10               | 0              | 7.6                      | 7.8                   | 84                     | .....       | 1                   | 1                    | 95          |
| Armona.....              | 6                 | 7                  | 13               | 0              | 11.3                     | 12.0                  | 94.2                   | .....       | .....               | .....                | .....       |
| Totals.....              | 308               | 341                | 649              | 27             | 449.8                    | 490.3                 | 91.7                   | 433         | 17                  | 162                  | 91          |

The fifth month's report is delayed from the usual cause,—waiting for reports from all the teachers. Still some are delayed. It is now time for the sixth month's report. This will be given soon. It will be observed that the total enrolment is but little different from that of last month. This is owing to the dropping out of two or three schools from the list. Several schools will soon close. Some have closed already. It is to be hoped, however, that the various schools will continue as long as possible.

The spiritual condition of the schools is generally good. Some good school missionary societies are actively engaged in work.

Teachers will please report promptly and fully.

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

Healdsburg, Calif., April 19, 1904.

All teachers expecting to attend the school should make application to J. S. Osborne, secretary of the committee.

A. S. Kellogg.

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### Connie

Our church school opened Monday, the 4th of April, to continue for at least three months. There are only nine pupils, all children of Sabbath-keeping parents, and we hope for good results.

It is our first endeavor in the direction of a church school here, so we feel that much depends upon the precedent we set, but we are all of good courage, and feel strong in the Lord.

Those of the brethren who have visited Connie may remember the little cluster of farms nestling between the hills, largely peopled with Seventh-day Adventists. Of these there are only three or four families now left in the truth, but to those remaining the Third Angel's Message grows more and more precious every day.

The public school closed in February, so that we were able to rent the school building,—an accommodation which saved us the erection of a building of our own before fall.

One of the brethren has offered a site for our building when we are ready for it, but of course that is still in the future. Another brother has kindly given us a piece of land for a missionary garden, and great are the plans now being made for a rich harvest. Each child has his own plot, and works diligently there.

Friday afternoons we have devoted to manual training. Raffia grass furnishes the material for our lessons at present, and we hope to soon have something to show of our own handiwork.

Our lessons are Bible, reading, arithmetic, spelling, language, geography, nature and history. Nature and Bible study seem to be the most popular, next to our manual training. One of the sisters will teach us to knit, and another has promised some instruc-

tion in patching, darning, and making buttonholes.

Two of our boys, aged eleven and thirteen, earned ten dollars toward the support of the school cutting shingle bolts, and every one is ready and anxious to help.

Our church membership is only twelve, but among them we are able to count twelve willing helpers. So we feel that our school will do much for the children, as God has promised to work with few as well as with many.

We hope to hear some tidings of other schools in the Western Washington Conference. So far I have seen nothing from any of them. Would it not be a good plan for us to avail ourselves of the pages of the "Recorder"?

Faith Burch.

April 11, 1904.

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### The Advantage of a Training-school at Washington, D. C.

When it was decided that the headquarters of the denomination were to be located at Washington, D. C., at once the advantages in the establishment of a training-school at the same place were apparent.

Certainly, here in connection with the general offices, where many of the great problems of the advancing message must be worked out, would be an ideal place for an institution of this kind.

#### THE LOCATION

The importance of the location in itself should not be overlooked. Washington is rapidly becoming one of the most prominent cities of the world. Here are gathered from all over the country the men who make the laws of the land. The great government departments, with their thousands of officers and clerks, are located here. Here are also gathered the representatives of the various foreign nations of the world.

Washington differs from other places in that it is not a factory or commercial city. The hours for labor are short, and the people have much time for study and thought. This makes it a favor-

able place for our ministers and Bible workers to present the truth, and for students in the training-school to have an actual experience in the various lines of work they are fitting themselves for.

Here students will have access to the Congressional Library, considered one of the finest of its kind in the world; also the Smithsonian Institute, the National Museum, the Patent Offices, the Art Gallery, and other places containing collections for study and information.

#### INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

In the construction of buildings for the offices of the General Conference, the publishing house, the sanitarium, and even in the erection of the school buildings themselves, an opportunity will be furnished from the very start in giving employment and training to the students.

Here may be actually worked out plans and methods of education that have long been considered and discussed. The experiences in the establishment of all of our schools in the past will be available, and considered with a view that the mistakes may be avoided and successes taken advantage of.

#### THE PLAN

Just as soon as the time arrives to begin vigorously pushing the work of building, it is desired that the actual work of school commence. The superintendents and foremen will have completed their plans, and, as far as possible, the work of building, of laying out and beautifying the grounds, will be done by student labor. The plan of study and labor will be so combined that the students will be able to meet much if not all their expenses. Especially will this be so while the buildings are in process of construction.

