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THE CHURCH

Divine Love

I love my God, but with no love of mine,
For I have none to give;
I love Thee, Lord, but all the love is
Thine;
For by Thy life I live.
I am as nothing, and rejoice to be
Emptied and lost and swallowed up in
Thee.

Thou, Lord, alone art all Thy children
need,
And there is none beside;
From Thee the streams of blessedness
proceed,
In Thee the blest abide;
Fountain of life and all-abounding grace,
Our Source, our Center, and our Dwel-
ling-place.

—Selected.

"I Will Guide Thee"

There were many things to be considered in choosing a location for our sanitarium in Washington, and for our training-school for Christian workers. We knew that everything must be in accordance with the light given, and we praise the Lord for guiding us to Takoma Park.

We fully believe that the Lord has gone before us in the purchase of land, and we shall do all in our power to carry out His will in the establishment of His work in this place. We shall need young people of the very best talent in our work in Washington. We shall need workers who will bring no cloud upon the precious truth we are proclaiming. And we shall need means to erect the buildings

that will be necessary for the carrying forward of our work.

We know that we are where the Lord would have us, and we greatly desire that the work shall be established at once, and in accordance with His will. The message must be proclaimed in Washington, and must go forth from that place to the other cities of the South.

God Himself originated the plan for the advancement of His work, and He has provided His people with a surplus of means, that when He calls for help they may respond, saying, "Lord, Thy pound—not my pound—hath gained other pounds."

The Lord calls upon His people in every state in America to come up to His help in the establishment of His work in Washington. Those who have this work in hand are to show no lack of interest in it. And our people are to remember that, for the present, the work in Washington is to be our first interest. There are many kinds of work to be carried forward in different places, but our first interest just now is our work at the capital of our nation.

We are to center our minds for the present on the work that needs to be done at Washington. Daily our petitions are to ascend to heaven for the success of this work, that it may move forward rapidly. The Lord of hosts gave special direction that the publishing work done in Battle Creek should be transferred to Washington. The directions were so

plain that we could see that there must be no delay. And since we have moved forward in obedience to this word we have had evidence that the Lord has prepared the way at every step for the establishment of important interests at Washington. Thus far He has helped us in a way that leaves no room for any one to doubt or question.

Ellen G. White.
Nashville, Tenn., June 4, 1904.

THE FIELD

UPPER COLUMBIA

News Items

Professor J. L. Kay left last Thursday evening for North Yakima, in the interests of the college. He will spend a few days in and around North Yakima, soliciting for students.

Brother O. K. Butler, who is now located at Parma for the summer, is doing excellent work with the "Family Bible Teacher." He reports that another has taken his stand and given up tobacco. He is full of courage, and will now join the tent company to be started at that place.

In a recent communication from Brother W. S. Holbrook, he says that the interest has been quite good at Grass Valley, but they will close their meeting there and move to Morrow, Ore. He says: "We expect to leave four or five Sabbath-keepers here." So

we can see the seed sown is springing up.

Brother George Casebeer and wife, who were associated with Elder W. W. Steward in the tent work at Nampa, have now gone to Parma, where Brother Casebeer and Brother O. K. Butler will pitch their tent and conduct a series of meetings. We understand that the tent has been shipped and perhaps is up by this time. We trust that their efforts will be crowned with success.

Brother T. G. Johnson, our state agent, has returned after spending several weeks in the Yakima country canvassing. His orders amount to quite a sum, and he has every reason to feel grateful for the experience. He made a small delivery just before returning, and is now preparing for a delivery in this valley. His hopes are high for the book work.

Brother Allen, who has been appointed to look after "Object Lessons" in this conference, has set to work with a good will. After visiting the brethren and sisters at College Place, and securing a liberal support, he has started out in the field to visit from church to church. You will notice by his article to the "Recorder" that he has high hopes of closing up the work. We can only wish God's blessing to rest upon his efforts.

In a recent communication from Brother Starr, he says: "I will say that our interest has improved somewhat the last few days. Some have already begun to keep the Sabbath. The presentation of the Sabbath question seems to have increased, rather than diminished, the attendance. Sunday forenoon meetings have also been begun in a schoolhouse seven miles from here, with a fair attendance. A lady Bible-worker could do much good in connection with our tent effort here." A Sabbath-school has been organized there at Colville with a nice little membership. Supplies have been secured, and it is in good running order.

