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

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## The Church

### The Small Things of Life

The small things of life are so often  
The mainsprings that move the world,  
And O! from what small beginnings  
The beauties of nature unfold;  
As down in the heart of the little green  
bud

The beautiful rose lies curled,  
So down in the depths of the human soul  
Lies hidden a glorious life!  
And over and over in common things  
Eternal truths are told.

—G. M. McNulty.

### Sketches of the Past.—No. 28

My father was born at Trenton Falls, New Jersey, and with his parents went north to Albany. Of the three Loughboroughs that came to America before the Revolution, one, who in the Revolution took sides with King George, afterward returned to England and became possessor of the immense Loughborough estate. The other two, having sided with the colonists, lost their right. The descendants of one brother went west, through Virginia, while the other line went north.

It was while my grandfather and father were living in Albany that the experiment of running a vessel by steam was made on the Hudson River by Robert Fulton. It was interesting to hear them tell of those times. Of course, up to that date people knew of no way of propelling a vessel except by tide, or sails, or as a galley with oars. The masses said of Fulton's proposed scheme, "To think

of sailing a vessel without wind or tide. Preposterous! It never can be done." It then required from five to seven weeks to sail from England to America. With the steamer proposition it was thought the time might be shortened at least one half.

Fulton's paddle-wheel boat was a crude affair when compared with the mighty leviathans that now traverse the deep at the rate of twenty and thirty miles an hour. Amid all ridicule, Fulton went on constructing his boat, even though the masses "knew it would be a failure." Finally, in 1806, the day came that had been appointed for the boat to go down the river. A great crowd assembled, some expecting to see it go, but more, perhaps, expecting to see it fail. The boat started, but soon came to a halt amid, as grandfather said, a shout of the people. Fulton knew what was the matter. Instead of having a regulator for the steam-valve as now, he had a plug to hold the steam, which should have been a safety-valve. This plug blew out. He beckoned to the people, and told them it would be all right in a moment. When the plug had been replaced with greater security, away went the boat down the river out of sight to the joy of his friends and the chagrin of those who "knew it would be a failure."

There were some comical things that occurred as this craft passed along its course, especially among those uninformed of what was coming. It was stated that at one point a Dutchman saw the thing coming with the smoke pouring out of the smoke-stack, the sparks of fire flying, and the paddle-wheels throwing the water. He was terribly frightened, and ran,

crying at the top of his voice, "Hell has broken loose, and the devil is running away with a sawmill." He undoubtedly calmed down when he learned the facts in the case.

It was said that the steam-whistle on that boat gave a sound very nearly resembling the cry of a panther. At one point a man some distance from the river, on hearing the shriek, rallied his neighbors to help him hunt the panther. He knew he heard one scream. Their search did not discover the panther. When it was afterward discovered that this panther scream was the sound of the whistle on Robert Fulton's boat, the man was subject to frequent embarrassment, for when found among a group of people, some one, it was said, was "quite sure to whisper to him so loud that all could hear, 'Have you *treed* that panther yet?'"

Simple as was the boat that was constructed by Fulton, it gave a spur to inventions in that line, and mighty are the results. Now the seas of the whole world are traversed by the great steamships. Thus it developed one of the facilities for many running to and fro spoken of by the prophet. The Lord is using these steam vessels as one of the agencies for rapidly spreading the last message of mercy to the ends of the earth. The people of this last century have indeed seen a most wonderful fulfillment of the prediction, "Knowledge shall be increased."

J. N. Loughborough.

The Sabbath-school Quarterly for the third quarter of 1908, is now ready for distribution. The lessons are upon the book of Nehemiah. Order of your tract society.

## The Field

### CALIFORNIA

#### Special Meeting of the California Conference

A special session of the California Conference will be held at the Oakland camp-meeting, June 9, 1908, 9 A.M.

The important subject for consideration will be the future work and plans of the Healdsburg College.

Churches should elect delegates at once on the ratio of one delegate for the church and one for every twenty members.

As large a representation as possible is desired.

