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

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The Church

A Success Motto

"Some wait ever for the morrow; present hours slip by;

'So little can be done to-day, what's the use to try?'

Notice, he who grasps the moments, every one that flies,

Is the man in life's short contest who obtains the prize."

Sketches of the Past—No. 33

The apostle Peter, when speaking of Christ's second coming, said, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of His majesty." Then he refers to the Transfiguration, where Christ was enshrouded in glory as He will appear when He comes, where also appeared Elias, a representative of those who will be translated in that day, and Moses, a sample of the resurrected ones. Thus was fulfilled the prediction of the Saviour that they should "see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom." This sight was a proof that the Lord will appear; but the apostle continues, "We have a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:16-19.

The word of the Lord, in the plainest manner, does declare the second coming of Christ. He said of Himself, "I go

to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself." John 14:2, 3. The two shining angels who stood by the disciples, as Christ ascended, said, "This same Jesus which is taken from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. And to John on the Isle of Patmos it was said, "Behold He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7.

The position of the church relative to that event is thus stated, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Col. 3:4. "A crown of righteousness . . . unto all them that love His appearing." 2 Tim. 4:8. "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5:4. "The trial of your faith . . . found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7. "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2.

Of the church *looking* for His coming, we read, "We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Phil. 3:20. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13. "Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28. "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God." 2 Peter 3:12.

The church is not only to anticipate the coming of Christ, but to get ready for it, and *wait*. So the apostle Paul represents the true church as "*waiting* for the coming of our Lord Jesus

Christ." 1 Cor. 1:7. He spake of the church in Thessalonica as "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God: and to *wait* for His Son from heaven." 1 Thess. 1:9, 10. His prayer for them was, "The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient *waiting* for Christ." 2 Thess. 3:5. Our Lord's own admonition to His church is, to be "like unto men that *wait* for their lord when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately." Luke 12:36. Those who meet aright that glad day are thus represented by the prophet Isaiah, "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God, we have *waited* for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have *waited* for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.

Waiting implies a readiness for the event, as also a knowledge that the event is nearing. Notwithstanding it is said "of that day and hour knoweth no man" (Matt. 24:36), yet in the same connection we are told, when certain signs are fulfilled, to "*know* that it is near, even at the doors" (Verse 33), and to watch because "ye know not whether it will come at even, at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning." Mark 13:35. While it is plainly declared that the event will overtake the masses, "as a thief in the night," the Lord's people are told that it will not thus come upon them, "because ye are children of light and children of the day" (1 Thess. 5:5), meaning that they have a knowledge of the near coming, and anticipate it by entire consecration to the Lord.

J. N. Loughborough.

Educational

Recommendations Passed at the Pacific Union Conference Teachers' Institute, July 3, 1908.

1. In order to secure uniformity in our school work, and to be in harmony with the general educational organization, we recommend the adoption of the "Church School Manual," compiled by the General Conference, making the necessary changes to meet the local needs, these changes to be printed in a pamphlet to accompany said manual.

2. We appreciate the efforts of the Northern California Conference in getting out a teachers' manual for the elementary schools, and we favor its use as an auxiliary book.

3. No changes in the outlines adopted by this Institute shall be made without the consent of the Educational Department of the Pacific Union College, new outlines to be submitted for approval.

4. Recommended, that H. G. Lucas be requested to write to Professor Griggs at Cleveland, Ohio, asking the committee on text-books to get out the following books for use when school opens in September: All of Mrs. McKibbin's "Bible Lessons," "True Education Reader Series,"—Books Four and Six; Bunch's "United States History," and Garretson's "Graded Music for Church Schools."

5. We make the following recommendations as to grades:

First Grade.

Bible and Nature. Follow outlines given on pages 175-181 of "Church School Manual." E. D. Sharpe, M. P. Robison, and Misses Ruth Kane and Abbie Oakes are to revise the outline for the first three years so as to produce a closer union of Bible and nature throughout the year, and correlating busy work, suggestions to be printed in the pamphlet.

Reading. See "Church School Manual," page 158.

Industrial Study and Music. "Manual," page 158.

Second Grade.

Bible and Nature. "Church School Manual," pages 181 to 187.

Reading, Industrial Study and Music. "Manual," page 158.
Teacher may use "Augsburg's" or "Drake's" Drawing Manual.