#### THE CLIMATE

As may be observed from a glance at the map, the climate of Washington is such that much outdoor work may be done. The winters are short and comparatively mild; thus the building season is much longer than in the north.

**CLASS OF STUDENTS WANTED**

Especially during the first year of the school should only those come who are able and willing to work. Certainly others would not wish to fit themselves for any line of missionary endeavor. While the students are pursuing their studies, helping in the construction of the buildings, and in other lines of employment, opportunities will also be found for Bible work, canvassing, and other forms of religious work, as the student may have the ability to undertake.

Young men will be wanted who can be trusted, who can work, and who are willing to consecrate their lives to the Master's service, and to be trained for whatever responsibilities He may have for them. Such young men are always in demand, and will find here a wonderful opportunity for just the training they need.

A number of earnest, devoted young women will also be furnished with employment, for much will be found that they can do that will assist them largely, if not wholly, in defraying their expenses.

**WHEN TO COME**

Announcements will be published as soon as definite arrangements have been made for the work to begin. No one should come without first having made definite arrangements. Correspondence is invited, and full instruction and information will be given on request.

W. T. Bland.

**MISSIONARY WORK**

**THE BOOK WORK  
California Conference**

Report for February and March, 1904

| GOSPEL PRIMER                   |      |      |          |
|---------------------------------|------|------|----------|
|                                 | Hrs. | Ord. | Value.   |
| M. A. Vroman.....               | 45   | ...  | \$63 75  |
| LADIES' GUIDE                   |      |      |          |
| Mrs. C. E. Halliday             | 129  | 24   | 90 00    |
| VEGETARIAN COOK BOOK            |      |      |          |
| Mrs. C. C. Slayter              | 3    | 6    | 4 50     |
| PARADISE HOME AND HOME HANDBOOK |      |      |          |
| Wm. C. Hopkins                  | ...  | ...  | 42 15    |
| Total .....                     |      |      | \$200 40 |
| Miscellaneous sales .....       |      |      | 63 05    |

**Western Washington Conference  
Report for Two Weeks Ending April 22, 1904  
GREAT CONTROVERSY.**

|                        | Hrs. | Ord. | Value.  |
|------------------------|------|------|---------|
| G. H. A. Beermann..... | 106  | 6    | \$19 50 |
| Wm. Furber.....        | 40   | 7    | 19 25   |
| A. H. Booth.....       | 30   | 6    | 15 00   |
| F. W. Ham.....         | 70   | 6    | 16 00   |
| W. R. Jones.....       | 31   | 2    | 4 75    |
| David Adams.....       | 25   | 2    | 5 50    |
| F. P. Wright.....      | 31   | 5    | 18 00   |
| R. G. Hafford.....     | 20   | 6    | 19 75   |
| G. B. Collett.....     | 114  | 13   | 38 25   |
| Lela Hoover.....       | 14   | 1    | 3 00    |
| Ada Greenleaf.....     | 52   | 6    | 17 75   |
| Mary Steinborn.....    | 14   | 1    | 2 50    |
| Cora Gohram.....       | 45   | 2    | 5 75    |

**COMING KING.**

|                          |     |    |          |
|--------------------------|-----|----|----------|
| August Beermann .....    | 68  | 11 | 11 00    |
| Anna Beermann .....      | 25  | 1  | 1 00     |
| Marie Beermann .....     | 5   | 0  | .....    |
| Total.....               | 690 | 75 | \$197 00 |
| Miscellaneous sales..... |     |    | 96 15    |

**Words from the Western Washington  
Canvassers**

There is sunshine in my soul today because I work for my good Saviour. Last fall I left California and commenced canvassing Nov. 1, 1903, in Seattle, for "Desire of Ages" and the "Home Handbook." I had good success from the beginning, depending only on the promises of God. My motto is Matt. 6:33. I received His blessings abundantly everywhere, even in a sick spell. The experiences I have had are worth more to me than gold, and my determination is to be a consecrated laborer for my Redeemer, and spend my life to carry the Third Angel's Message to the perishing world. I am a happy husband and father, because my good wife, sons and daughters joined me in my work a week ago, and feel a burden in their hearts, as I do, to spread the message. My heart is full of praise toward the Lord, and my song is "Blessed Assurance."