S. N. Haskell, *Conf. Pres.*  
E. A. Chapman, *Secretary.*

#### How to Reach the Oakland Camp-Ground

The Oakland camp-meeting will be held at Melrose station, a suburb east of Oakland.

Melrose is the terminus of the Southern Pacific Seventh Street line, and trains connect with the ferry every twenty minutes for San Francisco. The San Leandro and Haywards electric cars also pass directly by the grounds.

Passengers on the Southern Pacific lines should buy tickets and check baggage direct to Melrose. Those coming via Niles should change at Fruitvale station and take local train to Melrose. Those coming via Port Costa and Vallejo should change at Oakland Pier or take electric cars at 16th Street depot direct to Melrose.

Passengers over the Santa Fe should buy ticket and check baggage to Oakland, taking electric cars from the 40th Street depot to Melrose. These passengers should bring their baggage checks to the camp-ground.

Passengers on the line of the Northwestern Pacific should buy ticket and check baggage to San Francisco. From there buy ferry ticket and recheck baggage to Melrose.

Passengers over all lines, when buying tickets, will ask for a "Receipt Certificate." This, when signed by the Secretary at the camp-ground, will entitle the

holder to buy a return-ticket at one third the regular rate.

E. A. Chapman, *Conf. Sec'y.*

#### Lodi, Berkeley, and Reno

From May 1 to 10 I had the privilege of attending the camp-meeting at Lodi, San Joaquin County. In many respects this was one of the best camp-meetings I ever attended in California. It was indeed a "workers' meeting," in that those in attendance were filled not only with a desire to know how to work to get the truth before others, but they secured an abundance of tracts, books, and papers to use in spreading the truth. There was also great searching of heart with individuals, and no note of complaint was heard of what this or that one had said or done; but a desire to heed the Saviour's word, "Follow thou Me."

On Sabbath, May 16, I spoke to our people in Stiles Hall, Berkeley, calling attention to the Lord's special leading in every important step in the rise of the third angel's message.

On Sabbath and Sunday, May 23 and 24, I was with the church in Reno, Nev., giving a discourse each day to a goodly company of our people. A good interest in Reno is being followed up by Brethren Stevens and Beddoe. One special object of my brief visit was to carry out the instruction of the California Conference Committee, a decision made on the Lodi camp-ground that I go over and ordain Brother James A. Stevens to the work of the gospel ministry. This service was accomplished at the close of the Sabbath service. Now Nevada has an ordained minister who can baptize its converts.

On Sunday, the 24th, Brother Stevens baptized his first candidate under his new commission. There were four names of adults read on the Sabbath who are to be voted in next Sabbath.

While in Reno I was well cared for at the sanitarium of Dr. McCubbin. He has a new institution on a hill commanding a fine view of the town and surrounding country. He is prepared to give care to patients after the methods approved by Seventh-day Adventists. Those in that vicinity in need of medical or surgical aid would do well to give him a call.

It was the privilege of the writer to hold a tent-meeting in Reno, August, 1878. This was the first introduction

of the message in that town. I was glad to meet several persons who were early in the message in that place still holding fast the faith. Reno, in 1878, was a small place. Now, with Sparks, a suburb built almost up to Reno, they have about 19,000 inhabitants. Among these thousands our brethren are finding, in their labors from house to house, many who are desirous of knowing the truth. May the Lord indeed prosper the labors of Brethren Stevens and Beddoe as they hunt and fish for souls in Reno, is the prayer of

J. N. Loughborough.

Healdsburg, May 30.

#### San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande, and Lompoc

I have returned from a visit to the churches at San Luis Obispo and Arroyo Grande, and scattered Sabbath-keepers at Lompoc. They have had no visit from a laborer in a long time, and all seemed to appreciate the help very much.

At San Luis Obispo the church has been much reduced by removals, so only a few are left, but they are faithful in keeping up the work. Sister M. E. Motz has been active in selling the *Naval Signs* at home and in surrounding towns.

We celebrated the ordinances with the church.

