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

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O learn to scorn the praise of men,
And learn to live with God;
For Jesus won the world through shame,
And beckons thee His road.

For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin. —Selected.

Sketches of the Past. No. 23

Lorenzo Dow was an ordained minister of the Methodist Conference in the state of New York. When the bishop read off the places for the yearly labors of the ministers, Dow was with the rest assigned to a circuit of several stations. When the idea struck him to begin a special fight against the doctrine of unconditional election, and to especially exalt the doctrine of free grace, one round of his circuit "let him out," and away he went miles and miles from his circuit.

One of his freaks was to ride on his horse into some town, and with a loud voice make an appointment for Lorenzo Dow at 10:30 A. M., one year from that day, and then go away at the highest speed, as though the life of somebody was in peril. When the time of his appointment came, Dow would find an immense crowd of people gathered. He would to a minute be on hand, and with a song begin his service, sometimes in the public streets, seated on his horse. With his "amen" at the end of his discourse, he was just as likely as any

other way to put spurs to his horse, and go out of town in a cloud of dust.

There was one place where the people were noted for being late to meetings. A meeting appointed for 11:00 A. M., would never open until 12:00, because the people were so slow in assembling. Dow had left an appointment in that place for half past ten. He was to speak from one of those old-fashioned pulpits, some twelve steps high, closed by a door on the side. He left his horse outside the town, came in a back way, climbed into a window and sat down on the floor of the pulpit, out of sight. About 11:00 A. M., the door of the church was opened and one or two came in. They straggled in a few at a time until near noon. Then there was an uneasy congregation wondering if Dow would come. All at once, to the astonishment of the people, he rose up behind the pulpit, and said, "I, Lorenzo Dow, will speak from this pulpit one year from to-day at half past ten. When I say half past ten, I do not mean noon." Then he jumped over the pulpit, and ran out of the house with all his might. When the year came round, the house was crowded with people, on time, and Dow was there and preached.

On another occasion he was passing by a piece of woods in western New York. He heard the axes of some men chopping in the timber. He got off his horse, stood on a stump in the corner of the wood, and with a loud voice sang a hymn. The men stopped their chopping to listen. Then he cried in a loud voice, "One year from to-day, at 11:00 A. M., I, Lorenzo Dow, will preach from this stump," and galloped away on his horse. When the day of his appointment came around, the woods were full of people,

and Dow was on the stump at the moment appointed.

At one time he was preaching in the public square in Canandaigua. There was in the place a woman who was a notorious scold and trouble-maker. He talked about scolding women, for he suspected his subject was in the audience. Sure enough she was, and she got up and began to sputter against his rebuke. In reply, he said, "I hope you will die." That angered her the more, and she shook her clenched fist at him, and he repeated in stronger voice, as she left the grounds, "I hope you will die." She turned and retaliated at such abuse, when he said, "O, I hope you will die to that thing."

The conference found it was no use to try to hold Dow anywhere, so at the next session, when the bishop read off the stations and names of ministers, he saved Dow's name for the last, and said, "Lorenzo Dow, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." It was just as well; for the next they knew of Dow he was in London, England. He knew he had got to move carefully there, yet he wanted liberty to speak where he had a mind to, so he went to King George, and got a written commission to preach anywhere he wished. With this in his pocket, he mounted a box on a street-corner in London and began to speak. A policeman came up to stop him, and wished his authority for such a course. He pulled out the document given him by King George, and said to the policeman, "I have two commissions to preach here, one from King George, and one from King Jesus." So on went Dow in his earnest way of labor, much to the chagrin of the policeman.

J. N. Loughborough.

Annual Meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

According to announcement duly published, the eleventh annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association was convened at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 11, 1908, at 12 o'clock, m.

Upon investigation and roll call it was found that twenty-six declaration members were present in person, fifty-eight represented by proxies, and fifteen honorary members *ex officio* in attendance, or a total representation of ninety-nine.

