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

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The Church

"Christ did not send,
But came Himself to save;
The ransom price He did not lend,
But gave."

A Great Opportunity and a Privilege

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

You will call to mind that we are approaching the time for the annual offering for the old people and orphans, the date being Sabbath, April 4. This offering will be general in that it will be taken up by the people throughout the General Conference field.

Our aged people and orphans doubtless have our sympathy, but many of them must have our financial support. We can show our real sympathy in part, at least, by our contributions to their maintenance. This matter should be announced in all the churches at an early date throughout the union, and then on April 4 let no desire for other collections come in the way of taking up the offering for the orphans and helpless aged ones.

Doubtless the most of us have an abundance of this world's goods, and can not very well appreciate the condition these helpless ones are found to be in. But if we will stop to consider a moment, we may comprehend it at least in part, and realize that they are in need of our help at this time.

We trust that the Lord may greatly bless each of us in the consideration of this matter, and above all in contributing to the support of these needy ones, for said Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

H. W. Cottrell.

Write! Write!! Write!!!

Doubtless all are aware that there are six Sunday bills now pending in Congress. Two are before the Senate and four in the House of Representatives. There has never been a more persistent and unrelenting spirit manifested on the part of Sunday-law advocates than there is at the present time to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

Last week the advocates of Sunday legislation held a mass-meeting in the New York Avenue church of Washington, D. C., over which Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, presided. The arguments for a Sunday law in the District of Columbia were strong from their viewpoint; but exceedingly weak from the standpoint of the gospel and American principles.

Senator Gallinger, the chairman of the District Committee of the Senate, has announced that in the near future a hearing will be given to all classes of people on the Sunday bills which are now before that committee. There will doubtless soon be a hearing before the District Committee of the House of Representatives. What we do to defeat these bills now before Congress, must be done *at once*. We fear should these bills be recommended favorably to the Senate and to the House of Representatives, they may become laws.

We therefore would urge every Seventh-day Adventist and all lovers of liberty to write, without delay, letters of protest to the chairman of these two committees, and each member of these committees, if possible. The following are the two committees referred to:

Senate Committee: Chairman, Jacob Gallinger, of New Hampshire; other members: Henry C. Hansbrough, of North

Dakota; William P. Dillingham, of Vermont; Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia; Robert J. Gamble, of South Dakota; Chester J. Long, of Kansas; Elmer J. Burkett, of Nebraska; Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia; and William Pinkney Whyte, of Maryland.

House Committee: Chairman, Samuel W. Smith, of Michigan; other members: Philip P. Campbell, of Kansas; Edward L. Taylor, Jr., of Ohio; J. Van Vechten Olcott, of New York; Charles McGavin, of Illinois; Julius Kahn, of California; J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania; John H. Foster, of Indiana; Henry M. Coudrey, of Missouri; Frank M. Nye, of Minnesota; William J. Cary, of Wisconsin; Samuel McMillan, of New York; Thetus W. Sims, of Tennessee; Adolph Meyer, of Louisiana; Dorsey W. Shackleford, of Missouri; Wyatt Aiken, of South Carolina; J. Davis Brodhead, of Pennsylvania; Ben Johnson, of Kentucky; and James W. Murphy, of Wisconsin. Letters to all these men should be addressed to Washington, D. C., in care of Capitol.

All should send the petitions containing the signatures they have secured, direct to the Congressmen from their respective districts.

When we learn the exact date of the hearings, either in the Senate or House of Representatives, we may notify you so that you can wire the chairman of the committee a protest against the passage of the Sunday bills before Congress.

Write, write, write!

Yours for quick action.

K. C. Russell,

Chairman Rel. Lib. Bureau.

"The heart that would be wedded to Jesus must be weaned from all idols."