Sister Lucy Post, who has been connected with the Bible work in and around Parma, Ida., is now at Ontario, Ore. She is quite busily engaged with her readings, and finds some interested ones. In writing of her work, she says: "I had some very interesting facts to send you, but I thought I would wait until one company of eight persons who were deeply interested should take one more Bible reading. As they had asked for the Sabbath question, I wanted to see how they would take it. When I went to give it I found that the 'wolf' had been on my track. The county superintendent had told them he had some texts which would show them and me that I was teaching error, and he would meet me at our place of meeting. He did not come, however, but told the little company he would be there the Sunday following, as that was the day we had our Bible reading. He was not there, and the little company told me they did not want to have any more readings, although assenting that I had given them the Word of God. How inconsistent, when one will take man's word instead of the plain Word of God, because it is more convenient to do so!"

L. C. Copeland.

Spokane

We closed our first tent effort in this city last Sunday evening, and as a result eleven took their stand for the commandments of God, and several others expressed themselves as being fully convinced that we have the truth. We will begin our next meeting August 21. A better spirit is coming in among our people as a result of our aggressive work.

My time is so occupied that it is out of the question to write a full report this time, but from time to time we shall be glad to let you know how our work progresses in this city. Pray for us here.

C. E. Ford.

August 9.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles

As has been previously stated, the first meeting of our present series was held Sunday night, July 10, in the Simpson Auditorium, which seats 2,000 people. This meeting was well advertised and the house was filled to overflowing. The subject was "The Millennium, or the Binding of Satan," and, although the rent was \$75 for the one night, it proved to be a good investment, as it gave prominence and character to our work at the very first, and the people contributed about half of the expense that night. The next night the meetings were opened in our big tent at the corner of Seventh and Spring streets, in the very heart of the city. Not half of the people could find seats, and the two splices were put in the tent, making it the size used on the camp ground. This is filled every night, and Sunday night many are standing.

The Los Angeles Church hold their Sabbath meeting at the tent and are being greatly blessed as they take part in the work. Thus far Elder Simpson has carried the burden of the speaking, Elder Healey not being well enough to take part, but the Lord has heard prayers for His servant and he is now able to help in the work.

The daily papers give favorable reports and the very best of order and interest are shown by the people. The discourses are given in a very forcible and convincing manner, the speaker demonstrating everything by means of a large blackboard and a variety of charts. Some are attending from other towns, as far out as Long Beach and San Pedro. Up to the present time something over \$800 has been contributed toward the expenses of the meetings. Of this, about \$350 was raised by the Los Angeles Church to start the work. Some, not being able to give money, felt impressed to give watches and jewelry to help spread the truth. Several hundred dollars' worth of our books and tracts have been sold.

A few nights ago Elder Simpson made a call to those who were convinced that they had heard the truth during the meetings to arise, and about 300 arose. It is known that, of this number, between eighty and a hundred new ones are keeping the Sabbath. Among these is an ex-monk by the name of Henry Sullivan, formerly a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. He has signified his intention to help carry the message.

These meetings will continue until our annual camp-meeting begins, when we shall expect a special blessing for us all.

C. F. Marvin.

August 4.

WESTERN OREGON

Intermediate School Notes

The deal for the land is about closed, so we are ready to study and adopt plans for the school.

The following persons have been chosen by the conference committee as a board of directors for the intermediate school: F. M. Burg, W. R. Simmons, J. J. Knapp, G. W. Reaser and G. W. Pettit.

At a meeting of the school board held at the Portland Sanitarium, August 3, the following action was taken: That we proceed to erect a school building about 28x46 feet, a frame structure on a concrete foundation, with basement under all, ten feet from floor to ceiling, and the superstructure to be fourteen feet from floor to ceiling. The upper structure is to be plastered throughout, and the roof of the building is to be hipped.

This building will give two schoolrooms 20x18 feet and a hallway, and the basement will be used for dormitory accommodations this year. These general particulars have been submitted to an architect, and we shall soon place in the builder's hands complete plans and specifications. We hope to say soon that work has begun on the building.