Among those present, were the following persons: F. F. Abbott, Mrs. Lotta Alsberge, L. M. Bowen, Mrs. L. M. Bowen, J. H. Behrens, J. O. Corliss, H. W. Cottrell, J. M. Dennison, Dr. S. P. S. Edwards, Mrs. M. L. Edwards, Aug. Erickson, F. W. Gibbs, Henry Gruettner, A. P. Guyton, E. B. Haley, J. J. Ireland, Mrs. J. L. Ings, C. H. Jones, Mrs. C. H. Jones, W. T. Knox, S. M. Konigmacher, Clyde Lowry, H. McDowell, E. E. Parlin, Clara P. Parrott, Robert Pratt, H. E. Randall, E. R. Rhymes, Louisa Smith, H. A. St. John, T. D. Sanford, Mary Thorp, M. C. Wilcox, S. J. Whitney, Mrs. S. J. Whitney, and others.

Brother Bowen then presented the following:

Report of the President and Manager

As we meet in this, the eleventh annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, we would first of all acknowledge the kindness of a loving heavenly Father who has protected this, His institution, through another twelve months, adding His blessings both spiritually and financially in a copious measure. We desire to recognize Him as the giver of all blessings, and acknowledge the added responsibilities attending the unprecedented prosperity bestowed upon our work.

In order that we may better understand and more fully appreciate the extent of these blessings but without any spirit of boasting a few figures comparing present conditions with those which existed at the close of 1902 are given:

Five years ago the gross business for the year had amounted to \$48,082; the gross business for 1907 was \$128,939. Our association at the close of 1902 had

a net worth of \$6,563. At the close of 1907 our net worth was \$77,463.43. Our bills payable account for 1902 was about \$105,000. At the end of five years we find this account has been reduced to \$48,269.

The sanitarium, during the early part of 1903, was being operated at an estimated loss of \$1,000 per month, with an average of less than twenty-five patients; our workers were donating liberally of their earnings to meet the current expenses of the work. Thus far in 1908 we have averaged about seventy-five patients. The average wage rate paid our workers has increased fifty per cent in the last five years.

It is a well-known fact that our institution had never been in a position financially to pay its workers ordinary salaries, and after duly considering the matter, our board decided to set aside one-third of the net profits, above \$10,000, to be divided among the permanent employees who had given twelve months continuous and satisfactory service to the institution, provided that in no case should such share exceed twenty per cent of the salaries drawn by the beneficiaries. The amount set aside for this purpose is \$5,546, of which \$4,444.78 is being distributed the present week.

Soon after our last annual meeting your board of directors gave consideration to our needs for more room in which to accommodate the prospective patronage, and decided to erect a building suitable for caring for surgical and other cases which should be kept apart from other patients. The result of this decision is the new hospital building, which was dedicated October 20, and which, from present prospects, will be filled to overflowing before the summer is past. The cost of the building, including heating plant and furnishings complete, is, in round numbers, \$12,000.

During the year we have continued the campaign of repairing started in 1906, until the buildings, with two or three exceptions, have been given needed repairs in the way of new roofs, etc., and well painted. The expenditure in this line has amounted to \$4,797.90. Besides the hospital building and the addition of private baths to the two best suites of rooms in the Lucine cottage, we have erected a vehicle and wood shed adjoining the laundry building with six double rooms for helpers overhead and five more rooms

have been added to the restaurant building. The improvement account shows an expenditure of \$3,754.42.

We have endeavored to do more in the line of charity work than heretofore. While we could not accept all who applied, we have expended in this the amount of \$3,948.16.

For many years we have faced a water shortage, owing to the limited supply with which our institution has been provided. Your board of directors have contracted to purchase a tract of 336 acres of land on Howel Mountain. This is a well-improved tract consisting of upward of 100 acres of vineyard, about fifteen acres of orchard, some plow land, besides good buildings, and we believe with a moderate outlay will provide us an abundant supply of good water. The agreed price for the property is \$10,000.

We now have four physicians on our medical staff. Dr. Rand, who has so ably and faithfully carried the responsibilities of medical superintendent, is assisted by Dr. F. F. Abbott, who accepted a position with us in November. Dr. Brown has taken the place of Dr. Brighthouse, who has now been absent about one and one-half years because of illness at her home. Recently Dr. Maria Edwards, of the Tri-City Sanitarium, joined our forces.