Sketches of the Past—No. 18

When we look at the inventions that have so wonderfully multiplied the conveniences of the present day, it is well for us to contrast them with the situation only a few years back. In my schoolboy days all our writing was done with pens made from goose-quills. One of the questions asked in the examination of a teacher was, "Can you make good goose-quill pens?" Writing was generally our first morning exercise after the opening of the school for the day, and the teacher was kept quite busy repairing pens with her penknife while we were writing. As for myself, I very soon learned to make and keep in order my own pens.

"The Apostrophe to the Quill," which we sometimes repeated in those days, was perhaps more appropriate than in this time of fountain-pens.

"Fame, honor; hang upon thy will,

Heart beats to heart, though sun-
dered wide;

The lamp of love shines through the
quill,

And there the fires of genius glide."

The first appearance of a steel pen in the part of the country where I lived, was about the year 1840. It seemed to us, when we began to use them in our morning writing lesson, that our teacher had lost part of her employment. It gave her, however, a little more time to criticize our work, and give kindly suggestions for improvement in our chirography.

Not long after the appearance of the steel pens came the gold pens with "diamond points," as they were called. These were a decided improvement over the steel pens, as they were fitted for finer strokes when needed. In some instances the old quill pen-makers entered into a contest to show that they could make just as good a pen for fine work from the quill as the gold pen. Then, again, gold pens cost considerable money in those days. Observing eyes could pick up the quills from where the geese had dropped them near their bathing places. In those days money was not so plentiful as in these days of millionaires and high wages. A dime was about as precious then as a half-dollar is now.

There was another feature connected with our writing exercise, especially with the older scholars; that was to learn how to so fold a sheet of paper written

on three sides, as to cover all the writing from view. Then how to seal it with a wafer. ["*Wafer*: A thin leaf of paste, or a composition of flour, the white of eggs, isinglass, and yeast, spread over with gum water, and dried; used in sealing letters and other documents."—*Webster*.]

What a convenience is the present day envelope! And what a saving of time over the former process required in preparing a communication for the mails. The first envelope that I ever remember seeing—the first that ever came to our part of the country—was in the year 1848, only about sixty years ago. It might seem strange that no one had sought out so simple a device as an envelope or a metal pen until so recent a date. So we might say of many other convenient and labor-saving inventions of this generation. This is the Lord's appointed time of which He said, "Knowledge shall be increased." It is true the highest thought in the above scripture is knowledge of the words in Daniel's prophecy, that were to be "sealed" to the "time of the end," but it contained the other as well. 1798 marked the "time of the end," and it marked the date of a special increase of knowledge.

The increase of knowledge must also include the thought of more people receiving that knowledge. So as the time came for the diffusion of the great knowledge of the truths of God's word, He led men to invent those facilities and conveniences with which to rapidly spread before the world in a short time His special truth for the last days, thus making "a short work upon the earth," which He has promised to "cut short in righteousness."

Many of those who have produced the wonderful inventions of these last days undoubtedly pride themselves on their great skill, not realizing that their wisdom, and all the faculties of their mind, are lent them of the Lord, and He may use them, although, as He said of Cyrus, "Thou hast not known Me." In the construction of the sanctuary, the Lord said of Uri, "I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, in all manner of workmanship." Ex. 31:3. "The Lord raised up men, and qualified them with more than natural abilities to perform the most ingenious work."—*Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, p. 269.*

J. N. Loughborough.

The United States Navy

Sixteen mammoth battle-ships, the flower of the United States Navy, are now slowly making their way from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

It is expected that the fleet will enter San Francisco harbor about May 6, 1908, and then will occur one of the grandest naval demonstrations in the history of the world. In addition to this battle-ship fleet, the entire Pacific Coast squadron will be in the harbor.

The mayor of San Francisco has appointed a large representative committee to make preparations to receive this fleet, and a very elaborate program has been arranged.

From fifteen to twenty thousand men are on these battle-ships, and their arrival will bring together a vast concourse of people.

The attention of the whole country, yes, of the whole world, is now turned toward this event, and their arrival here is being watched with great interest. It is a subject of general conversation.

