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"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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## The Church

### Friendship

"Friendship above all ties doth bind the heart,  
And faith in friendship is the noblest part;

There's no friend like the old friend,  
Who has loved us all the while."

### Sketches of the Past—No. 2

When about two years of age I had the scarlet fever. As I became convalescent a girl who worked for the family sat with me in her lap by an open window. From a strong breeze that blew in, I took cold in my right ear. This caused an ulceration with discharges from the ear. This affliction of the ear continued until I was fifty years of age. It was necessary to keep cotton in the ear, which had to be replaced two or three times a day. While this affliction continued I had to do all of my hearing with one ear. Thank the Lord! the trouble at last ceased about as suddenly as it had commenced. Now, as age is coming on, my hearing is improving instead of diminishing.

As I was born in January, 1832, I am of the generation who would not all pass until the Lord shall come. The falling stars, that were especially to herald the coming of Christ "at the door," occurred Nov. 13, 1833. Of course I was not old enough to remember anything of the occurrence even had I been awakened to see it. I heard much about it, however, in after years from those who saw this grandest display of "celestial fireworks" that this world has ever witnessed.

Some persons have tried to do away with the fact that the falling stars were

an actual sign in the heavens of the near coming of Christ, because astronomers have said "it was occasioned by a vast body of nebulous substance being brought in contact with the atmosphere of our earth, which set it on fire and caused that wonderful sight."

This leads us to inquire, Who made that nebulous matter? Who brought it in contact with our earth's atmosphere just in the time the Lord gave for such a sign to appear?—The Lord who made the prediction is the former of all things, and upholds all things by the word of His power. We read of Him, "Fire and hail, snow and vapors, stormy wind fulfilling His word." Ps. 146:8. Why, then, not admit that, in obedience to His mandate, the said body of nebulae was brought in contact with our atmosphere to fulfil the word of the Lord respecting the sign in the falling stars?

Previous to this wonderful phenomenon of Nov. 13, 1833, we do not find any record of such display, but on the other hand we find anticipations of such a scene. In Bishop Burnett's "Sacred Theory of the Earth," published in 1697, it is said, "It is necessary, therefore, by these stars, to understand either fiery meteors falling from the middle region of air, or blazing comets and stars. No doubt there will be all sorts of fiery meteors at that time; and among the others, those that are called 'falling stars.'"—Page 486.

The approach of this nebulous matter toward our earth was noted by astronomers in 1799. In the month of November, shooting stars seemed more frequent than usual, and led them to search the heavens for a cause. This resulted in the discovery of the approaching nebulae. Of this the "British National Encycloped-

ia" says: "It has been conjectured, upon good grounds, that the meteoric stream was originally a vast body of nebulous matter, drawn into the solar system by the distinct action of some of the larger planets, in the same manner as Lexel's comet had been thrown into a new orbit and made visible by the disturbing action of Jupiter."—Vol. VIII, page 1014.

Because the shooting stars were more numerous in 1799 than formerly, and then a grand display in 1833, scientists said, "The falling stars are an event that will occur once in thirty-three years." So they stated that another display would be witnessed in 1866 on November 13. It is true, some stars fell at that date. Compared, however, with 1833, those who saw both said, "It was only like a few drops before a mighty shower." I heard one man, who, in a lecture was trying to show that 1866 was a repetition of 1833, say that he "counted eighteen stars, and his wife counted as many more;" this to the disgust of some of his audience who witnessed the display of 1833.

Previous to 1899, astronomers predicted that Nov. 13, 1899 was going to be a scene that would far exceed 1833. On Oct. 22, 1899, in Ktring, England, at the close of a lecture which I had given on "Wonders in the Heavens," the people told me that just before that an astronomer who had been speaking all over England, gave a lecture in that place, telling what a sight would be seen on the night of Nov. 13, 1899, and advising the people to sit up to view the sight. Thousands in England lost that night's sleep. Scores of photographers had their cameras charged and set all ready to get a picture of the "grand display." This was especially the case

in London. Canon Wilberforce with about a score of persons spent the night in the clock-tower of the Parliament Building. When morning came these watchers reported that "they saw one shooting star."

What now say the astronomers?—"O, you will see no more of the star showers. That body of nebulae has passed away from our solar system." The Bible believer says, "Obedient to God's power, it came and 'fulfilled His word;' now it has gone on its way at His bidding."