Elder Behrens has had charge of the spiritual interest of the institution.

Patronage during the year has been the heaviest in the history of the institution, running as high as 140, and in order to accommodate the large number, we were obliged to add to our permanent accommodations, forty-three tents for the use of patients and workers.

The care of such a large number has borne heavily upon our workers who have proved themselves loyal and willing, and we feel an expression of our appreciation is due them. The following persons have carried responsibilities:

Sister Ings has faithfully served in the capacity of matron another year, having served in this capacity almost continuously for twenty-four years. Brother and Sister S. J. Whitney have had charge of the two nurses departments. Brother Konigmacher and Sister Bessie Edwards have taken the lead in the treatment departments. Brother Randall has, in addition to the treasurer's duties, carried the responsibilities of head bookkeeper and rooming clerk. Brother McDowell

has acted as steward, and in addition to these duties has had charge of the outside work, but is now assisted by Brother O. A. Stevens.

Brother C. L. Boddy has proved his ability as chef, to which many of us cheerfully testify. The store and purchasing department has been looked after by Brother Rhymes; the laundry by Brother Kosky. Brother J. N. Dennison has been in charge of the livery stable and stage driving. Brother Erickson, after a year's absence, has resumed the duties of engineer and electrician. Brother B. F. Fairchild is capably filling the clerk's office. Brother Gruetner has charge of the gardens. Sister Zadie Goodrich, our assistant matron, was released in September to connect, at their urgent request, with the Melrose Sanitarium in the capacity of head nurse.

The possibilities of this branch of the Lord's work from a missionary standpoint are given. It is a self-supporting missionary enterprise operating in a peculiar but fertile field, the results of which the judgment only will reveal, and at the same time it is supporting from its own earnings, a missionary nurses' training school, capable of turning out each year twenty-five well-trained missionaries, besides contributing from its earnings to the conference for the support of the gospel ministry, a goodly sum annually. Tithes paid the last five years have amounted to \$8,774.08. As we consider these facts, shall we not, as workers together, in recognition of these great blessings, redouble our efforts in the closing up of this work in this generation?

We beg to submit the following recommendation for your consideration:

First.—Inasmuch as the necessity for large expenditures in improvements, repairs, etc., will probably be much less the present year than the year just past, we advise that as far as consistent with the other phase of our work, our funds be used in wiping out our indebtedness.

Second.—So far as is consistent the charitable phase of our work be emphasized.

Third.—That our training-school work be further broadened and strengthened, as there are many promising young people in our churches who would be glad to connect with our school if the matter were properly presented to them.

Fourth.—That we solicit the cooperation of our conference laborers in seeking out such as give promise of becoming missionaries, recommending them to enter the nurses' training-school.

Fifth.—That arrangements be made with the San Francisco Dispensary for our nurses to gain an experience in city missionary work.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented by Brother Randall, showing in detail the losses and gains for the year. The value of the real estate and improvements was stated to be \$90,279.81, of the furnishings \$31,064.06, and of the supplies on hand, \$17,730.25.

Report of Medical Superintendent

The report of the medical superintendent and chairman of the training-school for nurses was presented by Dr. H. F. Rand. He stated that there had been over 800 patients received at the institution during the year; that the special feature of interest was the spiritual influence that had been exerted; one thing is the healing of the body, but that is secondary to the healing of the soul. That is our motto, to follow in the steps of the Great Physician. He spoke of the remarkable influence that the institution is exerting upon the people who come here; that in the letters received from other physicians, there were only two in which they had requested that their patients might be allowed a meat diet, at least once a week; the majority of them said they wanted their patients to have our diet. He said that about twenty ministers had been at the institution in the last year, and that several of them had come to him for additional information regarding the effects of using tobacco, alcohol, etc., and had expressed their intention of preaching at least one sermon a year to their congregations along these lines. He also mentioned the fact that other classes of professional men had manifested great interest in the work and principles represented by the institution. The only thing to regret was that more had not been done. That the nurses had manifested a self-sacrificing and loyal spirit in the work, and had labored faithfully and well. He stated that he believed that the time had come when every person connected with the institution and the training-school should be

actuated by the one purpose of doing missionary work, as that is what we are here for, and when this is realized by all our people they will hunt out those they know would make faithful workers in this line, and induce them to come here and receive training for that work.