This presents another splendid opportunity for us to get the truth before the people. It has therefore been decided to make the *Signs of the Times*, dated May 13, a number devoted especially to this subject.

This number will be beautifully illustrated with special half-tone engravings.

On the first page there will be a large portrait of Vice-Admiral Evans, commander of the fleet, surrounded with an illustrated naval border, printed in colored ink.

The fourth cover page will contain a view of the United States battle-ship fleet.

On the first page of the paper, inside the cover, there will be a cartoon by Mr. Maybell, our New York artist, entitled

"Consecrated Service."

Here is presented a large figure of a soldier leaving behind the attractions of the world and pressing on to victory.

The whole paper, sixteen pages and cover, will be filled with live articles on the great themes of the gospel, written with a view not only to interest the reader, but to save souls. Here are some of the subjects:

God's Call to Service: the Conflict, the Captain, the Reward.

Signs of the Times: Riches, Intemperance, War Preparations, etc.

*The Law of God.**Bible-Readings on Important Topics.*

The Outlook Department, specially illustrated. Here we will give the statistics of the navies of the world, their wonderful growth within the last few years, what all this means, etc., etc.

Altogether it will be one of the most interesting, attractive, and important numbers ever issued.

The California Conference expects to circulate 25,000 copies, at least, among the soldiers, sailors, and marines, and in the cities around San Francisco Bay.

It will no doubt sell equally as well all over the United States, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to give it a wide circulation. This event presents another opportunity to give the truth to people in an attractive form.

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The Field

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

News Items

Elder F. I. Richardson is soon to locate in San Diego and join Elder Wm. Healey in an evangelistic effort in that city.

The conference committee have secured a five-acre home for Brother Rauleder, which has cost the conference \$1,450.

On the 6th inst., we were enabled to apply \$400 on the Fernando Academy indebtedness, thus reducing its present obligations to about \$3,000.

Four of the students of Fernando Academy are to leave our conference on the 24th inst. for South Africa, where they will engage in missionary work among the native people of the Dark Continent.

The Southern California Conference has recently purchased seventy-five 12 by

17 tents and flies, and twenty-six ten-ounce duck floor-cloths for this size of tent. All of this stock is paid for, and is now in the warehouse. An order was also placed on the 9th inst. for two field tents 36 by 56 feet in size.

In a council meeting held on the 8th inst., it was decided to cooperate with the other conferences in the union in holding a union teachers' institute. The matter is in the hands of the Pacific Union Educational Committee to decide upon a time and place for holding said institute. It is now expected that the place will probably be Oakland, Cal.

A mass-meeting is to be held by those who are leaders in a Sunday-closing movement in Southern California, in Los Angeles, about the fifteenth of March. Our conference committee have requested Elders Healey and Corliss to be present on the occasion, and if the situation seems to demand, hold a mass-meeting for setting before the people the true principles of religious liberty.

Our academy board is inviting Dr. A. Allen John, who has spent eight years in missionary service in Europe and two years in Mexico, to connect with Fernando Academy for another year. We would not invite him from a foreign field back to the home field except that it is his desire to give his daughters certain educational advantages which they can not secure in Mexico.

At the council meeting held in Los Angeles on the 8th inst., it was decided to organize our restaurant in Los Angeles on a cafeteria basis, as this kind of restaurant has become so popular in Southern California, and as it enables restaurants to economize probably fifty per cent or more in the employment of help. We seem compelled to adopt the plan on account of the popular demand.

Brother E. S. Horsman, having had a successful experience in field work in the Santa Maria Valley, has returned to Southern California to take the oversight of a campaign soon to be undertaken by the students of Fernando Academy for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." He will also assist the workers from Loma Linda in an effort to dispose of a large number of copies of "Ministry of Healing."

Elder Hare and Brother Marvin, having finished two series of meetings at Watts and Braham, suburbs of Los Angeles, so closely adjacent that those who accepted the truth in each place can meet at one common center, with the cooperation of the brethren in the vicinity, are finishing a neat chapel which is soon to be dedicated, and a church organized. The location of the chapel is near Graham.