Donations of money and labor, as well as miscellaneous provisions for the school, are earnestly solicited. Two cows have already been given. This morning the encouraging word came by letter that an organ has been donated. We feel truly thankful to God for this.

Miss Irene Anderson has been engaged to teach the primary department of the school and also to teach instrumental music.

Our young people are becoming much interested in this enterprise, and we want them to share with us the burden of building up the institution.

This school is not to take the place of the college, but to be a preparatory step to it.

We need a good large stove. Maybe two or three persons together will make such a purchase for us.

We hear of quilts and comforts and other necessary articles being made by young people and children and some of our good old sisters who have a burden to work in some way for the Master. This is encouraging.

Maybe we can report before long that a wagon and team have been given; or perhaps a plow or a harrow.

Let the good work continue.

F. M. Burg.

Myrtle Point, Ore.

We are still laboring at this place and surrounding vicinity, endeavoring to awaken more interest, and at the same time care for those who had taken their stand and others who are interested.

Since our last report to the "Recorder" two have been baptized. We hope to see others go forward in the near future. We have also spent some time with the churches at Coquille City and Marshfield. The little company at the last-named place is sadly in need of help. We expect that the camp-meeting, soon to be held here at Myrtle Point, will aid us much in binding off the work, so that we may be able to enter upon

work in other parts. The opposition which we have had to meet at this place has greatly hindered and prolonged our efforts in order to accomplish anything.

These oppositions are omens of fiercer battles to be fought in the future.

O, that God's people would stand as faithful sentinels for Him in these trying times, holding up boldly the great, grand message of salvation to a dying world! May the Lord help us every one to do our part.

W. L. Black,

Kathleen M. Black.

August 7.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

The Northern Camp-meeting

The local camp-meeting for the northern district of the Western Washington Conference will be held at Sedro Wooley, Sept. 9-18. A good location has been secured on the corner of Jameson Street and Third Avenue, only five blocks from the two railway depots. The Great Northern and North Pacific railroads run to this place. Those coming from either the north or the south on the Great Northern will change cars at Burlington.

We look for this to be an excellent meeting. It will doubtless be nearly as large as our state meeting.

A dining-tent and small provision store will be on the ground.

Good help will be provided. Elders W. B. White and G. A. Snyder will be among the workers, besides local help.

We are living in a fearfully solemn time, and it is necessary that we all come to this meeting with the full purpose of drawing near to God. Let each bring some soul who needs help. Those who are planning to attend the Mt. Vernon Industrial School should arrange to go directly from the camp-meeting to the school, which is only ten miles from Sedro Wooley.

E. L. Stewart,

Pres. Western Wash. Conf.

Ridgefield

Our corner of the vineyard has never yet reported its work. The Lord has blessed us wonderfully, this summer especially. We have a new school building, 16x28, almost completed. We expect to have school this coming fall and winter, the Lord willing. We are thankful indeed, and are appreciative of His goodness in blessing our efforts to put up our building. We realize that it is not by our might nor by our power that the work was done. There are several families of our people located here, but there is room for others. We need more pupils in our school, and would be glad to have one or two families, who desire to send their children to a church school, to locate here. Our local camp-meeting begins August 25, and continues till the 31st. Those desiring to locate for the purpose of schooling their children should come to camp-meeting and look the ground over. Perhaps Ridgefield is a suitable place for one or more families to settle.

Our school will open about the first of October. Any desiring to correspond with us with regard to the church school may write to Mr. Chas. Lengel or to A. A. McKay, W. H. Battson, or J. T. Wilkinson.

Mrs. Chas. Lengel.

August 8.

Tacoma

After the close of our camp-meeting in South Tacoma, the interest seemed to demand further work, so a 30x50 tent was left standing in which meetings were continued. The attendance was not large, but those who came were regular and were much interested. Sabbath, July 9, five were baptized in a beautiful lake not far from the tent. Four others have so far taken a stand for the truth. Several others are convinced, yet are halting. Up to the present, these are the visible results of our tent meetings. During this time there have been fourteen additions to the church

in Tacoma. Our church in Tacoma is prospering, and the members are of good courage, and actively working for the Master.

