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The Church

“The world is dark, but you are called to brighten

Some little corner, some secluded glen;
Somewhere a burden rests that you may lighten,
And thus reflect the Master's love for men.

“Is there a brother drifting on life's ocean,

Who might be saved if you but speak a word?
Speak it to-day. The testing of devotion
Is our response when duty's call is heard.”

Sketches of the Past—No. 31

The great second advent movement has a sure foundation in the word of God. It was to be developed in that period of increased light which was to follow the prophecy of the “two witnesses” for a thousand two hundred and threescore years “clothed in sackcloth.” The two witnesses for the Lord are the Old and the New Testament Scriptures, which, for the period from 538 to 1798, called the Dark Ages, were kept from the common people; hence were said to prophecy in sackcloth. In the end of that period, during the French Revolution, called the Reign of Terror, from 1793 to 1796, war was made on these witnesses by the attack which was made on all religions. The French people, in their mad revelry, even dragged the Bible through the streets of Paris attached to the tail of a jackass. Then in burlesque they administered the bread and wine to the same

beast, and made a speech to the silver communion vessels of the sacrament, saying, “O you, instruments of fanaticism, blessed saints of all kinds, be at last patriots, rise *en masse*, and serve the country by going to the mint to be melted.”

The Lord declared that the other nations would not suffer the witnesses to be buried. After three and one-half days—three and one-half years, literal time—life was to come to these witnesses; they were to ascend to heaven in a cloud while their enemies should behold them. See Rev. 11:7-12. How truly this was fulfilled! The Bible was no longer to be read in obscurity, but was to come to a situation compared to a cloud in mid-heaven that all might see.

During that revolution, Voltaire in Paris made the statement that “in one hundred years the Bible would become obsolete, effete matter.” Now mark what did happen. In 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society was organized, which has issued millions of copies of the Scriptures in nearly five hundred different languages and dialects. Other numerous societies have been formed which have engaged in the same work. During the one-hundredth year from the time of Voltaire's statement concerning the Bible, there were more Bibles circulated in France than were known to be in existence in the world when Voltaire made his statement, and the very house in which he uttered those words was made a Bible house.

Look again, and see how the Lord causes that even those whose wrath is kindled against Him shall be agents in defeating their own teaching. The infidel agitators of the French Revolution discarded the Bible records of the past; but that

very nation was the one who, in 1798, the very year which the Lord had said by His prophets would mark the beginning of the era for increased knowledge on the Scriptures, discovered the key to the hieroglyphic and cuneiform characters on ancient tablets. As stated not long since by one writer: “The pick and shovel that are unearthing these tablets are now doing more to establish the ancient Bible records than any other outside testimony.”

In the year 1798 the French army, when making an excavation at Fort St. Julien, on the Rosetta branch of the Nile, dug up what has since been called “the Rosetta Stone.” This stone was placed in the British Museum in the year 1802. In my half dozen visits to that museum I have always made it a point to see that stone, and once placed my hand upon it. It is a slab of black basalt, about two inches in thickness, and some eighteen by thirty inches in size, with an irregular contour of the edges.

On this stone there are three kinds of characters: First, the hieroglyphics, the language of the priests; second, demotic, or cuneiform characters, the writing of the common people; third, Greek. On reading the Greek it was found that this stone was thus inscribed 198 B.C., and that it contained an account of certain conquests, and that the record was placed on the stone in these three forms. There were parenthetical clauses in every form, so they knew these clauses were the same. In the hieroglyphic clause were all the characters of that language used on the stone. The Greek was read and this unraveled the hieroglyphics. So this stone became at once the *key* that unlocked these hitherto mysterious writings.

The unearthing of tons of the cunei-

form tablets is revealing in their records such a confirmation of ancient scriptural statements of facts that the archeologists now say with great boldness to those who would discount ancient Bible records, "Hands off."

J. N. Loughborough.

Educational

Report of Fernando Academy for Year 1907-8

The attendance this past year has been the largest in the history of the school. During the school year 150 students were enrolled in the upper grades, and 75 in the church school. The hard times affected the attendance somewhat, and the school closed with about 100 persons in attendance in the upper grades, and fifty in the lower grades.

The Bible teaching by Elder Owen attracted quite a number of the older persons in the conference. At one time his Bible Doctrines class had 80 members. Other Bible classes were larger, also, than they had ever been before. Prof. H. E. Osborne gave good satisfaction in the English department, but, on account of ill health, he was obliged to give up his work. This work was divided among other teachers. I presume all have heard that Brother Osborne died in the month of February. His leaving the school was a severe blow to the work of the year.