J. N. Loughborough.

### Results from a Consecrated Five-Cent Piece

A few months ago a sister then living in Montana wrote that she had dedicated 5 cents to the Lord's service, and by the sale of tracts it had amounted to 25 cents. She began selling the *Signs*, and soon her 5-cent piece had amounted to \$20, and since then she has continued selling the *Signs*, until all record so far as dollars is concerned has been lost sight of. She has continued her faithful work using 400 *Signs* a week, and her success has been remarkable. From Spokane, where she and her daughter have worked recently, she writes:

"We have sold 1,350 *Signs* and they went like wild fire. Enclosed find \$6.00 for 400 more to Tacoma. We have sold \$130 worth of papers here besides giving many to those not having the price."

From Tacoma, Wash., she writes:

"We went out after the Sabbath and that evening sold \$9.50 worth of papers."

Surely this is a fulfilment of the scripture: "He that is faithful in few things, I will make him ruler over many," and should be of special encouragement to those willing to add works to their faith, and let the Lord bless the results.

We have other house-to-house workers doing equally as well. But where we now have one we want one hundred.

Your tract society secretary will be pleased to tell you of some of the results of this work, and of the special blessings enjoyed by those who are regularly circulating the *Signs of the Times*. He will also tell you that an individual who sells 50 or more copies from house to house or on the street per week is entitled to a special rate of 1½ cents per copy. The regular club-rate which applies on all other clubs is 2 cents per copy per week. The regular retail price

is 5 cents per copy, but some sell them for 10 cents.

The World's Mission Double Number will soon be out. This retails for 10 cents per copy. It will be by far the best special we have ever issued, and will sell at sight.

Would you not like to dedicate some portion of your means and time to a work to which the Lord so wonderfully adds His blessing, as evidenced by the experience given above?

Address your tract society secretary, or the *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

### Standard of Attainment for Our Young People

"Educate, educate, educate," is the Master's word for our young people. Educate for what? *To know God and make Him known; to give the advent message to all the world in this generation.* We have a great work; we must quickly prepare for it.

From every quarter has come a hearty response to the resolution passed at the Sabbath-School and Young People's Convention this summer, that our young people everywhere should qualify themselves to pass an examination in the cardinal truths of the third angel's message, and in denominational history. These are essentials in our education for this work.

During the first week of March, 1908, an examination will be given to all our young people who desire it. This examination will be conducted by the church elder or some one appointed by him, from questions sent out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. The papers will be examined and the certificates granted by the missionary volunteer secretary of each conference. The examination in Bible doctrines will be based this year on the present series of Sabbath-school lessons—"A Synopsis of Present Truth," the special Bible-Reading Series of the *Signs*, commencing October 30, and "Our Truth" Number of the *Instructor*. The first we should study, the second and third we should study and circulate.

"The Great Second Advent Movement," by Elder Loughborough will be the basis for the examination in denominational history.

Let all our young people get ready for this examination, and let our first report of membership of attainment be as

nearly equal to our society membership as possible.

M. E. Kern, *Chm. Gen. Conf.*

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## The Field

### South Carolina

We arrived at Spartanburg, in this state, August 20, 1907, where we remained until September 1. From there we came into Newberry, S. C., to begin our work. Brother W. C. Rahn is in our company, also Brother F. A. Evans, of New York. This makes four of us. The first Sabbath we organized a Sabbath-school. Through the week the company is separated, but on Friday eve we all come together.

To tell you of all the grand experiences we are having would be tiresome; so I will tell of only a few, that you may see that Brother Rahn's and Brother Harper's reports have not been overdrawn.

We are welcomed at every door. In home after home three or four orders for the same book are taken. Our main book is "Coming King." We go into a cotton-field and gather a group together, show the book to them, and before leaving, obtain an order from most all of them. We are getting so well known that when passing a cotton-field we are sometimes called into the field to be given an order. Three were obtained this way at the same time.

While Mr. Martin was talking to two draymen and obtaining their orders, to be delivered in two weeks, two more men passed, and were invited to hear the close of the canvass. They were persuaded to each take a book. It is often with tears in their eyes that they hear the glorious news of the Saviour's return.

Another time, while Mr. Martin was finishing taking the orders of three women, he saw two more coming up the street. He excused himself from these three, hastened into the street, canvassed these two, and secured one order. While doing this three men were coming by. While canvassing them and securing their orders, two more came along; one had already taken the book so I secured the other order, making in all, nine orders in a few minutes, receiving cash for one which I delivered on the ground.

Mr. Martin has been working mostly among the colored people. The population of the city we are in numbers about

five thousand—two colored people to one white person.

I have been working among the white people and in the cotton-mills. Here is where you see ignorance below that of the colored people. The children prefer to work in the mills rather than to go to school; so they grow up without the rudiments of an education. Family after family can neither write their own names nor read the number over their doors. But when "Coming King" is presented, the book is ordered.