At Arroyo Grande, Dr. E. L. Paulding still acts as elder of the church, and while the church is small in membership, it is composed of faithful ones who are true to the message. There is a class of promising young people here, several of whom we hope to see in one of our schools the coming year.

At Lompoc there is no church organization as there are only a few and they are so scattered that it is difficult for them to meet. They are loyal to the message, and faithful in its support. It was a privilege to meet these dear friends again and enjoy the celebration of the ordinances with them. The Spirit of the Lord was present as we daily studied the Scriptures.

They joined in a company so they could report and be in closer touch with headquarters.

D. T. Fero.

May 28.

"When religion is a matter of business, business is never a matter of religion."

### St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Judge Cheney, of Nevada, recently brought his sister to the institution. She will remain for treatment and rest.

Elder C. L. Taylor has been acting as chaplain since Elder J. H. Behrens has again been called to conference work.

New tents are being pitched on the hillside nearly every day, and each one is occupied with patients about as soon as they are ready.

Mrs. H. P. Holser, recently from Gland, Switzerland, who has been called to the sanitarium to fill a long-felt want of preceptress, arrived May 21, and has entered upon her duties.

This week the new hospital building is filled full for the first time. It is necessary to move patients back to the main building as soon as possible in order to give room for new cases.

Rev. John Fryer, professor of Oriental languages in the University of California, and his daughter, have been spending a little time at the sanitarium. He has spent thirty-five years in China as a missionary.

The excitement occasioned by the fleet is a thing of the past, and patients and workers are both at their accustomed routine. Over 2,000 copies of the special *Signs* have been disposed of by the missionary and young people's societies.

A Board meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and also of the Food Company, was held at the sanitarium, Wednesday, May 27, which occasioned the visit of several of the members from the outside.

Elders S. N. Haskell and J. O. Corliss have spent a few days with us to recuperate their health. Elder Haskell spoke Sabbath, May 23, and Sunday evening Elder Corliss gave a talk in the parlor at a little memorial G. A. R. service. He is well able to speak from experience on that subject.

Elder O. A. Olsen, who has been attending the General Conference Council at Washington, and is now returning to his field in Australia, spent Sabbath, the

16th, with us and spoke in the chapel both forenoon and afternoon on the great mission fields of the world, and the rapidity with which the truth is spreading in new places.

The closing exercises of the Sanitarium church school were held in the chapel the evening of May 28, and the following persons were graduated from the eighth grade: Effie Annalie James, Ethan Allen Moon, Welcome Earl Keefe, Charles Allen Bunch, Bertha Mildred Glatt. Prof. I. C. Colcord, of Healdsburg, superintendent of the California Educational Department, was present and presented the diplomas.

It is the plan of the managers that all the patients who come to the institution for treatment, in addition to the physical benefit they receive, shall have ample opportunity for instruction as to how to care for their health when once it is regained. To this end the following program is carried out each week: Monday evening, question-box, conducted by Dr. H. F. Rand in the parlor. Tuesday afternoon, patients' study in physiology and hygiene, at which all sorts of demonstrations are used, such as healthful dress, simple home treatments, etc., conducted by Dr. Maria L. Edwards. Wednesday afternoon, in the cheery dining-room is carried on a cooking class with demonstrations at which all points with reference to diet are discussed and questions answered by Dr. Edwards. Thursday evening is held Dr. Rand's regular parlor lecture.

Patients are invited to all religious services, as morning and evening worship in the parlor, vesper services, Sabbath services, prayer-meetings, and young people's meetings, and the chaplain is ready at all times to talk and pray with any who may desire it, the doctors and nurses also bear continually in mind that many discouraged and doubting souls need more the prayer of faith in their behalf, than any amount of treatment.

May 28.

M. L. E.

As we go to press, work is progressing nicely on the camp-ground at Melrose station, Oakland. Everything is expected to be in readiness for the opening day. A large banner has been prepared for advertising the meeting in the downtown district.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Glendale Graduation

The graduating exercises of the 1908 class of Glendale Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses were held in the sanitarium chapel on May 21. There were six nurses in the graduating class, their names being as follows: Edith Alberta West, Frederick William West, Anna Maybelle Nelson, Anna Minna Balxhauser, Lulu Anna Wilson, Gertrude Matilda Wissner.