Chaplain's Report

The chaplain's report was then presented by Elder J. H. Behrens, in which he strongly urged that more time be afforded for Bible study, and that instead of forty-eight hours devoted to that work, we might have double that time. Also that the calls of suffering humanity might be more fully met by the broadening of our lines of real benevolent work, and that the standard of righteousness and purity might be lifted still higher, and that the strictest integrity in all matters and things might be fully observed.

Committees

The following committees were appointed:

On plans: W. T. Knox, H. W. Cottrell, H. F. Rand, H. E. Randall, and L. M. Bowen.

On credentials: H. F. Rand, J. H. Behrens, and F. F. Abbott.

On nominations: J. J. Ireland, M. C. Wilcox, and Harvey McDowell.

Resolutions

We desire to express our heartfelt and sincere gratitude to God for His abundant blessing manifest in the financial prosperity in the work of our physicians and nurses, and in the spiritual work and influence of the institution; and we hereby consecrate ourselves anew to greater devotion in His work.

Inasmuch as the young people in training at the sanitarium are dedicated to missionary work for the Lord and are available for any call at home or abroad, and, inasmuch as the demands of the work are ever increasing,

1. *We recommend:* (a) That the sanitarium management endeavor to strengthen the training-school instruction in Bible study and in all lines of missionary work, and also increase the attendance.

(b) That the presidents of the Union and California Conferences, and those of their associates who are in constant touch with our churches, be earnestly requested to make it one of their chief aims to turn the attention of our young

people to this important field of usefulness; always having in mind that the medical missionary work needs those who enjoy a bright Christian experience and possess a true missionary spirit.

2. *Recommended*, that our tithe for the year 1907 be remitted to the Pacific Union Conference, with the request that it be devoted to the development of the medical work in Salt Lake City, and such other good openings as may be agreed upon by the Pacific Union Conference Committee and the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association Board.

Whereas, There will probably not be any necessity for any great outlay of means the coming year for the enlargement or improvement of the plant, and

Whereas, We are in a period of great financial prosperity, the institution having been marvelously prospered,

3. *Resolved*, That after the affairs of the institution have been properly cared for, the surplus funds be applied to the liquidation of the debt.

Whereas, It is of the greatest importance that our nurses receive practical experience in city missionary work,

4. *Resolved*, That the management of this association be asked so to plan with the San Francisco Dispensary that each nurse shall have an opportunity to engage in, at least, one month of real city missionary work during the course of training.

In view of the great increase in wickedness and vice as the result of intemperance (usually thought of as being due to liquor alone, but which we know is due to the devices of the opposer of all that is right at the time of man's fall through appetite), and, in view of the fact that we have been privileged to receive full instruction in reference to these things from a Bible standpoint, as well as a physical, therefore,

5. *We recommend*, (a) That as this institution paid a tithe of over \$4,000 last year to the Pacific Union Conference, a portion at least be used in spreading this phase of the gospel work. This work to be done under the direction and with the advice of the union conference committee, the state committee, and the sanitarium board.

(b) That suitable men and women be selected to lecture, give parlor talks, distribute literature, hold schools of health, etc., demonstrating these prin-

ciples, and training others to do the same.

(c) That literature be at once prepared in the form of tracts, leaflets, etc., on subjects such as alcohol, tobacco, tea, coffee, etc., to be used for these purposes.

(d) That we cooperate with all the leading temperance organizations as far as possible in helping forward this good work, such as the W. C. T. U., and other organizations of like character.

Whereas, there is presented before us daily the great problem of sickness amongst all denominations of believers, many of whom have but little if any, of this world's goods with which to help themselves, and, as there are many who will appreciate and profit by what we can do for them in their great need, and having vividly impressed upon us the example of the Master Himself, who went about healing all that were diseased,

6. *We recommend*, That a certain portion of the earnings of the St. Helena Sanitarium be used in caring for the sick poor.