Brother G. W. Caviness is in Southern California, having recently returned from Mexico for the purpose of getting out more Spanish literature for circulation among the millions of the Mexican Republic. We are glad to have Brother Caviness come in touch with our Spanish work and workers in Southern California. We have a number of Spanish workers whom we feel free to recommend for service in Mexico.

One of the strongest evidences of the blessing of the Lord upon our work is, that while our institutions have had unusual demands to meet in the way of loans being called at short notice, they have thus far met these calls promptly, and have also paid off other obligations which were drawing a high rate of interest, so as to reduce the total interest paid. This fact, in view of the general financial depression, is most encouraging.

Brother and Sister Loy, recently from Omaha, Neb., where they were engaged in city mission work, have joined Sister Stevens in San Bernardino, where a remarkable interest has been created by the latter in house-to-house work. Sister Stevens could not handle the work alone, as her strength would not permit. We understand that whereas the congregation in that city numbered but fifteen a short time ago, now about sixty are in regular attendance at the Sabbath meetings. We praise the Lord for the work that is being done in San Bernardino.

After completing the two tent-meeting efforts at Watts and Graham, in harmony with the advice of the conference committee, Brother Marvin has secured a small piece of land which is centrally located between Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Orange, Anaheim, and Centralia, and will in the near future locate his family in the comfortable house which is already upon the land, and while spending some of his time in outdoor work,

which we trust will have a tendency to build up his health, he will also have some supervision over the churches located at the several places named.

The writer made a trip recently to Santa Barbara, and while there visited the sanitarium operated by Dr. Eastman. Though the building is not as large as other sanitariums in Southern California, it has an excellent location, is not far from the business center, and yet is sufficiently retired to secure quiet, and restful surroundings. It would be difficult to find an institution to better represent the work in the city than that owned and operated by Dr. Eastman and wife. We trust it may prove to be an important factor in holding up the light of truth in this, one of the most beautiful tourist resorts on the western coast of America.

It is a matter of much encouragement to those who have charge of our health institutions of Southern California, as well as to the conference committee, to know that the three sanitariums are all reasonably well filled with patients. The financial showing for the past few months of each institution gives strong hope that by careful business management such as is now applied to each of the institutions, combined with the skill of our faithful physicians, and most important of all, the blessing of the Lord, these institutions will gradually be able to liquidate their indebtedness while at the same time advancing the message in a very practical way.

In the council meeting recently held, plans were formulated whereby it is hoped that the Southern California Conference will comply with the urgent appeal of our General Conference Mission Board in raising an average of ten cents a week per member in all the churches of our Conference, to be used in carrying the everlasting Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. If we are able to raise this amount, it will mean a grand total of nearly \$10,000 a year. During the past two years we have been able to send \$28,000 to the regions beyond the borders of our own conference. Thus, it ought not to be difficult to meet the requirements of the appeal of our Mission Board.

Word received from Brother L. A. Scott conveys the sad news of the death

of Brother Henry Scott, who passed away on the 27th of February, at Thermal, Cal. The disease which terminated Brother Scott's life was tuberculosis. He had been failing in health for about a year. The remains were taken to Ventura for interment. We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow. Brother Scott spent several years in missionary service in Australia, and was connected with the *Signs of the Times* office for a considerable time. Probably no one who was acquainted with him ever questioned his deep Christian piety, and all gave testimony to his beautiful Christian character.

G. W. Reaser.

March 10.

The Death of Prof. H. E. Osborne

I know the readers of the RECORDER have been made sad to learn of the sudden death of our dear brother, Prof. H. E. Osborne, former secretary of the General Conference. After being secretary of the General Conference for two years, he was connected for a short time with the Battle Creek Sanitarium. While there he became ill, and came to California to regain his health. In this he was fairly successful, so much so that he was able to connect with the Healdsburg College during the school year of 1905-6 as a teacher of English. While there his work was very much appreciated. He had an uplifting spiritual influence among the students.