I have had many opportunities to do medical missionary work while canvassing. I went into one home where a mother was sick in bed. I canvassed her, and with tears in her eyes, she gave me her order. There were other homes where I found mothers in bed, and I was not refused to bring them a book. At one home the mother had consumption. She ordered the book and I gave her some suggestions about how to care for herself. A day or two afterward I was canvassing near there when her neighbor said that the consumptive lady wanted to see me. Tremblingly I went over lest she did not want the book; but, to my surprise, she welcomed me and introduced me to her husband who had just come home sick. She said her husband was glad she had taken the book, and wanted me to show it to him. When the day came for the delivery, she anxiously awaited my coming. She said, "I saw you this morning and knew you would soon come to my house."

The children on the street follow me from house to house to listen to the canvass. Some of the people say, "Can I have the book now?" If in the country I let them have it. Numbers of books have been delivered in this way. In town they ask if they can have it tomorrow. So they get them whenever they are wanted.

Clerks in stores, shoemakers, barbers, and grocers buy the book. One of our company was in the post-office the other day and overheard a man saying, "I just bought a 'Coming King.' It's a fine book."

While delivering books the other day, I heard a child calling. Upon turning around, she said, "Come over here; we are waiting for our books." I was told that a woman I had canvassed there had decided to take a book and I must go up there as they were waiting.

I entered a home one afternoon, told

the woman I had a most wonderful book to show her. She said she did not want any book agents or to buy any books. I told her it would not hurt her to look at it. When I asked for her order after canvassing her, she gave it to me at once. So the Lord works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. There are so many cases like this.

Mr. Martin has sold "Coming King" to ministers of all denominations and even to the daughter of the professor of the large Lutheran college. Sometimes while he is presenting the book, the people say, "Can't take it." But he asks them if they want it. If they say they do, he says, "Don't you think the Lord wants you to have it?" "Yes," they say. He answers, "Then give me your order and make it a matter of prayer about the money." The order is obtained and they meet us long before the time with the money. Many orders and deliveries have been taken and made in this way. Mrs. Minnie Pond-Martin.

## UTAH

### Conference Proceedings

The sixth annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held, according to appointment, at Salt Lake City, October 3 to 10. The attendance was all that was expected and the meeting a most excellent one. Those in attendance from the Union Conference were Elders Cottrell and Healey and Brother Ireland. The business part of the conference passed off most pleasantly, the same officers, with the single exception of one name on the committee, all being unanimously re-elected. As expressed by one of the local ministers, during the seven days the conference was in session, there was but "one continuous meeting of good things."

Owing to a severe cold contracted on his way to Utah, Elder Cottrell was unable to speak publicly but two or three times during the conference. This was much regretted by all. Elder Healey, therefore, did most of the preaching, particularly at the evening services. His talks were timely, full of practical instruction, and much appreciated by all who heard him.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and encouraging features of the meeting was the report of the laborers. From their reports it was learned that forty-eight Sabbath-keepers had been added to our ranks during the past year, forty-one,

including eight that were baptized at the conference, connecting themselves to the body by baptism. These dear souls were won to the truth at the following places: fourteen at Brigham City, three at Corinne, one at Willard, twelve at Ogden, and eighteen at Salt Lake City.

On the evening before the close of the meeting Brother Milton H. St. John was set apart to the gospel ministry, Elder Healey offering the ordination prayer and Elder Cottrell giving the charge.

At the close of such a good meeting, it is almost needless to say that the workers all returned to their various fields of labor full of faith and courage and with bright hopes for a successful campaign for souls the coming year.

S. G. Huntington.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Conference Notes

Elder W. M. Healey returned from the Utah Conference meeting, recently held at Salt Lake City, on the 11th inst. He reported an excellent meeting with a maximum attendance of about one hundred and fifty of our people. Elder Healey stopped on his way home with the church at Santa Ana over Sabbath and Sunday, the 12th and 13th.

Elder S. Thurston left our conference recently to join the force of workers in the Arizona Conference. He is to be supported for one year by the Southern California Conference in that field. We trust that the blessing of the Lord will rest upon Elder Thurston's labors, to the end that he may be instrumental in bringing many souls to the truth in that needy field.

Dr. R. S. Cummings, who, for the past year and a half has been connected with the Garden City Sanitarium, has accepted our invitation to connect with our organized work in Southern California, and has already taken up work at Loma Linda Sanitarium. We extend to Dr. Cummings and companion a cordial welcome to share with us the burdens and blessings of the medical work in Southern California.