7. *Resolved*, (a) That the faculty inaugurate a campaign wherein those who are in training as medical missionaries may receive special instruction in the line of health and temperance.

(b) That the cities and towns of this valley, and elsewhere, be entered where under the leadership of trained instructors our nurses and other suitable workers will sell health and temperance publications, such as "Drunkenness and Crime," "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation," "Great Public Evils," etc.

(c) That public meetings be held where these features of the message can be set before the public and that we enlist the public press and every suitable agency in the arousing of an interest and in the prosecution of these lines of work.

8. *Resolved*, That we cooperate with the California Conference in all their plans for temperance work.

It was voted that the chairman of the Board be empowered to appoint a committee on plans and resolutions next year, long enough before the time of the annual meeting so that they can prepare and present resolutions in a clear and definite way.

Report of Committee on Credentials

The report of the committee on cre-

entials was then presented by Dr. Rand as follows:

For Missionary License—Physicians, H. F. Rand, Jeanette Rand, F. F. Abbott, Mrs. Laura Abbott, C. Bush, Effie A. Brown, Maria L. Edwards, Henrietta Brighthouse.

Graduate Nurses: S. J. Whitney, Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Zadie Goodrich, C. E. Moon, Flora Fulton, P. C. Holt, S. M. Konigmacher, Mrs. S. M. Konigmacher, May Walling, Geo. H. Kuhns, Lottie Kuhns, A. P. Guyton, Mrs. A. P. Guyton, E. G. Haley, Mrs. E. G. Haley, Clyde Lowry, G. W. Mann, T. D. Sanford, Mrs. T. D. Sanford, E. F. Stowe.

Senior Class: Irene Adams, E. A. Dunn, Bessie Edwards, Daisy Ingle, Lillian Miller, Gladys Ostermeier, Claude Thatcher, Marie Ulch.

Nominations

The committee on nominations presented the following names as members of the Board, which was adopted: H. F. Rand, L. M. Bowen, E. E. Parlin, and W. C. White.

E. E. Parlin, *Secretary*.

The Field

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Bible Readers

The members of the camp-meeting Bible class who have been reading twenty-three chapters a week have just finished the "Gospel" of the Old Testament, and are now reading the book of the "Weeping Prophet."

Jeremiah was called to his work while quite young, probably about fourteen. He prophesied during the reigns of Josiah, Jehohaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah. To get a proper understanding of this book, one should read the history of this time of trouble and apostasy as found in 2 Kings 23 to 25, and 2 Chronicles 34 to 36. He began his warnings about seventy years after the death of Isaiah, and was contemporary with Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

Jeremiah's pleadings and warnings were unheeded by the people of his time, and though ridiculed, abused, and persecuted without mercy, he chose to remain with his people rather than receive the favors of the emperor of the world,

and was finally carried to Egypt by those who hated his reproofs. Here he died while a captive in the hands of his own people. Tradition says they stoned him to death.

The prophecies of Jeremiah are not arranged in chronological order, as may be seen by comparing chapter 21:1, 25:1, and 45:1, as well as many others. Chapter 21 is addressed to King Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, while chapters 25 and 45 were both given in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, who began reigning ten years before Zedekiah.

One will receive a much better understanding of the book as a whole by reading it according to the following arrangement which is endorsed by most all Bible students.

Under Josiah	
1:1-19.	21:1-14.
4:5 to 6:30.	34:1-7.
2:1 to 3:5.	37:1-10.
3:6 to 4:4.	34:8-22.
17:19-27.	37:11-21.
47:1-7.	38:1-28.
Under Jehoakim.	29:15-18.
7:1 to 9:25.	32:1-44.
26:1-24.	33:1-26.
46:2-12.	39:1-10.
10:1-16.	After Destruction
14:1 to 15:21.	of Jerusalem
16:1 to 17:18.	39:11-14.
18:1-23.	40:1 to 41:18.
19:1 to 20:13.	42:1 to 43:7.
20:14-18.	30:1 to 31:40.
23:9-40.	Delivered in
35:1-19.	Egypt
25:1-38.	43:8-13.
36:1-32.	44:1-30.
45:1-5.	44:13-28.
12:14-17.	To Strange
10:17-25.	Nations
13:1-27.	46:1.
Under Zedekiah.	49:1-6.
22:1 to 23:8.	48:1-47.
11:1 to 12:13.	49:7-33.
24:1-10.	50:1 to 51:64.
29:1-32.	Historical
27:1 to 28:17.	Appendix
49:34-39.	52:1-34.
51:56-64.	