Prof. J. L. Kay had seven classes under his care. The subjects that he taught were the following: Physics, Astronomy, Algebra, Geometry, History I, Zoology, and Spanish. His sixteen years of experience in the schoolroom has given him the ability to present the subjects in a very attractive way.

The Normal Department was reorganized, and the work made very attractive to the students. Fourteen or fifteen young persons took the first year of the three years' course in the Normal Department. They are all anxious to return next year to take the second year's work. The work was under the direct supervision of Brother M. P. Robison, but there were associated with him Miss Ruth Kane and Mable Noggle as assistants.

Fourteen or fifteen young persons started in the stenographic course at the beginning of the year. Several dropped

out, but nine finished the course. The work of this department has been much more satisfactory than it has ever been before.

Quite a number of students entered the department for the training of ministers and Bible workers, and several who had been pursuing the work for several years finished their courses.

The spiritual condition of the school during the year was excellent. Our Friday-evening meetings were well attended, and became an inspiration to the young people. Here many victories were gained and determinations made. There were quite a number of remarkable conversions during the school year. The week of prayer was an eventful one.

We also had Elder Warren with us during the last few weeks of the school year, and his help was a blessing to the school. We feel that the success of the school in all lines depends upon its spirituality.

The missionary spirit in the school was especially strong. Home and foreign missionary work was done by the students, and nearly all have definite work in view. Four of our young people were appointed by the Mission Board to take up work in Africa. Two of them are now with Brother W. H. Anderson in Barotseland, and two were to be assigned to a mission station by the South African Conference when they arrived in Cape Town. Quite a number of other young people are looking toward work in Africa. Others have their eyes upon China, Japan, India, and the islands of the sea.

Feeling that the trend of sentiment was for a preparation for foreign fields, we offer a foreign missionary course this year. In three years' work, the student gets a training in medical missionary lines, in normal work, a thorough knowledge of the Bible, and a general education. This is already the popular course of the school, and next year will find a large number enrolled in this department.

This year there were twenty-one graduates, which was more than twice as many as during any previous year. Nearly all gave their lives definitely to the promulgation of the work of the third angel's message.

Our faculty for next year has been made up, and we expect a very successful school year.

Elder Owen has been called to take up work in the Loma Linda school, so we have been very fortunate in securing the services of Elder E. J. Hibbard, of San

Francisco, who will teach Bible, History, and Pastoral Training. We have also felt for several years that we should have a physician in connection with the school, but have been unable to secure one until now. Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr, formerly a missionary in Mexico, will give a two years' training in medical missionary work. She will also teach dietetics, and lead the pupils to do the actual work in caring for the sick.

The remaining members of the faculty are: J. L. Kay, Mrs. H. G. Lucas, Mrs. J. L. Kay, Genevieve Johnson, M. P. Robison, Ruth Kane, Grace Goodell, J. F. Gaster, and Mrs. J. F. Gaster.

We have been blessed in the financial management of the school. In 1906-7, after paying all expenses, the school showed a net gain of over \$1,600, and this year, after paying all expenses, it shows a net gain of \$1,900. In the fall of 1905 the debt was between twenty-three and twenty-four thousand dollars. In 1906 it had been reduced to \$11,000; in 1907 it had fallen to \$5,500, and at this writing the debt has been reduced to \$1,800, with enough accounts due the school, and pledges promised, to be paid by camp-meeting, to wipe it out almost entirely. Out of its own earnings the school has been able to pay \$3,300 on the debt during the last two years, besides making some necessary improvements.

H. G. Lucas.

Southern California School Items

A large portion of the fifteen church schools of Southern California closed the 29th of May. This has been the most successful school year we have had. A large percentage of the older pupils have grown up in the church school, and the influence of the Bible training is telling in the formation of their characters. In some of our schools the entire seventh and eighth grades took their stand firmly for the Lord and united with the church. About 400 pupils have had the advantage of a Christian training in our schools outside of the academy.

During the year the little missionary societies among the children have done very commendable work in circulating our literature, and in helping-hand mission work. Several of the schools cultivated missionary gardens. From two of these gardens the proceeds of their sales amounted to about \$25 each. All of the money thus earned has been very cheer-

fully set apart for the spread of the gospel in foreign fields.

In their early years some of the children are taking a deep interest in the fields abroad, and in their study of the field as a whole have selected particular countries where they desire at maturity to go as active missionaries.