G. H. A. Beermann.

Two weeks ago I arrived from California to join my husband in the good canvassing work here in Seattle and suburbs. We have passed through similar experiences as God's people of old. The Lord led us out with His mighty arm where we saw no way before us. He parted the waves of trying difficulties and perplexities and bade

us go forward. We moved out in faith, relying on His sure promises. We had no means, for we are poor in this world's goods, but the Lord provided all we needed. We had asked Him in prayer if it was His will that we should come here, to give us the money for the journey. And praise the Lord, He gave us all we needed. Now we are here. The Lord gave us a nice little home, from whence we go out daily to spread the truth of a soon-coming Saviour among the hundreds and thousands of people living here around the beautiful lakes. May the Lord help us and bless us in our work that we may lead souls out of darkness into the marvelous light of the Third Angel's Message. I praise the Lord that He led us out, a whole family, from a lonely farm in the California mountains, to fight in the last great contest against the powers of darkness. Pray for us that the Lord may give us great strength and His all-victorious Spirit, and we will give Him all the praise.

Mrs. Marie Beermann.

Now at this time there is a great need of workers. The canvassing work is one of the best ways of bringing the message before the people. I am sorry that I can not do much canvassing work now, but I look forward to the time when I can do more work for the Master. May many workers be sent out into the Lord's vineyard.

George Beermann.

I made up my mind to canvass, and started in Wednesday afternoon, March 27. The Lord has blessed my work. In fourteen hours I have taken six orders for the "Coming King" and five for the "Gospel Primer." May many take up this blessed work and win souls for the Lord. It gives satisfaction and joy in the heart.

August Beermann.

I am sixteen years old, and love my dear Saviour with all my heart. I wish I could sell books as my dear parents, brother, and sisters do. But I can better do the housework, care for the baby, and the washing; for it all has to be done

by some one, and I know, if I do it in the right way and in the right spirit, I do also something for my dear Saviour, for He says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Gertrude Beermann.

I am a girl of fourteen years. I love my Saviour, and am willing to go into His harvest-field and work for Him. I canvassed three days, about fourteen hours in all. The first day I took a subscription for the "Life Boat," and sold one copy of the "Signs of the Times." The second day I went without any success; the third day I met a lady who said that she could not take my book because she had a sick baby. I asked her if she would like a doctor book, and she said that she might take one, but she must see it first. That afternoon my mother went with me to this lady, and we took an order for the "Ladies' Guide," at \$3.50. We were very much encouraged. The Lord will surely bless us in His work, if we do His will and keep His commandments. I am so thankful to my Saviour that I found Him early. I will keep on working for Him that others may find Him too.

Anna Beermann.

I am a little girl of eleven years. I love my Saviour, and would like to work for Him. I never canvassed in my life, but I saw how my father and mother, my brother and sister, did, and I will try too very soon. Hedwig Beermann.

I praise God for His goodness in giving me a part in His closing work.

I have only sold \$10 worth this week, but I have had some glorious experiences. The Lord is blessing our work abundantly, by opening the hearts of the people to his glorious truth. Pray for us unceasingly. R. G. Hafford.

The canvassing work needs consecrated workers, and in order for a canvasser to be successful he must have—

"A faith that will not shrink  
Tho' pressed by many a foe;  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of poverty or woe."

It also develops patience and self-control to stand the abuse we sometimes meet. We must learn to bear it meekly, as our Saviour bore all His suffering, and pray the Father to forgive them, for they know not what they do.

While the canvasser's work often seems dark and discouraging, it also has its bright side. It is good to find some honest souls hungering for truth and be able to supply their needs. I have found souls longing for truth that had given up all hope of finding Christianity in the churches. They had seen inconsistency in professed Christian lives, but as their eyes were directed towards Jesus they have taken courage and started anew in the way of life. A. H. Booth.

We have had a good institute for canvassers. Some of us felt almost discouraged at the beginning of the class. We were very weak, now we feel strong in the Lord to battle with the enemy. Then we were ignorant as to how to proceed in the work, now we are armed with wisdom to overcome Satan's wily deceptions. Then we felt helpless, now we carry that blessed shield that will withstand all the fiery darts of the evil one, and we are not afraid to go out, for we go not alone. It is a blessed experience to work in the Lord's vineyard. We are all of excellent courage. M. R. Krause.

I have not been well during the past week, but kept working when the weather was not too stormy. On Thursday I met with an accident which kept me from work on Friday. I am thankful for the measure of success which I have had, but long for greater success in the future. W. R. Jones.

This week was my first as a canvasser, and I have had many blessed experiences. It gives me so much joy as I talk to the people even if I do not sell them a book.

One man said that I had better get out or he would help me, as he

didn't want any book agents around him. There are others who will not listen at all and slam the door in my face. But with the help of the Lord I intend to stay with the work and do all in my power to help its advancement. I ask you to pray for me that I may remain faithful, as I am but sixteen years old. David Adams.