This table is taken from Adam Clark's Commentary on Jeremiah, and is used by the Bible classes at the Fernando Academy. Cut this table out and paste it in your Bible, or mark your Bible in accordance with it.

Lamentations consists of five pathetic odes expressing Jeremiah's grief for the

destruction of the temple and city. The prophet wrote it with the ruins of the glorious city and temple before him.

Those who began reading September 1 should finish Jeremiah the last day of April. Those who began January 1 should finish 2 Chronicles the first of May.

Be faithful yourself; then you can encourage others to faithfulness.

E. S. Ballenger.

Notes

The Los Angeles Sabbath-schools are preparing to hold a two-days' rally the first Sabbath and Sunday in May. The program will appear in the RECORDER a little later.

Prof. I. C. Colcord spent a few days in our midst visiting some of our schools, and planning for the union conference institute to be held at Healdsburg, Cal., beginning June 16.

Brother Harmon Lindsey, who has recently returned from South Africa, is now en route to California to take the management of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. The institution is having a very encouraging patronage.

E. S. Ballenger.

CALIFORNIA

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention at Mountain View, and the Vegetarian Dinner

The Bi-County Convention of the W. C. T. U. of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, was held in Mountain View April 14-16.

It is the custom for the different churches in the towns where these conventions are held to serve the delegates with dinner and supper each day of the convention. The Methodists and Baptists served together Tuesday, the Presbyterians, Wednesday, and Thursday was set aside for our church.

Five of our membership who belong to the union, realizing what a splendid opportunity this was to place our health principles before the ladies, appealed to the church and the St. Helena Sanitarium to come to our aid.

The sanitarium very generously responded by donating the health foods and sending their chef to do the cooking, with

Dr. Edwards to aid in planning. About twenty of our sisters responded in the way of table-cloths, pies, milk, fruit, etc., and help in serving the dinner.

Never was a dinner gotten up under greater disadvantages. It was cooked in four different places on six different stoves, with only the ordinary small family cooking utensils to do with. With all the hurry and disadvantage, everybody kept sweet about it (even the cook) and at the appointed hour everything was brought together; when delegates and leading town people to the number of nearly 150 sat down to a splendid dinner. They did ample justice to the food, and every one was warm in his praise of the effort.

The Mountain View Leader contained the following regarding it:

"At 12 o'clock the delegates and some of their friends were treated to a 'health food' dinner by the ladies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There were many courses, and dishes beyond number, and every one was made of some vegetable or cereal or their products, and of nuts. No meat or flesh of any kind was used. The dinner was a revelation to most of those who ate it. They never had supposed that so many varieties of excellent and palatable viands could be produced from the vegetable kingdom alone."

At the evening meal nearly 100 were served. The tables at both meals, with their fine array of well-cooked foods, looked beautiful; and too much praise can not be given to those who gave so generously of their time and means to make it a success.

Thirty minutes before the noon hour were given to Dr. Edwards on the floor of the convention to set forth health principles. She occupied some time during the evening meal in advertising the health foods.

The delegates seemed very much in earnest in their efforts to put down the liquor traffic. Their unflinching courtesy toward each other was beautiful to see, and their words of appreciation and sympathy for each other were good to hear.

It was an object-lesson to those of us who were privileged to attend, and made us more anxious than ever to give this fine class of women all the light the Master has for them in these last days.

Mrs. Geo. E. Henton.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1908

Elder Geo. M. Brown, recently from the Mexican mission field, and Elder C. L. Taylor were in Mountain View last week.

The first order for a tent at the Lodi camp-meeting received at the conference office was from Elder J. N. Loughborough, our faithful pioneer worker in this field.