Third Grade.

Bible and Nature. "Church School Manual," pages 187 to 193.

Reading, Industrial Study, and Music. "Manual," page 159.

Fourth Grade.

Bible. Creation to Joshua. Mrs. McKibbin's "Lessons." "Manual," page 159.

Nature Study. "Nature Study Book and Note-Book," Number One (now in press). Correlated subjects, spelling, drawing, geography, and physiology. Blaisdell's "Child's Book of Health" (in hands of teacher).

Penmanship. Prof. I. C. Colcord's lessons in Professor Sharpe's "Teachers' Manual," pages 100 to 103.

Reading, Industrial Study, Drawing, and Music. "Manual," page 159.

Fifth Grade.

Bible. Joshua to Restoration of Jerusalem. "Manual," page 159.

Nature Study and Geography. "Nature Study Book and Note-Book," Number Two. (In 1908-09 combine with Nature Study in Fourth Grade.)

Arithmetic. Any standard text.

Reading, Industrial Study, Penmanship, Drawing, and Music. "Manual," page 160.

Sixth Grade.

Bible. "Manual," page 160. See Professor Sharpe's "Teachers' Manual," pages 29 to 33.

Nature Study and Physiology. "Nature Study Book and Note-Book," Number Three. (In 1908-09 use "Morton's Advanced Geography" or "Frye's Grammar School Geography." Use the world plan outlines in teaching same. See pamphlet.)

Reading. "True Education Reader," Book Six. (If not published, use Book Five.)

Language. Correlated with Sixth Reader, or use "Bell's Language Series," Number Two.

Arithmetic, Industrial Study, Penmanship, Drawing, and Music. "Manual," page 160.

Seventh Grade.

Bible. "Daniel and Revelation." "Manual," pages 161, 205, 221; Professor Sharpe's "Manual," pages 33 to 37.

Geography. "Morton's Advanced," or "Frye's Grammar School Geography."
Physiology. "Kellogg's Number Two," or "Blaisdell's How to Keep Well." See Professor Sharpe's "Manual," pages 61 to 64.

Language. "Bell's Language Series," Number Three.

Reading, Arithmetic, Spelling, Penmanship, Drawing, and Music. "Manual," page 161.

Industrial Study. Wood sloyd and sewing.

Eighth Grade.

Bible. "Points of Our Faith," by E. D. Sharpe. See Professor Sharpe's "Manual," pages 38 to 43.

Language. "Bell's Language Series," Number Three.

Arithmetic. (Half year.) Any standard text.

Bookkeeping. (Half year.) "Sadler-Rowe's Budget System." Inductive set.

U. S. History and Civics. "Bunch's U. S. History." Civics, any text.

Agriculture. Make gardens. "Burrkett, Stevens, and Hill's Agriculture."

Spelling, penmanship, drawing, and music.

Ninth Grade.

Bible. "Life of Christ," "Desire of Ages."

Physiology. (Half year.) "Martin's Human Body."

Botany. (Half year.) "Bergen's Elements of Briefer Course Botany."

Higher English. Rine's "Essentials of English;" Swinton's "Word Analysis."

One Open Study. To make up deficiencies; or advanced arithmetic; any modern language; or elementary science study.

Industrial study and music.

Tenth Grade.

Bible Doctrines.

General History. Any standard text.

Rhetoric. Any standard text.

Algebra. Any standard text.

Industrial study and music.

Note. It was voted that no text-book in Arithmetic be introduced before the fourth grade.

Committee.

Institute Items

Prof. E. D. Sharpe is attending the institute during the latter half, and giving some instruction in pedagogy.

Several of the teachers have been compelled to leave the institute already on account of pressing duties elsewhere.

As the first half of the institute closed last week, changes were made in several of the classes. Wood sloid took the place of gardening, and pedagogy the place of geography. Some work in physiology was also introduced.

Faithful time is being put in by all the teachers as the institute draws to a close. Committees to formulate suggestions and recommendations on various subjects are working hard to have their reports ready to submit before the time comes for the teachers to leave for their various fields.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, the teachers and their instructors took their lunches to a grove on the hillside out from town, and there carried on their class work. After the recitations were over, a number of the teachers spent the remainder of the day in running over the hills, climbing Mt. Fitch, and boating on the river.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

Fortuna

As quickly as possible after the close of the Oakland camp-meeting we pitched our tent in the above-named place and began meetings, the first one being held the evening of June 25.