Miss Anna Nelson was chosen as the class representative, and her part of the program was rendered in a very acceptable manner.

Dr. B. E. Fullmer delivered the address, and the diplomas were presented by Dr. M. M. Kay.

G. W. Reaser.

May 24.

### UTAH

#### Items of Interest

Four tents will be operated in the Utah Conference this season.

Miss Alpha Cochran, of Provo, will join the tent company at Logan and assist in general missionary work.

Chas. M. Smith, who has recently closed his term of school, has again united with our work in Salt Lake.

Elder H. W. Cottrell and Brother J. J. Ireland were in attendance at the annual spring council meeting held May 8.

Mrs. L. McPherson, who has been canvassing in Eureka, will leave that field soon to take up work in and near Salt Lake City.

L. M. Bowen, of the St. Helena Sanitarium, was with us May 15 to 18 in the interest of the sanitarium work in our conference.

Harry G. Philips, of Southern California, joined us May 8, and will connect this summer with a tent effort in Logan, in company with Chas. Nelson.

We observe in a late RECORDER that notice was given that the camp-meeting would be held in this conference in August or September, whereas we do not contemplate holding camp-meeting, but a conference meeting will be held early in October.

## ARIZONA

### Work and Workers

Elder Wheeler is taking a rest until July 1.

Brother Geo. G. Sims is now at Jerome, a small place beyond Prescott.

Elder M. Serna, our Spanish minister, is still at the sanitarium at Phoenix, receiving treatment.

No large results can be reported in the book and tract work, but something is being done, and it is our hope to do more.

Elder Bond reports quite an interest at Douglass, a few are taking hold at Prescott, and two or three are accepting the truth, and others are interested at Phoenix.

Brother Lester Bond, who was working with his brother, Elder J. E. Bond, at Douglass, has returned to Phoenix on account of the illness of his wife. Brother E. A. Brown will probably assist Elder Bond to continue his meetings.

May 19.

H. G. T.

## Missionary Work

### Laborers Wanted

If there was ever a time when we ought to comply with, and hope for, the fulfillment of the Lord's request, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard," it is now; for the laborers are few and the harvest is great. Yet there are many who have the faith to comply with the Master's request and earnestly seek and ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. Shall we not unitedly make this our constant prayer, and associate our efforts with all the workers who have gone forward to the help of the Lord against the mighty?

To this end the California Conference has arranged for a short institute to commence June 15, following the Oakland camp-meeting, to be held in the vestry of the Oakland church. All who are heeding the Master's call to service should attend this institute. We expect special help from such persons as Elder and Mrs. Haskell, Brother Bourdeau, and

your state agent. The book, "Story of Daniel the Prophet," will be the one special volume that we expect to study at this time. There should be a hundred agents in the field this summer for this wonderful book, which is truly the story of the ages told in a simple, plain, convincing, and effective way.

We trust there will be a large company coming forward to work for this book during the summer's campaign, and assure all the workers that Heaven's blessing is awaiting their demand and reception.

W. H. Covell.

### Under the Eye of the Sphinx

The battle is now on, and the King's Messengers are rapidly finding their places in chosen and appointed territory. The first man to shoulder the gun this year was the junior member among the boys, Mr. Leslie Bates. He is a wee chap, but he stormed the very center and capital of the state by landing his first shot in the capital city, Sacramento. He is looking well after expenses, and considers time the greatest factor in keeping the wolf from the door, for he took the first boat Thursday, and before the usual ceremonies, picnics, and closing outings paid their last respects to old Healdsburg, our friend Bates was on the battle-ground to do valiant service as a loyal, royal member of the King's Messengers.