We have enjoyed our work this summer very much, and are thankful for the prospering hand of God that has been with us. Our tent is located at present at the corner of Thirty-fifth Street and Pacific Avenue. We have held a few meetings, with a fair attendance. Our courage is good.

W. F. Martin,
Geo. A. Snyder.

CALIFORNIA

San Francisco

Some time has elapsed since we have reported the work in this city through the columns of the "Recorder."

In numbers, all told, for the year just past, the Lord has added to the Laguna Street church, by baptism, forty; by profession of faith (having been previously baptized), nine. Several others are now observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, who have not, as yet, united with the body. These will be more than sufficient to make the number fifty-two, or one each week for the year. So, as in ancient times, the Lord has added to us "daily" such as should be saved.

Recently the Lord drew to Himself a minister of some prominence, together with his wife. These are anxious to enter this last work in the earth as soon as the way shall open.

Also the Lord has given us one of the best musicians in the city. He followed his Master in baptism on Sabbath, July 23.

Since the tide of influence during the year has been toward the church on Laguna Street, it seemed to us that something should be done this summer to strengthen the work in the vicinity of Valencia Street church. To this end special midweek meetings were begun there about four weeks ago. The attendance is all that could be expected, as the house is full each evening.

The interest is excellent. We expect good results.

Much of the work done during the past year has been due to the efficient labors of Sister Parlin. She is the only regular Bible worker in the city. Also the untiring labors of Sister Press have added much to the general results. In fact, the whole membership has done better than any other church I know of in working for souls for whom Christ died.

We would not forget either the influence of the church dispensary, with its devoted visiting nurses; nor yet the excellent cafe at 755 Market Street. Nor do we believe the numerous godly physicians distributed about the city have been a hindrance, but, on the contrary, a great help.

During the winter and spring Elder Richards and I alternated in the regular services at the two churches, and also both of us held cottage meetings during the interim between Sabbaths.

The coming year he expects to be much in the field at large, in the special interest of young people's work. But Elder Howe and wife have taken charge of the church school here, and will also be a great help in the church work.

Do not forget at the family altar the work in San Francisco.

E. J. Hibbard.

July 31.

Sonora

Since last report our work has been continued in a quiet way,—visiting families, leaving copies of the "Signs," "The Southern Watchman," and tracts, holding meetings with the interested ones and their families, instructing them in the truth and trying to build them up in the faith; and we have had some opportunity to visit the sick and give treatments.

Yesterday morning nearly all the interested ones in Sonora and Tuolumne drove to Sullivan Creek, three and a half miles from Sonora, to a beautiful, shady place which we had prepared for

holding baptismal services. The family residing there had given notice to all the neighborhood of a meeting, so a goodly number not of our own people were present.

The candidates, assistants, and singers occupied one side of the stream, and the congregation the other, each seated along the bank. Sin, its consequences and remedy, and baptism and what it signifies, were presented. Then the six candidates were buried with Christ in the watery grave and were raised to walk, we trust, in newness of life. Quite a number had never witnessed such a scene before. All were as attentive and as quiet as if at a funeral. We hope it will result in calling their attention to the things that will bring them salvation from sin. Our sisters are not opposed by their husbands. One, a Greek Catholic, hired a horse and buggy to bring his wife and daughter to be baptized. Another, who has been an infidel, but is now quite interested in the Bible, brought his wife and daughter; and another, who was reared in the Catholic faith, and expected to be baptized himself, was detained on account of sickness; but his wife was one of the candidates present.

We hope it will not be long before a church can be organized to hold up the light in this district.

Our company has voted to engage a hall in town in which to hold Sabbath services and meetings on Sunday evenings.

We feel to praise the Lord as we see the evidences of His power working a change in the lives of individuals, who, only a short time since, were in open rebellion.

M. C. Israel.

August 1.

Humboldt County

Brother Lucas came July 22 to join in the work here. It had been a matter of much thought as to where we should begin a tent-meeting. I was very much surprised, as I became acquainted with the field, to find that almost

every place in the county which has sufficient population to justify the expense of a tent-meeting has been quite thoroughly worked. In fact, but few, if any, sections of the conference have had more labor than this county. There is much work here, but it must be done in a different way than by expensive tent-meetings in worn-out territory.