The attendance has not exceeded sixty, and was sometimes much less. We can not tell at this time as to the real interest or results to be expected.

Our object in making this effort here at this time was to help a few believers already located in this place, and if possible get a company established at a favorable point in the county. And further, it is adjacent to Banner, at which place Brother Sims conducted meetings during the winter where a company was brought out and a church building erected. So while prosecuting the work at Fortuna, the company at Banner could be given further needed attention.

Through the meetings, visiting, Bible

readings, and literature, we trust the Lord will give some results to His glory.

Brethren, remember before the Lord of the harvest this part of the field and the workers located here.

A. J. Osborne.

W. L. Sims.

H. M. Witbeck.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Mrs. A. F. Grant, teacher of voice culture from Healdsburg, has been a patient with us for some time.

Judge E. C. Cheney, of Nevada, has made several visits to his sister who is making a very satisfactory recovery.

The institution is full of patients, and it is a difficult problem to find sufficient nurses and workers to care for so large a company.

The sanitarium had three tents on the Oakland camp-ground which were filled most of the time by workers who came and went as they had opportunity. But few could be spared from home at one time.

Elder W. A. Spicer, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Washington, D. C., spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week here, and gave four very interesting talks to the family. Surely the message is being rapidly spread to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people.

Among those who payed a visit to the institution after the Oakland camp-meeting were Brother L. C. Nelson, formerly connected with the family here, now from Loma Linda; E. S. Comstock, traveling salesman for the Food Company, in Southern California; Mrs. J. Golzien, of Paradise Valley; Mrs. E. C. Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalas Gray, of Armona.

Elder W. T. Knox, who was elected president of the Sanitarium Board, April 27, is now spending some time at the sanitarium helping where help is most needed. The last payment has been made on the ranch located high up on Howell Mountain, and the further development of the valuable springs on the place is receiving attention. The services of Elder Knox are much appreciated.

Last Sabbath was a day of special seeking of the Lord, and hearts were turned to Him. This family needs the special prayers of our people as we endeavor rightly to carry on the work of training young people for the field. At the same time all must live the Christ-life before those whom God sends here during their period of suffering and rest, in order that they may receive not only physical benefit, but also a spiritual uplift while here.

Miss Sarah Peters, who was for twenty years a missionary in China, is at the sanitarium for treatment. She taught a girls' school at Nankin, and also had charge of a circuit embracing several missions. She gave a splendid talk to the young people's society last week, and prefaced her remarks by this statement: "When I returned from China this time, my health was so poor that I expected never to go back; but thanks to the kind treatment received at this place, I am now hoping to return to my field, and possibly spend another twenty years at work for that people."

Elder T. H. Watson, of British Columbia, who is here on account of his wife's health, has told the family many interesting facts about his work in the northwestern part of Canada. Among other things he told of some of our people who made a contract with the government to make roads. When the work was completed, they did not charge as much as the contract called for, because they were satisfied with good wages, and the work had not cost as much as they expected that it would. The government was so pleased that after that they allowed them to make roads without any contract and turn in their bill when the work was done.

June 26.

M. L. H.

Grangeville

The tent-meetings at Grangeville were strong in interest and attendance to the last. Sinners were converted, backsliders were reclaimed, and believers encouraged and built up in the faith.

At our last Sabbath meeting a call was made for candidates, sinners, and those who had wandered from the fold. Forty or more responded. Many confessions were made throughout the congregation. One sister gave a clean, strong testimony

in which she renounced her wedding-ring, saying that she did not want to stand as a stumbling-block to the young people. It was a good place to be. The Spirit was present in tenderness and power.

From this service we retired to the water where thirty-two candidates were buried with their Lord in baptism. It was a joyous but very impressive scene, and witnessed by a large company of believers and unbelievers.

While the truth in all its phases was presented with great plainness and power, still the people are friendly and thanked us warmly for coming into their midst.

Brother Taphouse will follow up the work with the interested ones who have not yet decided.