Brother E. G. Fulton is suffering from a mild attack of typhoid fever. At this writing, he has been in bed about ten days, and his physician informs him that it will be ten days or two weeks before he can be at his post of duty. Brother Fulton has trained some faithful, con-

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1907.

Brother Chas. M. Cottrell, a successful canvasser and former employee of the Pacific Press, has been asked by that institution to take up work in Saskatchewan, Canada, probably connecting with the branch office at Regina. He and his wife have already gone to that field.

A number of the churches in the central part of the California Conference were visited last Sabbath by different ones of the workers from the Pacific Press, California Tract Society, and conference, in the interests of the Missions Special and the Bible-Reading Series of the *Signs of the Times*. Full returns have not yet been received from all the workers, but a good beginning was made toward large clubs in some of the churches.

Last Thursday, the 17th, was Missions Special Campaign Day in the Santa Clara Valley. The Pacific Press factory was closed, and a number of the employees went out to sell the special number of the *Signs of the Times*. There were about thirty-five who actually engaged in the work of selling the papers in the towns of the valley, besides the church-school children who did faithful work in Mountain View. In all, over 800 papers were sold during the day, besides a number of yearly and shorter term subscriptions being taken.

All of the friends of Brother and Sister Martin, formerly of San Francisco, but who went last summer to South Carolina, will be pleased to read the long report from them in another column. In a letter received at the same time this article

came, the following report is given for Brother Martin for twenty-five days of ten hours each:

Book	Orders	Value
Coming King		\$339.00
Best Stories	18	9.00
Gospel Primer	75	18.75
		\$356.75
BOOKS DELIVERED DURING THIS TIME.		
Coming King	69	\$69.00
Best Stories	5	2.50
Gospel Primer	48	12.00

\$83.50

Can books be sold in the South?

## Walnuts, English Walnuts

The Vegetarian Cafe, 259 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal., has contracted for a large supply of the very best, unsulfured and ungraded, English walnuts that the market affords. It so happens that, on account of the short crop of English walnuts in foreign countries as well as in the United States, the price is unusually high this year. Having bought several tons of these walnuts directly of the packers, the cafe can supply them to our people at less than the wholesale price quoted by the dealers in Los Angeles. The present market quotation is 17 cents a pound. The Vegetarian Cafe can fill orders for fifty pounds or more in one shipment at 16½ cents a pound.

Vegetarian Cafe,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

## An Investment

There are few kinds of business that pay better than my olive-pickling and honey-shipping business, yet on account of health I am desirous of disposing of the same. Here is an excellent opportunity for an enterprising man or room for more than one man. The crop is good this fall. We have a rapid grader that does the work of ten or more persons. Other appliances and storeroom. Correspondence desired with those who understand, or wish to learn, the olive business. Address, W. S. Ritchie, Corona, Cal.

## Woman to Work

WANTED.—A Seventh-day Adventist woman to do housework. Good home and wages to the right party. Address, O. O. Osborne, Lodi, Cal.

## Home Wanted

A homeless girl, aged fifteen years, strong, willing, and able to work, is greatly in need of a permanent Christian home with adults in the country where school privileges may be had and where careful and wise control and supervision will be exercised. An opportunity for real missionary work in helping and being helped. Address for particulars, PACIFIC UNION RECORDER.

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secreted workers to carry on the work successfully during his sickness, but we are anxious for his rapid recovery and early return to his important responsibilities, not only for his sake, but we are contemplating starting one or more branch-vegetarian cafes in the city, and will not undertake this work until Brother Fulton regains his health.

We take this opportunity again to remind our people in the Pacific Union Conference that the medical convention, which has been planned at a time which, it is believed, will accommodate our medical people in California and Arizona, is to be held at Loma Linda Sanitarium, on October 28 to November 1 inclusive. A recent communication from Washington, D. C., informs us that Elders Daniels and Irwin will be with us during the convention. As before announced, board and room will be provided gratuitously for all who are invited to attend the medical convention, and at the lowest possible price to those who come as visitors.

For several weeks we have been trying to secure a home in the suburbs of the city for our help employed in the Vegetarian Cafe. On the 16th inst., we secured a lease on a splendid, old-fashioned home, in one of the most desirable localities in Los Angeles, with spacious grounds, fruit trees and beautiful shrubbery. We secured this property for a very reasonable rental price. It will make a quiet, secluded home for our help. It being a very strongly constructed wooden building, they can close their eyes in sleep at night without fear of brick walls crashing upon them before morning in case of a heavy earthquake.

G. W. Reaser.