I am glad to say that the canvassing work in Seattle is onward, and that the Lord has given me many blessed experiences during the past year, while I have been engaged in this line. The experiences during the past week seem brighter than ever. This is, no doubt, because they are fresher in my memory. One incident I will mention. As I called at a nice-looking house, a colored lady came to the door. On telling her that I was a Gospel worker, and calling attention to the book I was handling, I was invited in, although she said she would not be able to give an order for the volume. On entering I found two other ladies and also a young man present. Notwithstanding the lady told me she could not give me an order, I proceeded to give them the very best description of the book I could, as the Spirit of the Lord directed. When the presentation was finished, one of the ladies gave me an order for the book in the cloth binding, but the young man, who had become very much interested, said the book would be read a great deal, and suggested a library binding, which they decided to take instead of the cloth. Dear brethren, it did my heart good to see their faces glow with such interest, and to see how the Spirit of God co-operates with all who are laboring in His vineyard. I wish to say to all those who may be hesitating about entering this important work, that our experiences grow brighter and brighter as we advance.

Wm. Furber.

Thou wilt always rejoice in the evening if thou hast spent the day profitably.—Thomas a Kempis.

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Elder J. A. Burden attended the annual meeting of the Arizona Conference, held at Phoenix.

Brother E. R. Palmer, who spent the winter months in Phoenix, Ariz., for bronchial trouble, is now located at San Diego, California, and is much improved in health.

In another column will be found important instruction for our people in the Western Washington Conference as to how to reach the Tacoma, Washington, camp ground.

The Southern California Conference has decided to hold its annual camp-meeting in Los Angeles. Elders Healey and Simpson will prepare the way for their gathering by conducting tent meetings during the summer season.

The attention of our California readers is directed to the change in time from June 2 to June 1 for the opening of the annual camp-meeting. The first meeting will be held at 9 o'clock A. M. See notice in another column.

Elder W. B. White was in Oakland a couple of days on his return from attending the Southern California and Arizona conferences. He left Wednesday evening, April 20, for his home at Bozeman, Montana, expecting to stop on the way at Portland, Walla Walla, and Spokane.

The Utah Conference has made the following plans for tent meetings: Elder Alway, assisted by Brother Nelson, will labor in the Bear River country; Elder A. G. Christiansen begins work in the San Pete Valley; and Brother Alfred Whitehead will open the work in Sevier County.

The officers chosen at the recent session of the Upper Columbia Conference are as follows:—

President, A. J. Breed; vice-president, F. D. Starr; secretary, J. L. Kay; treasurer, T. L. Copeland; superintendent educational department, J. M. Willoughby; missionary secretary and treasurer, T. L. Copeland; state canvassing agent, T. G. Johnson; executive committee, A. J. Breed, F. D. Starr, W. W. Stewart, J. L. Kay, S. A. Anderson, H. J. Schnepfer, C. M. Christiansen.

**The "Union College Messenger"**

No. 1, Vol. 1, of this periodical will be issued May 1. It will be a thirty-two page magazine, issued semi-monthly by Union College, and will be of great interest, not only to all students and teachers of Union College, but to all who are interested in the cause of education in general, and the work of our schools in particular. The editorial force is strong, and one especially salient feature of the paper will be reports from the news of the alumni of the college.

A year's subscription free to any one who will send us a club of five subscribers, at 35 cents each.

The subscription price will be 35 cents per year, 24 numbers. Send all subscriptions and requests for sample copies to the "Union College Messenger," College View, Nebraska.

**Take Notice**

In order to give our office help pure air and opportunity to enjoy more of nature, we have decided to remove our "Life Boat" office

from Chicago to Hinsdale, Ill., a suburban town about fifteen miles out of the city.

The "Life Boat" will be printed and mailed in Chicago as usual. But all mail hereafter should be addressed to the "Life Boat," Hinsdale, Ill.

The work that has been done in Kansas City, Mo., by the company of workers handling the part edition of "Desire of Ages," has been reported through our papers, so that all are familiar with it. We are glad to announce that a similar campaign has been opened in this city, and the agents are meeting with a cordial welcome. In connection with this effort that is being made by workers of wide and successful experience, a training-class is being conducted so that others may learn the art of successfully introducing our literature to the masses in our large cities. A limited number of young men and women with a finished education who desire to prepare for service, may gain admission to this class. This is a golden opportunity for those persons who are determined to succeed. Further particulars concerning this work may be obtained by addressing H. H. Hall, Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

**Camp-meetings**

Camp-meetings for 1904 have been arranged for as follows:—

- WESTERN WASHINGTON
- South Tacoma . . . . . May 19-29
- WESTERN OREGON
- Corvallis . . . . . May 26 to June 5
- CALIFORNIA
- Bushrod Park, Oakland . . . . . June 1-12
- MONTANA
- Near Helena . . . . . June 16-26
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- Los Angeles . . . . . September 1-11
- UTAH
- Provo . . . . . August 10-17
- BRITISH COLUMBIA
- . . . . . September