B. L. Howe,
C. M. Gardner.

June 28.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Loma Linda Sanitarium

Miss Nora Davis, of the class of '08, leaves on July 6 with a patient for Chicago. She expects to be gone several months.

Several of our young people have gone to Los Angeles to join the mission work being carried on there by Elder Luther Warren. This mission work will continue until camp-meeting.

Our regular school work has closed for the summer, but several classes in preparatory subjects are being carried on. As our school opens again on September 3, it does not give us very much time for summer school.

Our ice-plant is about completed. As about four hundred pounds of ice are used by the institution every day of the year, it will mean quite a saving when we can manufacture it ourselves instead of having it to buy.

Mrs. Mabel Parks, of our last graduating class, will spend some time with relatives and friends in Los Angeles and Long Beach, and then expects to go to Elgin, Ore., her former home, for a short time, but will return here for post-graduate work next year.

Miss Grace Jennings is still carrying on the field work as organized some

months ago. The servant of the Lord has told us that our institutions should be located in the country; and that our mission work in the cities ought to be carried on from these outpost centers. We do not claim to have solved all the problems in connection with this phase of the work, but have made a beginning, and the Lord has wondrously blessed as we have in faith ventured out in obedience to His directions. We are thoroughly convinced that it is much better to carry on our work for the cities from an outpost, going into the city every day, and coming out again to the quiet retreat of the home each evening, than to take our workers there to live. In this way we avoid the baleful influence of continually exposing our young workers to the demoralizing sights and sounds of vice and crime. Our experience at Loma Linda has already demonstrated the wisdom of this plan suggested by the Spirit of the Lord.

G. M. P.

Loma Linda Sanitarium Meeting

The fourth annual session of the Loma Linda Sanitarium will be held on the camp-ground in Los Angeles, August 6 to 18. The first meeting of this session will convene August 13, 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 may naturally pertain to such a meeting. The meeting for the election of officers will convene August 18, at 9:30 A. M.

J. A. Burden, *President*.
S. S. Merrill, *Secretary*.

The Mother's Counselor and the Baby's Friend

The hot weather season being the time of the greatest infant mortality, the July number of *Life and Health* has been especially prepared with a view of bringing to mothers instruction bearing directly upon the proper care of children and babies. The leading feature of this issue is the care of the health of both young and old during the heated season, when sickness is most common, especially among children. Associated with this counsel are important suggestions that blend with it so consistently that the whole forms a very practical number. Let all of our readers consider their duty in connection with its circulation.

The Missionary Volunteers of Southern California

The Lord is certainly doing a good work for the young people of Southern California. At times it seems a little discouraging, especially when the reports of work done come in so slow, but we find that when a person or society fails to do his or its work in one place, the Lord raises up one in another place to carry on His work. The Saviour's coming is now past due, and "the King's business requires haste," and this work must be finished shortly. In some of our societies the members meet but twice a month, while in others, especially in one of the largest, they have been going to meeting nearly every night and the Lord is doing a great work for and with those who are willing to do and dare for Him.

In numbers our societies are just double what they were two years ago. Some of these are doing excellent work.

The general work of the societies consists of writing missionary letters, doing personal work, such as visiting, etc., and distributing our literature.

The special work for the first quarter of this year for one society has been to ship two barrels of clothing to the missions where it could be used for the needy poor. Another has a good missionary garden besides sending workers to Los Angeles to tell the gospel to the colored people. Another gives treatments to the sick poor. This does not by any means represent all the work done by these soldiers, but simply a part of what has been reported.

Among several of the societies there is now a genuine revival, and the Lord is giving of His Spirit abundantly. We look for this revival to spread and to continue to grow until it swells into the loud cry of the third angel's message.

May the Spirit and power of God rest upon every true missionary volunteer until this gospel shall have been preached to every nation for a witness, and then shall the end come.

E. C. Silsbee.

ARIZONA

Elder F. W. Wheeler has returned, after taking a short rest in Phoenix, to again assist in labor in northern Arizona. We are glad to welcome him, and to learn that he is enjoying better health.