At the close of the school year he was released to the Southern California Conference, and was offered ministerial work or school work. His heart was in the ministry but he chose the school work.

He connected with Fernando Academy at the beginning of the school year of 1906-7, taking charge of the English department. His work was very acceptable to the students and to the management of the school. His spiritual influence in the school was remarkable. He had the goodwill of all the students, and he loved them as they loved him.

When the faculty was made up for the present year, he was invited to remain. He began his work with excellent prospects, and we were all encouraged to know that his health had improved, and that he seemed able to continue with us.

He was taken ill in November, and went to Glendale Sanitarium for treatment. While there he prayed much, and

had faith that the Lord would raise him up. Elder C. E. Ford and I were called to anoint him and pray for him. Within a few days he was back at school and felt much improved. He was especially pleased to take part in the week-of-prayer exercises, and some of his remarks will never be forgotten.

He resigned his work on the last day of January, intending to go to San Pasqual Valley to regain his health. This was the place to which he had gone before, and where he had once regained it.

We were glad to let him go, because we also had hopes that he would speedily recover. He reached there February 14, and on February 16 he became bedfast and began to decline rapidly. He suffered great pain the last few days of his life. The crisis came on Sunday morning, February 23, which proved fatal. He died that night at 1:30 o'clock. The Lord prepared him for his death.

His gentleness and kindness were never greater than during the last few weeks of his life. He prayed much. We know that he died in faith and that he will come up in the first resurrection to meet the Saviour.

He was buried on Wednesday, February 26. Elder W. M. Healey preached the funeral sermon. He was buried in the cemetery in San Pasqual Valley, near Escondido.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

May those who knew him, live as he lived and be ready as he was to meet the Saviour.

H. G. Lucas.

ARIZONA

Laguna Dam, near Yuma, Arizona

I left Yuma, Ariz., yesterday morning for this place, some twelve miles north of Yuma, on the Colorado River, where the United States Government will spend some \$7,000,000 on this vast "Yuma Project" Reclamation Service. If time were to go on to permit,—which it will not,—it would transform large areas of fertile land that now can not be utilized, into blooming gardens and farms.

To-day it was so clear, warm, and bright in this dry air that already we have a foretaste of summer. It is even warm at night.

Two days ago, at Yuma, Ariz., the dear Lord gave me eleven orders for

books, helps, etc., at some \$30 or more in value, besides some small books, among them two for the good book, "Object Lessons." I feel it a pleasure, a duty, yea, a privilege, to have a part in circulating free, as work for the Lord, a few copies of that little treasure-trove volume of truth, "Christ's Object Lessons," for God has said much in regard to the selling of this book as well as "Ministry of Healing," books which have been so shamefully slighted, *yes, neglected!*

Yesterday the good Master blessed in selling here three "Object Lessons" besides other orders. Here to-day before 10 A. M., God gave me twelve orders for small books—eleven "Gospel Primer," Spanish, and one "New Testament Primer," all cloth. Besides this I was blessed with fourteen other orders for books, helps, etc, or some \$40 in value. About half a dozen of these were for the priceless volume of heaven-sent light, "Patriarchs and Prophets," five being in the Spanish language. All honor to God alone. He only grants it all. Ps. 28:6, 7; 71:8, 15, 16, 19.

March 12. Walter Harper.

"He who would be most like Christ must pay the cost."

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known at present, but only a few days would suffice to have them passed on to the Senate and House of Representatives and there become laws. Now—to-day—is the time to act on this matter. Write, and get your friends to write, to the members of these committees, protesting positively, yet very respectfully, against the passage of these Sunday bills. The names of the members of these committees will be found in Elder Russell's article above referred to in this issue. Also, if you have petitions which have been signed protesting against such legislation, send them at once to the representative in Congress from your district. For the California Conference, petition blanks were handed out at the Fresno conference. We presume they have also been widely circulated in the other conferences of the Union. Let none fail to do their duty right NOW.