The call at Fortuna was for a camp-meeting, and the disappointment was so great at not having one that we gave this place more attention. Then Brother Burg, who lives here, had a burden for his neighbors, and the desirability of developing a company of believers where a nucleus of faithful souls was already established, led us to start here. This decision was reached after extended counsel with the friends at this place.

We began meetings July 29. A very thorough canvass of the town and vicinity was made, and personal and printed invitations were given. Our attendance so far is very small. We are now interrupted by a Christian Endeavor convention which is taking the attention of the people who are largely church-members. There are a few who are interested, and we hope to gain some.

Elder Brorsen connected with us in order that we might extend our work to outside localities, and all are kept busy.

The friends from the churches near have shown a good interest in attending the meetings and assisting.

D. T. Fero.

Morro

We opened meetings in Morro July 14, first in a house, by Bible readings, and now we are giving regular discourses in a hall, lighted free.

Morro is a summer resort, not a fashionable place, but common and reasonable enough for any one with small means to camp here and enjoy its beauty and climate. This is a small place, only a few residents, and we have nearly all of the Protestants in regular attendance. The

camping attendance, of course, is transient, coming and going, but the seed is being sown far and wide, and God will some day give the increase. One lady and her husband came to us a few days ago, just as they were leaving, and said: "We are so thankful we have found that Jesus is coming soon." We took their address, so as to send them literature.

There are a number of Seventh-day Adventist friends camping, from Lemoore and Armona churches, so we have organized a Sabbath-school with thirty-six in membership—six of this number from the outside.

The Seventh-day Adventist friends are very kind and liberal in rendering support to the work, and we realize and know that God will support those who labor for Him. He is no respecter of persons.

So far we have presented the second coming of Christ, the prophecies of Daniel, the judgment, the law, and now we have come to the Sabbath question. We believe there are some here who will stand up for Jesus.

We know of a number of small places on the coast where the truth has never been proclaimed. Pray for our work in Morro, and that God will send laborers into the field.

Chas. N. Miller,
Minnie E. Miller.

August 8.

Report of the Church-school Work in the California Conference for the Years 1902-04

As there was no general meeting last year, and hence no annual report made directly to the people in conference assembled, it will not be amiss to let this report include a brief summary of the school work for the year 1902-03.

Early in that year steps had been taken to place the educational work on a more permanent basis. An educational secretary for the Union Conference had been appointed at the meeting of said conference, held in Portland in March, and an educational committee, consisting of seven members from various parts of the union. The California Conference also provided a state educational committee. A new superintendent was appointed at the Petaluma camp-meeting. A little previous to this

it had been decided to hold a summer school for the church school-teachers in connection with the summer quarter of the Healdsburg College.

According to announcement, the teachers from various parts of the state, and some from other states, met at the college home on July 2, 1902. There were over thirty present the first day. This number increased, until the enrollment was forty-six, including the institute conductors and a few interested visitors.

We had as instructors the conference president, Elder A. T. Jones, Professors M. E. Cady, G. W. Rine, and the superintendent. In addition to these, Elder J. O. Corliss was with us a few days and gave some interesting talks. Also Prof. C. C. Lewis, of Walla Walla College, and Elder F. S. Bunch, of Gravelford, Ore., added to the interest of the institute. Brother O. K. Butler, superintendent of the church schools of eastern Washington, was also present.

An institute for the discussion of general principles and the special educational work of Seventh-day Adventists occupied ten days of the ten weeks devoted to the summer school. Some very interesting and instructive lectures were given by Elder Jones, Professor Cady and Professor Lewis, on the principles of "Christian Education."

After a preliminary examination in arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, and spelling, which made it apparent that even teachers may get quite "rusty," the teachers entered upon a period of nearly eight weeks' good, hard study. Classes were organized in all the branches taught in church schools, especial attention being given to the common branches. Special instruction was given in vocal music and drawing. We feel that these are very important branches in the church-school work.