Missionary Work

CALIFORNIA

Report for Week Ending June 19,

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
<i>"Great Controversy"</i>			
Hayden Gilstrap	50	13	\$45.95
Tillie Huntington	2	1	3.75
<i>"Daniel and Revelation"</i>			
A. N. Donaldson	20	6	18.00
<i>"Story of Daniel"</i>			
Lottiebelle Maxson	38	6	13.00
Oleta Butcher	8	1	2.50
<i>"Bible Readings"</i>			
W. B. Findley	39	10	31.25
<i>"Coming King"</i>			
John D. Thompson	44	17	28.00
Miriam Clark	40	16	30.00
Nellie Black	35	16	33.00
Mrs. O. G. Verkouteren	33	16	29.50
Mrs. Mattie Peach	28	13	24.25
Della Stearns	19	10	19.00
Attie E. Howe	18	25	38.50
Ethel Holmes	14	15	24.00
Stella White	12	10	19.50
Tressa Belvail	5	4	6.00
<i>"Heralds of the Morning"</i>			
C. V. Raaths	4	11	22.00
<i>"Home and Health"</i>			
M. H. Leon	33	15	42.00
			442 203 \$430.20

Report for Week Ending June 25,

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
<i>"Great Controversy"</i>			
Hayden Gilstrap	40	10	\$36.40
<i>"Bible Readings"</i>			
W. B. Findley	38	9	22.50
<i>"Story of Daniel"</i>			
Lottiebelle Maxson	32	7	14.10
H. J. Christianson	7	1	2.75
Lylon Hart	30	16	37.00
Oleta Butcher	28	4	6.60
<i>"Coming King"</i>			
Mrs. O. G. Verkouteren	31	21	39.50
Miriam Clark	26	3	7.00
E. C. Jaeger	25	5	23.80
Nellie Black	16	23	17.50
John D. Thompson	49	13	20.50
Tressa Belvail	45	50	81.20
Mrs. Mattie Peach	42	28	44.50
<i>"Heralds of the Morning"</i>			
C. V. Raaths	25	50	100.00
A. N. Donaldson	42	24	52.50
			476 264 \$505.85

Our Japanese Mission

Some months ago we rented a cottage in Oakland, on Telegraph Avenue, near Thirty-eighth St., for a Japanese school.

A wealthy Japanese gentleman, with whom Sister Swift had been holding Bible-readings during the year, was greatly interested in the work at first, but, just as we opened the mission school, he had come to the deciding point on the Sabbath. Some members of other churches became deeply interested in him and his family and made much of them, and under all that influence he turned against the Sabbath, and withdrew his support from the school. This made the work somewhat harder than it otherwise would have been.

We have at present some eight or nine young men who are attending regularly. These are all intelligent men of the better class of the Japanese, and most of them are Christians. They all express themselves as being pleased with the school, and are telling their friends about it.

Every Friday evening the workers hold a Bible study with the boys, and already some of them are beginning to inquire about the Sabbath. One of the boys has bought an English Bible and is studying it.

We have visited the Japanese mission schools conducted by other churches in Oakland, and find that the attendance is small in all during the summer months. They say that in the winter the schools are crowded, but they have few students during the fruit season.

Some may think that these are small returns for three months' work, but let such remember that our denomination pays the fare of workers to Japan and China, and supports these laborers for months in those countries while they are learning to speak the Japanese and Chinese languages, so they can begin work for the same kind of people we have here in our own borders.

God has sent thousands of these bright, intelligent Japanese into our own cities; and they have learned enough English so we can teach them the message; and He will hold us accountable for their souls.

It is not enough for us to drop a quarter on the plate for the work in China and Japan, and do nothing for the people from these countries in our own land.

We rejoice over the fact that the message is going in Japan. Should we not also mourn that among the thousands of intelligent Japanese in Oakland and San Francisco there is hardly a representative of our denomination?

We hope in time that this work will be self-supporting, as the students all pay their tuition; but even if it does not prove self-supporting, is it not as important to carry the message to the Japanese in Oakland as to those in Japan? We expect to pay large sums to carry the work in Japan, and it is right we should. Is it not equally as important to carry the message to the Japanese in Oakland?

We use our church-school readers in the Japanese school, but our readers are nearly twice the price of the common school readers. Our own people know their value, and the cost of manufacture, and so gladly pay the price. But, when we offered to sell them to the Japanese students, some of them shook their heads and went away and did not return. We have now made the price about the same as the public school readers of the same grade, and trust that our brethren and sisters will help us to pay for the books. If any of our brethren have a few stray dollars, and wish to send them in to help pay the rent and for text-books for the Japanese mission, they will be thankfully received.