It was my privilege to attend a number of the closing exercises of the children, and it was very encouraging to see the exercises given wholly to Bible and missionary work. One program, which consisted wholly of Bible exercises and a consideration of missionary work, was so well received both by our own people and by those not of our faith, that the children were obliged to render it the second time. Truly the Lord is blessing the work, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the financial depression will not result in restricting the work another year.

E. S. Ballenger.

Pacific Union Conference Institute

The first session of the Pacific Union Conference Teachers' Institute was held in the college chapel at Healdsburg, Cal., at nine o'clock, June 17. About thirty were present at the opening exercises, the majority of these being teachers from the Southern California Conference. For various reasons the teachers from the Northern California Conference were a little late in arriving.

Every one present seemed to be full of joy and thanksgiving to God that He had permitted so many workers to meet in a union institute, a privilege which has hitherto been denied the school workers in this part of the coast. Especially was this expressed by some of the older teachers who have labored for years to bring about such an occasion.

In the course of his remarks in welcoming the young people to the few weeks of study together upon which they were entering, Professor Lucas made the statement that the same enthusiasm that would be required to set a man of forty years at work would set a dozen young people on fire. How important, then, is the work for the young!

Prof. I. C. Colcord quoted the following: "God has one hand upon the helm, and in the other He holds the program of future events." He stated further that as the Salvation Army has its three S's, Soap, Supper, and Salvation, and the old standard of education

was the three R's, Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic; so our motto should be the three H's, the training of the Head, Hand, and Heart.

Prof. E. S. Ballenger, from Southern California, recited a little past history in connection with church-school and institute work on the coast. He stated that nine years ago the first church-school institute held on the Pacific Coast convened at Healdsburg. There were thirteen teachers present at that time, only one of whom, besides himself, was present on this occasion. From a few church schools which were hardly worthy the name, our educational work has developed until at the present time nine tenths of our schools compare very favorably with the public schools of the state.

That this union institute was the beginning of a new era in our educational work was the prediction of Prof. E. D. Sharpe.

Nearly all of the teachers present spoke of their work, and of the pleasure it afforded them to be privileged to attend such a meeting. Surely God has a work to be done for and by our young people.

The remainder of the day was given to outlining the work of the institute and arranging for the classes.

Institute Items

Nearly all of the daily domestic work is done by the teachers, thus saving the expense of so much hired help.

Prof. H. G. Lucas is giving the teachers some instruction in elementary bookkeeping and the keeping of simple accounts.

At the present writing there are about forty teachers connected with the institute, and more arriving almost every day.

Mr. S. A. Wright is rendering good service as general man, as well as printer, baker, laundryman, etc., about the institute.

Prof. H. G. Lucas occupied the pulpit in the church on Sabbath. His theme was the work which God desires us to do now.

A very interesting and profitable social meeting was held in the parlor last Sabbath eve. It was an inspiration to all present.

One of the most interesting sessions of the day is the half hour's music lesson by Miss Genevieve Johnson, of Fernando Academy.

Elder B. L. Howe, from Armona, has charge of the United States History and civics work, and the study in Daniel and Revelation.

Mrs. Alma McKibbin's primary Bible class is one of great interest to all the teachers. Just now they are drawing maps of Bible lands.

The culinary department of the institute work is presided over by Mrs. Buchanan, who is ably assisted by Mrs. Arthur Wright and the lady teachers.

Mrs. Delpha Miller, of the Southern California Conference, conducts a half hour's lesson each day in drawing and illustrating. This class is well attended.

Miss Abbie O. Oakes, of Healdsburg, and Miss Ruth Kane, of Fernando, have been giving some valuable instruction in the teaching of primary reading and Bible story telling for the little folks.

A class which is well attended is Professor Ballenger's half hour's lecture each day on astronomy. The use of the large college telescope also adds materially to the interest in this work.

The geography review and the work in gardening and wood-sloyd is under the direction of Mr. M. P. Robison, normal director of Fernando Academy. The gardens are just beginning to materialize.

One of the most enthusiastic classes of the day is Professor Colcord's large class in school management. In this is studied the proper end to be sought in all educational work, that of developing our children into Christian men and women in the broader sense of the word.

Every Missionary Volunteer should strive to become a "Member of Attainment" at the earliest possible moment. To know the fundamental truths of the third angel's message, and the history of the Advent movement is essential for those who would give the message.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

Conference Proceedings

A special session of the California Conference was held in connection with the Oakland camp-meeting. The first meeting was held June 9, with thirty-seven churches represented by one hundred thirty-eight delegates.