A letter dated March 8 from Brother E. S. Horsman, of Los Angeles, states: "Have just arrived from my field of

labor, Santa Maria, where I have had some good experiences. I am now taking up conference work again. Next week we shall have twenty-five students from Fernando Academy to work in Los Angeles with 'Christ's Object Lessons.' This is in accordance with the special testimony, Series B. No. 10, from Sister White. We will expect to make it a week of prayer while we work with this volume of truth. In view of the hard times, it will take great faith on the part of the workers, and a close connection with the Giver of the particular message."

Following are a few sentences from the testimony referred to above:

"It was God's purpose that by the sale of 'Ministry of Healing,' and 'Christ's Object Lessons' much means should be raised for the work of our sanitariums and schools, and that our people would thereby be left more free to donate of their means to the opening of the work in new missionary fields. If our people will now engage in the sale of these books as they ought, we shall have much more means to carry the work in the way the Lord designed.

Help! Help! Help!

WANTED.—Women and girls to do laundry and domestic work, and young men to assist engineer, clerk in store, and solicitors in food work. Also help in the packing-room at the food factory. Permanent positions for the right persons. Apply at once to L. M. Bowen, Sanitarium, Cal.

Saint Helena Sanitarium Training School

The next training class for Missionary Nurses begins April 6, 1908. We desire to correspond with consecrated young people who desire a training as missionary workers. Exceptional opportunities for experience offered to persons of promise.

Address Dr. H. F. Rand, or Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal.

Papers Wanted

Clear copies of the *Signs of the Times*, *Review and Herald*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, *Watchman*, and *Youth's Instructor* for use in reading-racks in Oakland, Berkeley, and vicinity.

Brother James Harvey who is in charge of this work writes: "I am now supplying seven reading-racks. One of these is in Berkeley. I am supplying the Sixteenth Street Depot rack, Oakland, regularly twice a week. Our librarian has just ordered a large metal rack for this location, as it is one of the most important distributing-places in the city."

Address all publications to James Harvey, 1055 Brush St., Oakland, Cal.

The March Number of "Life and Health"

Have you seen the March number of *Life and Health*? If you have not, we would advise you to send for a sample copy. Its general topics are Tuberculosis and Intemperance, the two principal death-dealing agencies of the age. In the main, it is a splendid temperance number, and will not only be a good selling number, but will be an "entering-wedge" for the great, third angel's message, now hidden from the masses through physical infirmities and benumbed consciences resulting from a lack of a knowledge of the true principles of right living.

In this number, in addition to exposing the ravages of intemperance through the agencies of alcoholic drinks, a broad application of intemperance is made to include abstinence from things hurtful, and the proper use of the beneficial.

Dr. Knopf, the New York tuberculosis expert, dwells upon the life-giving properties of fresh air. Dr. Lauretta Kress treats whooping-cough in the home. Mrs. Bainbridge presents the life of Christ as evidence of His being the prophesied Healer. The entire number is practical and of vital importance. It will be a good selling number. Those who have been selling previous numbers will be able to increase their sales with this issue. Many have reported during the past month 100 copies sold in three or four hours' time. Suggestive canvass for the March number, a canvass telling how to sell it, hundreds of records showing an average of 50 to 100 copies every day, with an average profit of from \$3.50 to \$7.00—what more is wanted in a good work?

Send in your order for a trial. Prices: 2 to 25 copies, one order to one address, five-cents a copy; 25 to 500 copies, four cents a copy. Address your state tract society.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1908

A canvassers' institute is being planned for Fernando Academy to begin about March 28.

A meeting of the California Conference Committee was held in Oakland last Monday afternoon.

A recent letter from Dr. J. R. Leadworth states that the work is going well at Loma Linda, and that they have a goodly number of patients.