Mr. Robert McKeague followed hard in the tracks of Brother Bates. We secured passage for him and saw him nicely on board the "Sierra," and he is now wafting his way toward the paradise of the Pacific, and will spend the vacation among the most genial of all island people—our Hawaiian neighbors—and if you had seen Robert as he bade farewell to the lilies of California you would have thought there were none blooming in the Hawaiian Islands. Never mind, we don't blame the boy much, but we do believe that with his earnest, whole-souled good will, he will succeed wonderfully in his mission, and your prayers are earnestly solicited for both of these junior members of the 1908 class.

And while Mr. McKeague is sailing in the breezes of the balmy Pacific, our Mr. Leon is rapidly hurrying toward Salt Lake City, having left last night on the overland express, where we believe he will put up great reports among our Mormon neighbors. Providence seems to

be favoring all the workers so far this year, but this is especially true in behalf of Brother Leon, our plucky Chinese brother, who has already spent two years as a faithful honorary member of the King's Messengers' Fraternity.

I am sure we will have some wonderful reports from different parts of the field this year. Think of receiving regular reports from the Hawaiian Islands, from Salt Lake City, and from Alabama,—for Brother and Sister Haley have promised to report from the Alabama field,—while Brother Reinke will be sending us reports from Mexico, as he has accepted the appointment to go to Mexico early in July. It is indeed refreshing to see so many of the workers going to the field with such determination, and so early in the season.

Brother Walter Harper has just made us a call at Mountain View. We have enjoyed an earnest counsel with Brother Harper, who is one of our oldest and most reliable bookmen. He has already made two campaigns this year, and the Lord blessed him beyond all that he has asked, and his deliveries have been unusually good.

W. H. Covell,

Cal. State Canvassing Agt.

### The Firing Line

#### A Charge to Workers

I would just like a little confidential word before you walk up to the firing line for active service. I have noted the fact that you are all willing to pay the price of victory, and I want to call this fact to your attention. Remember that in putting on the gospel armor all the requisite talent, courage, and power of Heaven will be granted you in Jesus' name; and you are in Heaven's choicest company when you enter the aristocracy of service. You know Moses chose to suffer affliction with God's people rather than the riches of all Egypt; David paid the price; Paul counted it all joy; Peter though he petered out many times before he learned how to meet defeat, was willing to boldly stand up for the Master's cause.

Now just a word as to the price: It will cost you a complete, whole-hearted acceptance of the message of reconciliation, a constant denial of the works of the flesh, and an abiding faith—that kind of faith which works by love and purifies the soul and trusts always in the saving power of the Captain of our salvation.

Let us ask God to imprint upon our hearts the great message of truth that we may realize the price we have to pay is the real crucifixion of self, and, having begun in the spirit, let us *patiently continue in good works. Go on, persevering in the spirit.* Beware of continuing or perfecting the works of the spirit through the works of the flesh. Let *"no confidence in the flesh"* be our battle-cry. Let a deep distrust of the flesh and fear of grieving the Spirit in walking after the flesh keep you very low and humble at the feet of the Master. Pray God for the spirit of revelation that you may see Jesus in all, and that you may do all by the Holy Spirit's taking its place in your life, and thus enthroning the heavenly King as the Keeper and Guide and Life of the soul.

Remember, then, the price of triumph is complete denial of the flesh with the works thereof. We are to know, and know that we know, this great truth. The flesh can be conquered, and its power broken. In the death of the beloved Son, our old man has been crucified. We may count all things but loss to be made conformable to that death; thus we reckon to yield ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Do we believe that through the Spirit Christ is our life, so that instead of the life of effort and works, an entirely new life works in us to do the will of the Father, and, having paid the price, victory—eternal victory—is assured?

Dear messengers, God has given you an opportunity to help Him, an opportunity to cooperate with the Infinite. Will you do it? Will you accept the message of "patient continuance in well-doing?" It is Heaven's message for the present time—present, living truth. Let me entreat you in the Master's name to hear the call and "do with your might what your hands find to do," and do it now, that you may be ministers in the hands of God to help Him to write the name of Jesus on the hearts of men. It is my prayer that God may guide and keep you every step of the way during the summer's campaign for 1908.