The principal subject for consideration was the question of the removal of the Pacific Union College from Healdsburg, Cal., to some more favorable location.

The partial report of the auditor, J. J. Ireland, on the business for the past year showed quite a loss in the operating expenses.

Quite a diversity of opinion was manifested among the delegates, and a motion to continue the school in Healdsburg was lost. This virtually meant the closing of the school in that place, and the following recommendations were finally adopted:

First: We recommend that this conference furnish facilities to its young people for a college education.

Second: That we put forth every effort to locate the college in a more rural district.

Third: That we raise a fund of \$60,000 for the paying of the debt on the Pacific Union College, and that we reestablish ourselves in the country; that a record of the donations be continuously published in the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER.

Fourth: That we go no farther in making investments than our funds on hand will permit, and that we contract no debts.

Subscriptions were taken on this fund amounting in cash and conditional pledges to over \$12,000.

A committee of seven, consisting of H. Shultz, Dallas Gray, S. N. Haskell, W. T. Knox, F. A. Lashier, W. E. Whalin, and W. C. White, were chosen to select a location for the new school.

The trustees of the Pacific Educational Association offered the following resolutions to the conference, which were also adopted:

First: *Resolved*, That the committee of seven appointed to determine upon a location for the future work of our college

be authorized to serve as a committee on building.

Second: *Whereas*, The conference has taken action to the effect that college and academic work should no longer be carried on at Healdsburg, and,

Whereas, It might not be possible to provide the necessary facilities, buildings, etc., for such work elsewhere by the beginning of the next college year, therefore,

We recommend, That the college and academic work proper of the conference be conducted, during the coming school year, in connection with the Normal Institute to be located at Lodi, Cal., unless a more suitable location can be secured.

New churches organized by J. W. Bagby at Island and Laguna were admitted into the conference.

E. A. Chapman,
Conf. Sec.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Pacific Educational Association was held according to announcement. The constituency endorsed the recommendations passed by the conference at its special session; hence the college will not open again at Healdsburg.

Plans will be put in operation at once to locate, at an early date, in some desirable place in the country. We are not sure that this can be done in time for the opening of the school next fall at the usual time, but special efforts will be put forth to bring about the best results.

The Board of Directors are as follows: S. N. Haskell, F. A. Lashier, Dallas Gray, H. Shultz, P. J. Wolfson, I. C. Colcord, and H. W. Cottrell.

H. W. Cottrell, *President*.
F. A. Lashier, *Sec. & Treas.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Southern California Conference Association Notice

The ninth annual session of the Southern California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp-ground in Los Angeles, Cal., August 6 to 16. The first meeting of this session will convene August 10, at 9:30 A.M. At this time officers will be elected, and all other business pertaining to the annual session will be transacted.

G. W. Reaser, *President*.
Frank Lane, *Secretary*.

Glendale Sanitarium Meeting

The fourth annual session of the Glendale Sanitarium will be held on the camp-ground in Los Angeles, August 6 to 16. The first meeting of this session will convene August 12 at 9:30 A.M. This meeting is called for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as naturally pertains to such meeting.

E. G. Fulton, *President*.
J. J. Wessels, *Secretary*.

Southern California Sanitarium Association

The first annual session of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California will be held in connection with the general camp-meeting, August 6 to 16. The first meeting of this session will convene August 11 at 9:30 A.M., at which time officers will be elected and all other business pertaining to such session will be transacted.

E. G. Fulton, *President*.
J. J. Wessels, *Secretary*.

Southern California Conference Notice

The ninth annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and of the Southern California Tract Society will be held on the camp-ground at Los Angeles, August 6 to 16. The first meeting of this session of the conference will convene at 9:30 A.M., August 7. This session is called for the electing of officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as naturally pertains to the annual meeting.

All churches in the conference are entitled to a delegate representation at this session on the following basis: One delegate to represent the church organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty-five members thereof.

G. W. Reaser, *President*.
Frank Lane, *Secretary*.

Fernando Academy

Calendars for 1908-9 will be sent on request to interested parties.

We offer nine courses as follows: Foreign Missionary, Ministerial and Bible Workers', Normal, Academic, Commercial, Stenographic, Music Teachers', Nurses', Preparatory, and Preparatory Medical.