The young people in the Nebraska Conference have undertaken to supply a printing outfit for the Oakwood Training School in Huntsville, Ala. About \$235 will be necessary to purchase, at a bargain, the plant they have in mind.

In accordance with plans laid at the recent session of the California Conference at Fresno, a state temperance association has been organized, and plans are being laid to assist in every purely temperance movement that is being carried on by other temperance organizations.

"Preexistence" is the title of an eight-page tract recently published by the Utah Tract and Bible Society. This tract does not profess to deal with the subject in a general way, but simply gives a number of well-pointed arguments from the Bible in disproof of this heathen doctrine. As this is one of the fundamental beliefs of Mormonism, these leaflets are sent out to expose the fallacy of such teaching. Price, one cent per copy. Discounts in quantities. Order of the Utah Tract and Bible Society, Room 53, Hooper Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

A missionary convention was held in Chico, Cal., last week. Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau, the missionary secretary of the California Conference, and Brother J. R. Ferren, of the Pacific Press, were present at the opening, and conducted the work until Tuesday, when Elder and Mrs. Haskell arrived, who remained until the first of this week. A good interest was manifested in the instruction given.

The California Tract Society is making preparations for doing a large book and periodical business at the Lodi camp-meeting. The managers of the Pacific Press are responsible for the statement that the shipments made by them for this meeting were the largest they ever sent to a camp-meeting. So all our people who attend can be assured that they will find about what they desire in this line at the book tent on the camp-ground.

The *North Pacific Union Gleaner* comes to us this week with a new heading. In the center of a panel, of which the name of the paper forms a part of the border, are represented several fields of grain "white already to harvest." Workmen are seen sickling and binding the grain, while below is the verse, "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe." In the western sky, almost ready to drop behind the hills, the lowering sun warns the laborers that they have but a short time left before the night will come when no man can work. Simple in detail though this heading is, it gives the paper a neat and tasty appearance which is refreshing to see.

We have just received a copy of the cover of the Souvenir Edition of the Naval Signs Special. This differs from the front cover of the regular Naval edition in that the flags and national emblem which surround the photograph of Rear-Admiral Evans are done in red, white, and blue, on a tinted background instead of in the green-black of the regular edition. This makes a very striking cover-page. The souvenir edition is being printed especially for sale in California, while the fleet makes its stay in these parts. The reading-matter of the two papers is the same, but it is thought that the brighter colored cover design will make it much more desirable by those who

are interested in the fleet and its visit to our coast. The prices of this special California number are: Single copies, ten cents; 25 to 100, four cents each; 100 copies and over, three and one-half cents. Five or more copies mailed direct from the office by the publishers to individual names and addresses furnished, four cents per copy. In the regular naval edition, the prices in quantities are 25 to 100 copies, three cents each; 100 copies and over, two and one-half cents.

Lodi Camp-Meeting

The work of preparing the Lodi camp-ground is well under way. Elder Brorsen is in charge, and is ably assisted by the brethren of the Lodi church and vicinity.

Arrangements have been made with the St. Helena Sanitarium to conduct the restaurant and store, and a number of family tents are being erected for the use of those attending.

Elders S. N. Haskell, J. O. Corliss, H. Shultz, Luther Warren, and others will be present. All who come may expect a feast of good things.

E. A. Chapman.

Rates to Lodi Camp-Meeting

Arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroad companies for the usual reduced rates. Parties attending the camp-meeting, when purchasing tickets should ask for a certificate receipt; this certificate, when signed by the secretary of the meeting, will entitle the holder to purchase from the agent at Lodi tickets for returning home at one-third the regular fare.

Tickets for the trip going may be purchased any time between April 21 and May 10; return tickets will be on sale from May 1 to May 12.

E. A. Chapman,

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Literature Wanted for Indians

I wish *Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Life and Health*, and tracts to use among five tribes of Indians in a new growing town where the truth is unknown. Also new or second-hand bound books, pamphlets, etc., on present truth. Send well wrapped and securely tied, all post-paid. Also *Youth's Instructor*, and *Little Friend* for the children. Sumner B. Taft (Wheelwright), Kiowa Agency, Anadarko, P. O., Okla.