W. H. Covell.

### No More Literature Needed

I wish to thank my dear brethren and sisters for all the papers, etc., they have so kindly sent me. I now have enough for present needs. I make good use of them. S. B. Taft, Anadarko, Okla.

### Shots from the Firing Line 1908

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	
Miscellaneous				
Fries, R. S.	212	111	\$299.10	
"Bible Readings"				
Witbeck, H. M.	190	71	202.50	
Hutchinson, L. L.	211	129	337.00	
"Home and Health"				
Wright, S. A.	107	35	142.20	
"Coming King"				
Peach, Mrs. Mattie	133	112	172.50	
Thompson, J. D.	10	10	20.00	
"Great Controversy"				
Nagel, S. A.	38	36	97.00	
Totals		901	504	1,270.30
Average, \$1.41 per hour.				

### Report of Work in Alberta for Week Ending May 15, 1908

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	
"Great Controversy"				
Ellen Randlett	45	23	\$78.35	
C. Armeneau	43	16	53.75	
H. C. James	50	22	65.50	
W. J. McCready	25	13	39.75	
"Heralds of the Morning"				
Peter Riek	43	28	53.80	
Totals		206	102	291.15
Average, \$1.41 per hour.				

It will pay you to study carefully the above records, as they are the first shots of the season for 1908. Every record is full of encouragement, and you will note that no one whose name is recorded here has taken less than a dollar an hour for service rendered. Now, according to regulation time, this would be \$8.00 a day, or \$40 per week. If this isn't encouragement, then we don't know how a word picture can be presented to please you, for this record shows the actual figures of what is being done and being done now. May this year's record be the largest that has ever come from the field.

W. H. Covell.

### A Canvassing Report

I am once more back in Oakland, waiting for the grand, good camp-meeting soon to be held at Melrose, a suburb of East Oakland. I believe this gathering of our people will be a feast of good things, such an illumination spiritually as we can not conceive of unless we are there to share in it, and carry the good fruits of it to others.

God is on the giving hand now, and

His Spirit is to be poured out in a rich measure upon all who will put away sin and seek the Lord with the whole heart. O, may none miss the grand opportunity, and may all of our people share this great refreshing that will surely be manifest at this camp-meeting.

I finished my canvassing and delivery at Yuma, Ariz., and in the Imperial County about April 1. Then I began a short canvass on the Mojave Desert, visiting Victorville, Barstow, Mojave, and Tehachapi. God did greatly bless. Praise His exalted name!

On this last trip I took along with me, as a part of my regular canvassing work, that grand book, the treasure-casket of heaven-sent truth, "Ministry of Healing." I use this book in connection with my other work in the same manner as I have, at intervals for years, worked for "Christ's Object Lessons." I try to take orders for one or two or more—no limit—a day as missionary work for the Lord, besides the regular books I handle. God does bless the efforts. On this last trip I was favored with as high as eight orders in one day for "Ministry of Healing," besides other orders.

There is a rich blessing, a grand experience in carrying out the Lord's plans and purposes in circulating these two devoted books, "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing." O how I wish all our canvassers and workers—especially those working for scholarships—would take along one of these books devoted to the relief work, and try to sell one or two a day for the Master as missionary work. I am sure God would be pleased and greatly bless the efforts, and the soul of the worker would be watered.

Walter Harper.

May 29.

## The Sabbath-School

### The Sabbath-School—Past and Present

(Continued.)

"After the Sabbath-school was started in Battle Creek, Mich., our people in other places fell into line and started schools. After a time all began to feel the lack of question books and uniformity in our schools. There had previously been printed a few lessons in our *Youth's* (Concluded on page 6.)

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1908

Word has been received that Mrs. E. G. White expects to be at the Oakland camp-meeting during the entire time. She will have a tent on the ground, and no doubt will speak as many times as her strength will permit.

Immediately upon his return from Los Angeles last week, Elder Cottrell was called to Healdsburg and St. Helena to attend important meetings of the Pacific Union College and the Sanitarium Boards.