At the close of the summer school an examination was given, and certificates issued, as follows: Primary grades, to twenty successful applicants. These took examinations in Bible, oral and written arithmetic, oral and written grammar, oral and written geography, spelling, nature study, United States history and Constitution, physiology, methods of teaching, reading, drawing, vocal music and penmanship.

These branches were so graded as to total 1,000 credits, and 75 per cent, or 750 credits, were required to pass. Most of the teachers made excellent credits, some as high as 96 per cent. Grammar grade certificates were issued to four applicants. In addition to the above subjects, these took examinations in physical geography, zoology, elementary physics, algebra, English history, making a total standard of 1,250 credits; 1,062 credits, or 85 per cent, were required to pass. The examinations were quite rigid, a credit to those who passed successfully.

I might add that besides the regular class work during the day at the college, the teachers had instruction in cooking by Bro. Gaster, the Students' Home cook.

Though the work in the summer

school was quite taxing, yet the teachers found time to engage in domestic labor about the home, where the majority of them boarded, and when the term closed, they went away in better health and spirits than when they came.

Twenty schools were opened in different parts of the state, with twenty-six teachers—the Healdsburg school employing three, Oakland three, San Francisco and Fresno two each, and the other schools one each. The enrollment of pupils in the various schools ranged from four to one hundred and forty.

The total enrollment in all the schools in the conference for the year was 751.

Average number belonging, 521.4.

Average daily attendance, 480.8.

Per cent of attendance, 91.1.

This I consider a very creditable showing. Even 90 per cent attendance is very good. The public schools seldom exceed that.

The average length of term was 7.4 months.

The average salary of teachers, \$30 per month.

Number of separate school buildings, 5.

Number of special schoolrooms part of or joined to church buildings, 11.

Number of private or other special rooms used for schools, 4.

Number new buildings put up, 6.

In general, the school work was good,

considering the facilities and length of term; the pupils made fair progress, and the schools were quite heartily supported by the people.

During the school year examination questions were sent out to the various schools in order to get a more definite idea as to the scholarship and progress of the pupils. A uniform standard in marking, on a uniform set of questions, affords the best means to do this.

During the year 1902-03 I visited all the schools in the conference, with one or two exceptions, giving such aid and counsel to the teachers as was deemed necessary. While the want of experience in giving instruction was apparent in many instances, yet the greatest lack was that of disciplinary power. While some are possessed of this rare attainment, a few to a marked degree, others are woefully deficient; not only so, but seem unable to acquire it. This lack has been so noticeable that one is almost led to conclude that disciplinarians are "born, not made." However, I must observe that we have had some marked exceptions to this apparently logical conclusion; for some, who at first were weak in this line, have, by force of necessity, developed fairly strong government in the schoolroom. And let me add that government is everything. Without it excellence in scholarship is scarcely possible. Order is heaven's

Report of California Church-school Work, Ninth Month, 1903-04

NAME OF SCHOOL	No. Boys Enrolled.....	No. Girls Enrolled.....	Total Enrollment ...	No. New Pupils	Average Daily Attendance...	Average No. Belonging.....	Per cent of Attendance...	Tardinesses....	No. Visits by Board.....	No. Visits by Others	Scholarship.....
Healdsburg:—											
Advanced Department	17	32	49	0	24.8	26.0	95.4	15	0	0	.....
Intermediate Dep't.....	23	27	50	0	29.1	29.7	98.0	18	1	6	88
Primary Department...	29	31	60	0	30.93	333.5	92.2	49	1	4	.....
	69	90	159	0	84.8	89.2	95.1	82	2	10	.....
Oakland:—											
Advanced Department	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Intermediate Dep't.....	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Primary Department...	21	19	40	0	19.1	20.4	93.6	15	0	9	90
	49	50	99	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
San Francisco:—											
Advanced Department	9	15	24	0	17.0	18.0	94.0	5	1	2	84
Primary Department...	16	12	28	0	16.3	18.1	8.0	7	1	1	89
	25	27	52	0	33.3	36.1	92.2	12	2	3	86
Sanitarium	21	23	44	0	26.1	27.8	93.8	9	0	0	85
Alameda	7	4	11	0	5.5	6.0	92.0	8	0	2	91
Totals.....	171	194	365	0	205.7	218.2	94.0	126	4	24	88

The schools being nearly all closed now reduces the figures very materially. There being no report from two departments of one of the schools above makes the figures a little uncertain, as the footings are based on the preceding month's report from same departments.