Above all else, we wish that you would pray for this little taper-light that has been kindled for the heathen Japanese within our own borders.

S. N. Haskell,

Pres. Cal. Conf.

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July 2.

Fifteen Minutes' Study

"An authority states that fifteen minutes' study a day along one special line for seven years will make the student a specialist in the subject of his study. No matter how weary the burdens, nor how numerous the demands upon our time, fifteen minutes' Bible study each day is within the possibility of each person. Suppose you try the plan of studying the Sabbath-school lesson fifteen minutes each day. Try it for a week—a month—three months—and note the result."

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THURSDAY, July 9, 1908.

There was a meeting of the locating committee for the Pacific Union College at the conference office at Mountain View, the latter part of last week.

Elder Cottrell spent last Thursday and Friday at Modesto, and Monday and Tuesday of this week at St. Helena and vicinity in the interests of the college work.

Recent word from Salt Lake City is to the effect that the meetings which are being conducted by Elders Corliss and Huntington are quite well attended, and the interest is fair. It is hoped that many may be led to a knowledge of the truth through these services.

By some oversight the announcement of the Humboldt County camp-meeting which appeared last week failed to contain the date of this meeting. July 23 to August 2 is the date which has finally been decided upon. We trust that all of our people in that section of the country are planning to be in attendance.

The educational recommendations and outline of study given in another column were submitted to the teachers at the Healdsburg Institute by a representative committee of the educational work and various intermediate and higher schools in the Pacific Union Conference. These recommendations were adopted by the teachers.

The committee that was appointed at the recent session of the California Conference to select a location for the Pacific Union College has been spending

some time in the field the last few days. The latter part of last week the members visited Modesto and surrounding country, and the fore part of this week made a trip to Napa County and the vicinity of Vallejo to look at other properties.

Literature for Navy Yard

Wanted.—Late, clean copies of the *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, *Youth's Instructor*, and *Little Friend* for free distribution in the U. S. Navy Yard reading-rack. Three thousand people of all nationalities to be supplied.

Send all literature to A. V. Dyberg, 220 Main Street, North Vallejo, Cal.

War Preparations and Their Meaning

The leading topic in the August number of the *Signs of the Times* Magazine will be on the development of war preparations. Facts in this field are most striking. Occurrences within the last five years, and particularly within the last year, show most tremendously that we are hastening on to the "war of the great day of God" (Revised Version).

The illustrations in connection with this article will show the development of the battle-ship and the gun during the last half century. This development brings to view a most remarkable advance during the last five years.

The meaning of these war preparations will be shown from the prophecy in order that the attention of the world may be directed to the great fact that the second coming of Christ is near at hand.

The promises of Christ's second coming will also be presented in a brief article.

There will be other articles on the following subjects:

- (a) Immortality through Christ.
- (b) What of the Dead? Where Are They?
- (c) The Resurrection.
- (d) Sabbath Reform in the Light of Prophecy.
- (e) A Bible-reading, subject: "The New Earth."
- (f) Man's Condition and Need.

The Home Department will give useful and helpful suggestions for the family.

An article from Elder Spicer presents the significance of the great speed with

which the world is doing things in this time, and most striking of all, the rapidity with which the message is going to all portions of the world.

Religious Liberty as taught in the Bible will be presented in a brief and pointed article.

These are only a few of the good things that will be laid before the reader. The whole magazine will be filled brimful of short, striking articles covering the various phases of the message.

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A missionary says of Changsha, the principal city of Hunan Province, China: "Unlike many Chinese cities, Changsha is quite prepossessing. Its clean, broad, and very busy streets, with their well-equipped stores; its well-dressed people; its well-built and substantial houses; its numerous heathen temples, many of them works of art—all these things appeal to visitors as expressing comparative luxury, wealth, and ease." But as one who knows the third angel's message views such a city in the heart of China, very different feelings surge through the mind than are experienced by the common visitor. He thinks of reaching these unwarned souls with the light of this glorious truth. In this city five laborers have their headquarters, with millions of people in the province all around them outside this city with its vast population for whom they are also expected to labor. But the Sabbath-message truth must reach all these in some way, and we have the sure word of the Lord that it shall.