H. G. Lucas, *Principal*.
San Fernando, Cal.

Some Startling Information

How much money do you think is spent in the United States in a year for intoxicating liquors?

How much for tobacco?

How much for confectionery, soft drinks, patent medicines, jewelry, etc?

Over three and one-half billion dollars. How much do you think is given for foreign missions?

Seven and one-half millions.

Just think of it! *Three and one-half billion* for intoxicating liquor and other useless and harmful things, and *only seven and one-half millions* for missions!

This is all illustrated by striking diagrams in the Missions Number of the *Signs of the Times* just off the press.

On one page of this number the heathen countries are shown by colossal images representing the various nations:

China with over 400,000,000 inhabitants.

India with over 300,000,000; and so on down.

Over a billion persons still in the darkness of heathenism!

This is nearly two-thirds of the inhabitants of the globe. Just think of it!

These facts and figures are all clearly illustrated and explained in this number of the paper, together with the most touching appeals ever put in print.

On two pages of the paper are portraits and a brief biographical sketch of thirty-two of the pioneer missionaries.

This is something that can not be found in any other journal. Libraries, books, magazines, and periodicals have been ransacked to obtain these portraits and this valuable information.

They are designated as "God's Advance Guard in Mission Fields."

Here are Carey, Judson, Livingstone, and all the other noted missionaries. Some who have seen these two pages say that they alone are worth ten times the cost of the paper; and they are.

The cover page is a sermon in itself. It was drawn by a famous New York artist, Mr. Charles Mente, and represents Christ sending forth His disciples two by two into the dark world.

The first article in the paper is by Dr. A. T. Pierson, editor of the *Missionary Review of the World*, without doubt the best informed man on missions and missionary work now living. His article is entitled, "The Open Doors before God's People." It is intensely interesting.

Then follow other articles, giving a brief history of missions and missionary effort during the last century.

Dr. Pierson states that a century ago not one heathen country was open to missionaries, but that now the whole world is open and the inhabitants calling for help.

The last few pages of the paper contain appeals from missionaries in various parts of the world which will touch the hardest heart.

The paper contains over 100 beautiful illustrations.

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One peculiar and very interesting feature of succeeding numbers will be a series of illustrated Bible-readings appearing under the head of "Home Bible Studies for Winter Evenings."

These readings will be in the form of studies with questions and answers, covering all the great features of the gospel.

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The Field

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Central California Intermediate School

This school opened September 30. At the present writing we have enrolled fifty-eight students.

A most excellent spirit prevails throughout the school. Several of the pupils have a fixed purpose to fit themselves for some place in the work of God.

The conference committee has given us encouragement to plan for a good, strong canvassing class some time near the close of our school year. Let all the young men and women in our district plan to attend this. Ask your church elder for a copy of the "Seed Sower," and read what boys and girls have done, and then get ready to do likewise. We will send notice to every church in time, giving full explanation.

This intermediate school is organized after the order recommended at the conference session held at San Jose. It is an accredited school, and pupils completing the work here will be accepted at the Pacific Union College and Normal Training-School.

The church school connected with the Central California Intermediate School is crowded almost to its limit. This includes six grades, and is under the management of Mrs. L. E. Howe.

Last year this was the only school for Hanford, Armona, and Lemoore. This year we have a good, strong church school at Hanford, and a small, but good church school just across the river to the north of us, on the "Grant." Still our school is full to overflowing. Last year we had not one pupil from Lemoore. This year we have fourteen. By next year we will have a good, strong church school in Lemoore.

"Nothing succeeds like success." This is God's work and with God there is always success.

Our intermediate school district includes all the churches in the San Joaquin Valley, from the southern boundary of the conference to the northern boundary of San Joaquin County.

We have a home in connection with the school where pupils from a distance are taken and cared for. Any pupils in our district wishing to take advantage of the

privileges of the school should correspond with B. L. Howe, Box 44, Armona, Cal.

Humboldt County

Since my last report concerning our work in Humboldt County I have baptized one more soul at Blue Lake, making four—three adults and one child—as the result of our meetings at that place.

Some three weeks ago Brother W. L. Sims joined me in labor. He located his family at the small town of Loleta, about fourteen miles south of Eureka on the railroad. We were refused the use of the only church in the town, so fitted up a storeroom and began meetings two weeks ago Sunday night. While the attendance has not been large—not exceeding fifty at any time—yet we are told we have had a good hearing as compared with meetings held in the church. Some have manifested a good degree of interest and say they have never heard such things before. We will present testing truths this week, then we can tell better as to the real interest. But we trust the Lord will touch some hearts and make them obedient unto the word.