But one school had ten months' term. That is the Alameda school.

Patrons and friends are requested to study these reports and also the annual report which will appear soon, in connection with the reports of the camp-meeting.

J. S. Osborne,
Church School Sup't, California Conference.

Healdsburg, June 19, 1904.

first law; and if we would copy after the patterns of heavenly things, it must be the first law in the church school. Good order, system, regularity, and punctuality are four important corner-stones in character building. They can not be discarded and success crown our efforts.

J. S. Osborne,
Superintendent.

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face. On our walk over the mountain trail, nine miles of which lay along the beach, we saw a bear making his breakfast upon the berries which abound in that locality.

With our warm friends and brethren in Tillamook, we have a new Sabbath-keeper as the result of our short stay, and also two more who are deeply interested. On our way back I obtained an order for my book by recommending it from the catalog.

My final report since Dec. 1, 1903, is as follows: "Great Controversy," 59 copies; "Object Lessons," 19 copies; "Helps" to the amount of \$23.75; total, about \$260.

May the Lord of the harvest send forth more workers.

Ford Dodds.

just as fast as he could find a "Thus saith the Lord."

While the canvasser is sure to meet with discouragements, yet it is a grand work in which to be engaged. Last week I came across several who had ordered books of William Steele, two years ago, when he was canvassing this county. I wished to know how they enjoyed the books, but no sooner was the question asked than the answer would come: "I think that it is a grand book, and I enjoy reading it."

May God help us, as a people, to do our work faithfully in these closing hours of probation.

G. S. Garner.

Fletcher, Ida., Aug. 6.

MISSIONARY WORK

THE BOOK WORK

Western Washington Conference Report for the Week Ending July 29, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
H. B. Ham	43	3	\$ 8 50
Grace Adams	23	5	3 50
David Adams	75	5	14 00
W. R. Jones	42	4	13 50
Miscellaneous Sales			17 00

California Conference

Report for the Week Ending Aug. 10, 1904

DESIRE OF AGES

Mrs. J. L. McGee	21	11	\$68 75
C. A. Purdom	14	3	18 20

BIBLE READINGS

Richard Glatter	35	8	16 00
Total	70	22	\$102 95

Western Oregon Conference

Report for the Week Ending Aug. 5, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY

E. M. Oberg	14	7	\$17 25
Ford Dodds	44	4	9 00
Geo. J. Scharff		1	2 50

MARVEL OF NATIONS

E. M. Oberg		5	7 50
Total	58	17	\$36 25

Miscellaneous Sales			17 10
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Upper Columbia

Report for the Week Ending July 22, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY

L. B. Ragsdale	49		\$96 85
Edwin Sargeant	47		33 00

HEALTH BOOKS

T. G. Johnson	41		85 25
G. S. Garner	32		80 25
Total	169		\$295 35

A Canvasser's Experience

Brother G. J. Scharff and I are now well rested from our trip to Tillamook, and go to-day to Washington County to canvass there. We enjoyed our trip by boat to Tillamook. The water was smooth, and the great whales were sporting on its placid sur-

A Canvasser's Letter

After reading the "Recorder" and finding so many reports from canvassers in the field with whom I am acquainted, I am encouraged to go forward and work with more earnestness than ever before. The Lord has certainly blessed my efforts this summer, and I feel to praise His holy name for the many blessings received. I am well aware that the canvassing work is an important branch of this grand message which is now going to the world, but few realize it as they should. The Lord has been with those who have entered the work this summer, and this should encourage others to take up the work at once.