We were sorry to have to omit from our last week's paper Elder Loughborough's article "Sketches of the Past, No. 28." There was also a break in the series "The Sabbath-School—Past and Present." Both of these are resumed this week.

We wish to call particular attention to the charge to workers given in Brother W. H. Covell's little article, "The Firing Line." While this is written especially to the workers who are now entering the canvassing field with our books, the principles contained are good for all time, and in every line of Christian work. The crucifixion of self and the putting on of the whole armor of God for service is the requirement for every laborer in the Master's vineyard.

Again attention is called to the fact that the camp-meeting restaurant will be closed on both Sabbaths the meeting is in progress in Oakland. This is to give those who work in the cooking and serving departments opportunity to at-

tend the Sabbath services, and thus enjoy a few of the benefits of the camp-meeting. Prepared foods can, without doubt, be obtained the previous Friday afternoon at the camp store, so that those who count on patronizing the restaurant during the week will not be required to make extensive preparations for getting their own Sabbath meals. This plan seemed to prove quite satisfactory at the Lodi camp-meeting, and it is not anticipated that any difficulty will be experienced at Oakland.

From Grangeville, Cal., Elder C. M. Gardner writes that the interest in the tent meetings is good at that place. The following of interest is taken from his letter: "The preacher has spoken against us, and the devil tried to run a revival brigade in here and take our congregation. But they failed to get satisfactory results. While they had about forty for a congregation, we had about one hundred and forty. We heard that they have decided not to bring their tent over until we have gone. Their meeting was held in the M. E. Church. So I guess we have the field; but if we had not been here right on time, they would have headed us off." Later Elder Gardner says: "We baptized five souls at Merced last week, and others promised to receive the rite soon. I know it will rejoice your hearts, as well as ours, to hear of God's truth prospering in these parts."

## China

At the meeting of the Pacific Union Conference held at Sanitarium in January of this year, the following action was passed:

"In order that our people may have a definite work before them, we request the General Conference to assign the field of China to the Pacific Union Conference to which its contributions for missions may be directed."

This request was forwarded to the General Conference at that time, but no definite action was taken regarding it until the meeting of the spring council in April. At that time it was felt that, as all sections of the country may be interested alike in the different special mission fields, it would not be advisable to assign any particular land to one local or union conference. Other requests had been made for India in the same

way, and it was thought if a few of the stronger unions should adopt these interesting mission fields and place all their donations in them, other parts of the great world field might be left without necessary financial support. Hence the General Conference did not see its way clear to allow the Pacific Union to direct all its general contributions to the mission field of China. This does not preclude special donations to that needy and interesting land, but refers to the general donations for missions that now pass through the General Conference to the regions beyond.

## The Sabbath-School—Past and Present

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Instructor in Rochester, N. Y., but as these were not issued in book form, these lessons were not generally available at this early date. For the use of young people and adults there had been prepared in 1855 a series of fifty-two Sabbath-school lessons by R. C. Cottrell on the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus. These were issued in a neat little volume called "The Bible Class," by Elder J. E. White, and for years this little book was the basis of Sabbath-school study for the young people and the older ones; but as Elder Cottrell's excellent book was run from type, and no plates were made, after a while the edition was exhausted, and the study of the book necessarily ceased.

"At that time we had no book giving a full exposition of either Daniel or Revelation. We had a pamphlet on Daniel 2, 4, 8, and 9. In the year 1859 Brother Wm. Highly, of Alper, Mich., prepared a small pamphlet of questions on the book of Daniel as treated in this pamphlet, dividing it up into suitable length for each Sabbath. This was the only question book for senior classes for a number of years.

"Mention has been made of the embarrassment in this work on account of having no lesson helps for the young children. To supply this lack, in 1863 a sister by the name of Adella Patton began a series of Sabbath-school lessons in the *Youth's Instructor*, entitled, 'Bible Knowledge for Little Children.' There were 104 of these excellent lessons, and they were a great blessing in the Sabbath-schools."—*Faye Eagle* in "*S. W. Union Record*."