Pray for the work in Humboldt County.

A. J. Osborne,
W. L. Sims.

October 23.

Camino and Folsom

As has already been reported in the RECORDER of August 29, Brother and Sister Moler and myself severed our connection with the work in San Francisco, where we had labored for four months, and began a series of meetings at Camino, seven miles east of Placerville, in Eldorado County.

The first meeting was held August 11, and in a short time we learned of a well-organized opposition. However, we were glad to see a fair attendance at each service notwithstanding the fact that some who were interested were prevented from attending by the opposition.

We closed the meetings September 29. Six decided to keep all the "commandments of God and the faith of Jesus," and several others are convinced, some of whom, we believe, will yet obey.

After closing the meetings at Camino, we moved to Folsom. From the first, we have seen the Lord's hand in preparing the way before us. We found the place we wanted to pitch our tents and

then went to see the owner. He told us we were entirely welcome to all the space we needed. Then he hunted up the lumber dealer, and told him our needs, and he invited us to go to the yard and help ourselves, *gratis*.

The first meeting in Folsom was held the evening of October 20, and although the attendance was not as large as we had expected, still we believe the Lord is preparing hearts for the reception of His word.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people, that His blessing may attend the effort being made at Folsom.

C. H. Moler,
Mrs. C. H. Moler,
Jas. A. Stevens.

October 21.

Le Grand

We began meetings in this place two weeks ago, and have had splendid interest and attendance every night. Some evenings our seating capacity was not sufficient to accommodate all.

Sunday two Methodist pastors were present and we held a union service in the tent devoted to the temperance and prohibition work. The Lord's good Spirit was present and we believe good impressions were made on many hearts. We are just introducing the Sabbath question, and can not tell as yet what the results will be. We are of good cheer in the Lord.

C. M. Gardner,
James Taphouse,
A. J. Stevens.

Arizona Conference Items

Our church school, which is taught by Sister Myrtle Harris, is progressing nicely.

Drs. Bond report a good patronage at the sanitarium and an encouraging outlook for the future.

At a recent meeting of our conference committee it was decided to hold our next annual conference early in January instead of in April.

We are glad to be able to welcome Elder F. H. Wheeler to our number of conference workers. He has located at Prescott, and if his health will permit, will do ministerial work in the northern part of our field.

October 19 and 20 the writer held four meetings with the Tucson church, two for the English-speaking members, and two for the Spanish. There was a good spirit manifested, and we hope that God's work in that thriving city may be greatly strengthened in the near future.

Sister Mintie E. Bodwell, who has been at Tucson for some months, has gone to Douglas to assist the work in that city. She can help in the Spanish interest as well as the English. Elder Bond can also speak Spanish. They will also have Brother Jaun Orozco to help develop the work among the Spanish people.

Elder S. Thurston recently arrived in Phoenix, and is to connect with our conference work, laboring in the Salt River Valley, or possibly at Tucson. We are indebted to our sister conference in Southern California who meets his traveling expenses to this field, and assists in supporting him while with us.

We get some good reports from our canvassers, but the recent drop in the price of copper has almost created a panic in some places. The present conditions are a hindrance, but God's work must go—will go, regardless of difficulties. How often we fail to do our work in times of prosperity, only to be obliged to do it under adverse and most trying circumstances. When will we learn the better way?

Brother J. P. Dillon is at work in Prescott, and reports a number of interested readers. There are eight new Sabbath-keepers in the city as a result of the tent effort and the personal efforts following. Elder J. E. Bond and his wife enjoyed their work in Prescott, and would have been glad to continue it longer. They are now at Douglas, which is a new field, and we expect for good reports from them in the near future.

H. G. Thurston.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Brother M. J. Allen contributes another \$35 for the support of a native worker in the foreign field. This contribution is to be used for the maintenance of a worker in China.

This brings the number up to thirty-one similar contributions received in our conference during the past two years.

October 20. G. W. Reaser.

UTAH

Items of Interest

Mr. M. H. Leon, of Healdsburg, Cal., arrived in Salt Lake City, May 29, to engage in canvassing work in Utah this summer. He is doing encouraging work in Ogden at the present time.

Elder H. G. Gjording began meetings in Salt Lake City in the Danish language, June 10. The prospects of a good interest in these meetings are bright, and we hope to see results from this effort.