The meetings of the Sanitarium Food Company and the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association were held at Sanitarium, Cal., on the 11th and 12th of this month.

Have you ordered your Sabbath-school quarterly for the next quarter? If not, better do so at once, or you will not have your lesson well the first Sabbath. The tract societies have them.

Brother C. E. Olcott, treasurer of the California Bible House, is taking a few weeks' vacation before the summer's rush begins. Brother S. G. White is looking after the work in his absence.

We are glad to have among us for a few days again, Prof. G. W. Caviness, of Mexico City, Mex. Professor Caviness is in California to do some more translating on our books into the Spanish language.

The Educational Department of the Pacific Union Conference is making arrangements to hold a union church-school teachers' institute this summer. Time and place have not yet been fully decided.

The *Signs of the Times* is preparing a Navy Special of that paper to be issued May 6, about the time the great war fleet will reach San Francisco. Do not fail to read the announcement of it in another column.

There is a special meeting called for to-day, March 19, at Healdsburg, of the Pacific Educational Association. Some very important matters are to be considered, and a number of our brethren are in attendance.

Brother C. C. Crisler, from Sanitarium, Cal., was in Mountain View last Sabbath. Mrs. Crisler is helping with the proof-reading at the Pacific Press in place of Mrs. Louise Roberts, who recently left with her husband for China.

Let none forget the collection to be taken on Sabbath, April 4, for the orphans and aged ones. It is important that good heed be given to this matter, and plans laid at once to make the offering as large as possible. Read Elder Cottrell's article on the first page.

Brother C. H. Moler, in the employ of the California Conference, who has of late been located at Placerville, was in Mountain View the first of the week shipping a tent outfit and some books and tracts for missionary work, to Corning, Cal., where he and Elder C. N. Martin will hold meetings.

At a meeting of the Pacific Union College Board a few weeks ago, Elder S. N. Haskell and Brother W. E. Whalen, of Oakland, were elected to fill the vacancies made in the membership of that body by the resignation of Elders Knox and Corliss. Some thought was also given to the question of teachers for next year.

Brother E. A. Chapman, secretary and treasurer of the California Conference, and Brother H. G. Childs, secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, left last Friday morning for Kansas City, Mo., to audit the books of the Kansas City Branch of the Pacific Press. They expect to be away about two weeks.

Upon request of the union and Southern California Conferences, Elder J. O. Corliss, Pacific Union Conference Religious Liberty Secretary, left Monday

evening of this week for Los Angeles, to join Elder W. M. Healey in watching the developments in the Sunday question in that part of the state. Elder Corliss was accompanied by his wife.

We wish to call particular attention to the long list of news items that appears this week from Southern California. If we could have also a good list from each of the other conferences in the union, and some items from our institutions—medical, educational, etc.—we should certainly be coming closer than we are now to the paramount object of sustaining such a publication as the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER. Why can we not have reports from each of our conferences, institutions, and workers at least every two or three weeks?

The Oakland workers' institute closed the 18th after a very successful two weeks spent in study and work. There were from 60 to 150 in attendance. Nearly all of the workers in the California Conference were present at least a part of the time. An hour's study each conducted by Elder Haskell, Mrs. Haskell, and Elder Cottrell made up the morning program, while the afternoons were given to tract and house-to-house work in the city. Profitable instruction on practical work or preaching service constituted the evening exercises.

We would call particular attention to the article entitled, "Write! Write!! Write!!!" by Elder K. C. Russell, which appears on our front page. None should fail to read and heed what is there given. There is no time for delay in the matters here set forth. Last Friday, March 13, was the date set for the Sunday bill hearing before the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Should the bills have been favorably passed upon by the few men composing the commission, the next step would be to place them in the hands of the Senate or the House District Committees, which could be done within a very short time. Before a hearing is given the Sunday bill in either one of these committees, each member composing them should have received a letter of protest against all such legislation, and these bills in particular, from every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States. How soon these bills may be taken up by the committees can not be

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