In traveling over this county, I find a few who are really interested, and some are almost convinced. Yet the enemy of all truth is seeking to tear down that which is right and honorable, thus leading many away before they have taken their stand firmly for the truth. I met a Methodist minister, not long ago, who seemed to be very much interested in our people and their work. He said that he had no desire to criticize any one, but was willing to accept the truth,

Camp-meetings

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

WESTERN OREGON

Myrtle Point August 18-28
Ashland September 8-18

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Ridgefield August 25-31
Sedro Wooley September 9-18

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles September 1-11

UTAH

Provo August 10-17

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver September 15-25

UPPER COLUMBIA

North Yakima, Wash. Oct.—
La Grande, Or. Aug. 30 to Sept. 4
Southern Idaho September 12-18

Our Children

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from day to day, and place before them the opportunities which will enable them to prepare for this work.

(3) That the place for getting this training for our children is at the schools we have established and are maintaining for this very work.

If we will awake to our duty and privilege in these things, brethren, it will be but a short time until our colleges will be doing the work for which they were started, and the cause of God will have scores of workers ready to answer the many calls from other lands for helpers.

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Elder W. B. White will attend the camp-meeting of the Southern California Conference, which will be held in Los Angeles September 1-11.

Our readers will be glad to unite in praise for the results which are following the painstaking efforts that are being put forth to reach the people in Los Angeles. We hope our brethren will remember Elders Simpson and Healey at the throne of grace, that the work God would have accomplished in Los Angeles may be realized.

After an absence of nearly ten weeks, spent in various parts of the Union Conference, the secretary has been permitted to return to the office for a few days. In the various fields visited the precious truth which we have espoused is considered the work of the hour, and the brethren are laboring for its promulgation to the world. God's prospering hand has been over the work as a whole, and we look for liberal returns in a harvest of souls.

Our Children

Our children are a gift from the Lord. But, in accepting this gift, we are to assume certain responsibilities, the most important of which is the training they shall receive.

It is while they are children that they must be prepared for the active duties of life which they will be called upon to meet as soon as they reach the age of

maturity. How important, then, is the duty we owe them, and how careful we should be that the very best opportunities should be given them. It is the training that we give our children that will largely shape their career in life; hence, no parents can consistently shrink from any painstaking effort they may be called upon to take in order that the best results may be attained. It should be the aim of one and all to secure and give the very best training that is obtainable.

In the world at large we find the universities and colleges turning out students, by the thousand, who have finished a complete course of study, and at present, outside of the professions, the value of the college and university trained man and woman is becoming more apparent, and such people are being sought for by the wide-awake business men of the present age. Now, it is this class of people that our children must meet and associate with when they reach their majority; hence, the necessity of our giving them as good and as thorough a training as those have received with whom they must labor.

A SPECIAL WORK.

We as a people have been proclaiming a special message to the world, and it is to our children that the carrying forward of this work to a grand, triumphant completion will come. No mother can have a higher hope than that her son and daughter may be the means of carrying this transcendent truth to others.

That our children may be prepared for this work speedily, we have, as a denomination, and by vote of the brethren in each section of the country, established special schools where the necessary training may be given. Not that they should be fitted to do only one work, but prepared for the duties of life, the most important of which is carrying to their fellow man the good news of the everlasting Gospel.

These schools have been established at great cost, and many of

them are being operated at a great expense, that a special practical work may be given the students. Yet we find, on examining the records of these colleges, that from two-thirds to three-fourths of the students are in the grammar grades. Of the remainder, only a small per cent complete a course of study which enables them to be of the best service to the cause of Christ that is so precious to their parents.

Dear brethren, are we making the best of our opportunities by allowing this condition to continue to exist? Are we not, as parents, failing to do for our children that which we should do? Do we realize that when a child has finished the grammar school course of study he has just reached the point where additional and continued instruction of a few years fits him for usefulness in life? A child that has been allowed to close his work with the grammar school is sent forth handicapped, and, no matter what calling he may follow, he will always realize it. How many there are who are connected with the work now who can see wherein their education has been deficient and their work greatly crippled by the narrow training with which they were satisfied when students? These difficulties have been largely overcome by long years of continual hard knocking. But how different might have been the results if a portion of this training could have been obtained in the schoolroom.

We firmly believe:—

(1) That each and every family should awake to the responsibilities resting upon them to give the very best education obtainable to their children, and that until they have done this, their duty has not been discharged.

(2) That the grandest work ever committed to man is the proclaiming of the everlasting Gospel, and the highest ambition of each family is to give their children to this work, by prayer,

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