Elder M. H. St. John, who has just closed up his work at Provo, baptized three, and there are four more who will join the church shortly. Elder St. John now goes to Ogden to join Elder Hare in a tent effort this summer.

Elder J. O. Corliss and Mr. Johnson arrived in Salt Lake City June 10 from the coast. These brethren will assist in the work in Salt Lake City this summer, Elder Corliss to have charge of the tent-effort which will begin within the next week or ten days.

S. G. Huntington.

June 12.

ARIZONA

We look for Sister Bodwell's soon return from her Texas visit where she has spent some weeks taking a much-needed rest and change.

We were glad to welcome Brethren Fred and Walter Owen who recently came with their father and mother to locate in Phoenix.

A church school for our bright children of Flagstaff will be opened next September, and we expect Sister Leona Lewis will be the teacher.

The sanitarium has had a good patronage, and is doing better than last year during June. The Desert Sanitarium has also accomplished a good work.

Our school work in Phoenix during the past year was very successful. The term closed June 9; and the teacher, Sister Myrtle Harris, left for her home in California June 11. We shall consider ourselves fortunate if we secure her services another year.

Good reports come from the workers in the field. Brother Sims has found some honest hearts at Jerome where he and his wife have spent several weeks.

Sickness retards our work, for several of our workers are inclined to be feeble; but we are thankful to see souls taking hold of the truth in practically every effort.

We now plan to open a department in school where our promising Mexicans can be taught in the Spanish and prepared to present God's message to their own people. This will make it necessary to secure two or three teachers for our Phoenix school another year, but with the great need of such instruction among our Spanish-speaking population in this country and Mexico, we do not feel that we can be blameless longer and make no effort in this direction. This may possibly mean a sort of industrial line a little later, but we hardly see how to accomplish much in that direction just now owing to the lack of funds. As it is, we shall be taxed to our utmost in starting the enterprise, but is it not one worthy of a place among God's people in this vast Spanish-speaking field?

Of late there has been no little agitation in Phoenix over the matter of closing the barber-shops on Sunday. A protest was drawn up and circulated by our brethren which we believe did great good, and caused much favorable comment. It was copied in full by a leading daily under the large head-lines, "Adventists Want No Sunday-Closing in Phoenix." The same night the petition to close all barber-shops on Sunday came before the City Council. The next issue of the paper contained an article with prominent head-lines "Local Reformers Given Solar Plexus." The article opened as follows: "Just on the verge of grabbing the blue-laws of Connecticut and putting them into effect in Phoenix, the City Council last night checked the wave of reform rampant in this city," etc., and closed with these words, "The members of the Council adjourned satisfied that they had at last found themselves in a position to administer a check to the reform wave in Phoenix."

The Lord is blessing His work in this city and in other parts of Arizona.

H. G. Thurston.

BOOK WORK CALIFORNIA

Report for King's Messengers for Week Ending June 12, 1908

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Coming King"			
John D. Thompson	52	25	\$70.00
Miss Tressa Belvail	43	58	93.00
Miss Miriam Clark	40	17	34.50
Mrs. Mattie Peach	34	34	52.00
Miss Della Stearns	29	19	36.00
Miss Attie E. Howe	28	55	90.50
Miss Ethel Holmes	28	50	78.50
"Story of Daniel"			
Miss Lottie Bell Maxson	44	10	20.00
"Bible Readings"			
W. B. Findley	72	25	70.00
"Daniel and Revelation"			
Arthur N. Donaldson	30	7	19.25
Alfonso N. Anderson	24	6	21.35
"Great Controversy"			
Hayden Gilstrap	26	7	22.95
"Home and Health"			
M. H. Leon	50	19	60.50
"Heralds of the Morning"			
Leslie W. Bates	20	12	24.00

Total 570 347 \$665.55
 Average, \$1.27 per hour; \$10.02 per day; \$50.10 per week; \$200.40 per month.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Report for Two Weeks Ending June 12, 1908

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Great Controversy"			
S. A. Nagel	81	46	\$145.50
L. C. Ackerman	76	23	81.00
"Bible Readings"			
J. H. Hidley	70	16	67.00
Philip Knox	49	20	58.75
Lindsay Hesseltine	45	30	56.00
Fred Petersen	40	1	2.75
"Seer of Patmos"			
Aubrey Knight	67	7	15.50
"Coming King"			
Guy Kay	68	38	49.20
Henry Brown	65	35	51.00
Chas. Parrett	58	31	31.00
John Brown	57	84	133.00
Earl Hackett	55	95	137.50
Ernest Morrow	51	29	30.25
Ethel Mellor	39	18	31.00
Ethel Clark	31	19	15.00
Alice Chapman	24	9	14.25
Floyd Henry	15	3	3.50
Laura Barr	11	19	16.50

Total 902 514 \$940.20

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1908

Let none of our churches forget that Sabbath, July 4, is the date for the mid-summer offerings. Readings have been sent out by the Mission Board, and a large donation is anticipated.

A workers' institute is now in progress in Oakland under the direction of Brother W. H. Covell. The special object of this convention is to prepare workers to handle Elder Haskell's book, "The Story of the Prophet Daniel."

We are certainly glad to welcome the first number of the season of "The Messengers' Bulletin," gotten out by the Southern California Tract Society, as an encouragement to its field workers, and a record of what is being done in book lines. The report which is therein contained is found in our Book Work column. Do not fail to note the good things it contains.

Elder A. G. Christiansen, who has spent a number of years in the work in Utah, has been compelled to leave that state on account of his wife's health, and has taken up work in the Southern California Conference. Elder S. Hare, of Southern California, has gone to Utah to take up work in his place. Elder Christiansen's present address is 257 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

On account of the floods which have made traffic in Montana next to impossible for the past few weeks, the camp-meeting which was advertised to be held

at Missoula has been called off for the present. Elder W. A. Spicer, secretary of the General Conference, who was to have attended that meeting, made a few days' visit to California. He spoke at the Mountain View church Tuesday evening of last week, and also on the Sabbath.

Elder R. S. Porter, formerly president of the Southwestern Union Conference, together with his wife, made a flying trip to Mountain View last week. They were en route to their new field of labor in South Africa, where Elder Porter is to have the presidency of the South African Union Conference. They expected to have more time to spend in our conference, but were delayed on the way by the floods then prevailing in the middle West, hence had to pass right on in order to take the boat at Vancouver, B. C., for Australia, which sailed on the 19th. It is their intention to stop for several weeks in Australia, and attend some general meetings and conference sessions there before going on to Africa.

A new feature of gospel work in Southern California is the mission home which has recently been started in Los Angeles. In this home are about twenty young people from Fernando Academy, under the direction of one of the teachers or conference workers, who are giving the summer vacation to selling our periodicals and books, and to giving Bible-readings, and doing medical missionary work in the city. A building has been secured at a very reasonable rental at 116 W. 25th Street, in which the workers reside. A good interest is being taken in this work by the conference, Fernando Academy, and the members of the Los Angeles and Fernando churches, all of whom have helped in a material way toward the starting and maintenance of the home. Living expenses in the home have been reduced to a minimum, and the workers are supporting themselves by selling papers and books. Already many precious experiences have been had by these young people, and interested ones are being found in every part of the city. God will certainly bless this effort to carry the warning message to the large cities. Why could not the same work be started in other places which God has been telling us should be warned at once?

Mid-Summer Offering for Foreign Missions

The Lord has unquestionably set His hand to finish the work of the everlasting gospel as presented in its threefold setting of Rev. 14:6-16.

His work is not done spasmodically, but continuously. While we sleep others are working, and as the Lord never slumbers nor sleeps He is, by His Spirit, working continually for the enlightenment and salvation of those in darkness and sin.

Amidst the moral darkness of this world, when everything from a worldly point of view appears uncertain and the mere professor and the worldling are ill-at-ease and all their plans and expectations are uncertain, the work of God moves onward, steadily onward as only His work can in such strenuous times as these.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, the Lord calls us to participate with Him in this the only work that will survive these strenuous times.

What will we do as individuals in this union conference in a financial way toward the support of our foreign missionaries as the opportunity is presented to us in the usual mid-summer offering, July 4, 1908?

The treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board has published that the treasury was empty June 7, 1908.

We can not afford to put our hands to the gospel plow and look back. We must press onward. The union and local conferences have come to the aid of the Board by gifts and temporary loans from time to time during the past. Now let us arise as brethren in one common cause and release the situation by a wonderfully large free-will offering to God. Let it not be said of us, "Ye have robbed Me . . . in . . . offerings."

H. W. Cottrell.

Canvass for the Temperance "Watchman"

The publishers of the *Watchman* have prepared a suggestive canvass for the Temperance Number of that paper; it will be sent free on request. Ask for it, also ask for particulars about this timely issue of the *Watchman*. Address your state tract society.