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

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## The Church

### The Call of the Hour

Quit you like men, be strong;  
There's a burden to bear,  
There's a grief to share,  
There's a heart that breaks 'neath a  
load of care—  
But fare ye forth with a song.

Quit you like men, be strong;  
There's a battle to fight,  
There's a wrong to right,  
There's a God who blesses the good with  
might—  
So fare ye forth with a song.

Quit you like men, be strong;  
There's work to do,  
There's a world to make new,  
There's a call for men who are brave  
and true—  
On! on with a song!

Quit you like men, be strong;  
There's a year of grace,  
There's a God to face,  
There's another heat in the great world  
race—  
Speed! speed with a song!  
—William Herbert Hudnut.

### Sketches of the Past — No. 51

#### Parable of the Talents

In that time when the Master has gone in to the marriage, when the cleansing of the sanctuary (the investigative judgment) is going on, when the Lord's people are watching and waiting, not knowing the day nor the hour of His coming,—in that day, and at that time, and to that people, does the parable of the talents apply; and by it we of this time are instructed. With this thought in mind let us read the parable:

"For the kingdom of heaven is as

a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

"After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

"Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou

knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath [improved on that entrusted to him] shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not [rightly used that entrusted to him] shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 25: 14-30.

One essential lesson to be learned from the parable of the talents is that when the Master is about to come, all who have a knowledge of the event should be doing all in their power to extend the light respecting His coming, and should be making the needful preparation to meet Him in peace.

In our Saviour's approval of those placed on the right hand in that day, we may understand the nature of the work which should now engage the attention of His professed people. He says, "I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? when saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily

I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:35-40.

We are in the very time when this parable has its application. Poverty, affliction, suffering, and distress abound on every hand. And this condition of things is not to diminish, but, rather, to increase. Happy will it be for all who improve their talents in ministering to the needy in this time,—ministering to their needs, physical and spiritual. Such, and such only, will receive at last the plaudit of the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

J. N. Longborough.

### Important Change

Beginning with next January, the *Watchman* will be changed from a weekly to a monthly paper, in magazine form, somewhat similar in size to "Life and Health." This change has been decided upon by the Southern Publishing Association, with the advice of Elder A. G. Daniells, and other leading members of the General Conference Committee. These brethren believe that this change will greatly increase the circulation of the *Watchman*, thus adding to its value as an important messenger of present truth. In magazine form the *Watchman* will retail at ten cents per copy, which will be an inducement for many more agents to engage in its sale.

The subscription price will be reduced from \$1.00 to 75 cents a year. To make up for this difference the publishers will send *Report of Progress*, the conference paper for the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences, with the monthly *Watchman* during the remainder of the *Watchman* subscription term; or, the subscription term will be lengthened one third, whichever subscribers may desire.

### The January Number

The special topic for consideration in the January *Watchman* will be the United States in Prophecy. This subject is becoming daily of more interest and moment, and will be taken up in a brief, pointed, interesting manner. Special consideration will be given to the Church Federation Movement, which is now brought so prominently before the people of this country by the big meeting of the "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America," to be

held in Philadelphia, December 2 to 8. This issue will be a standard number for agents to handle. Workers in every part of the United States will find great demand at this time for a paper dealing with this subject. The prices of the monthly will be as follows:

Single copies, ten cents each.

5 to 25 copies to one address, five cents each.

25 to 500 copies to one address, four cents each.

500 to 1,000 copies to one address, three and one-half cents each.

Special rates will be made on larger orders. Advance orders should be sent at once. Plans should be laid for definite work with the Church Federation number of the *Watchman*. Cash should accompany all orders, unless special arrangements have previously been made. Orders should be sent to the state tract societies.

## The Field

### First Observations in Mexico

Doubtless California is indebted to Mexico for many of its subtropical trees and plants. The pepper-tree grows in a wild state in the Republic of Mexico. Numerous varieties of the palm family also grow to perfection in different parts of this republic. One of the most beautiful trees which one observes from the cars between Irapuato, which is the junction point for Guadalajara and the City of Mexico, is the ash. When these trees are not planted too closely together, they grow in most beautiful and symmetrical form, and not only beautify the landscape, but afford shade from the heat of the summer sun.

Doubtless the majority of the inhabitants of a certain city and county in California do not know that the name of their city and county is borrowed from the Mexican language. Fresno means ash. "Ash-tree" translated into the Spanish would be "*arbol de fresno*." These trees, growing in the valleys of Mexico, impressed me as being more beautiful than the oaks growing upon the famous Baldwin Estate in Southern California. Another tree which does not particularly beautify the landscape is the *Euphorbia*, a variety of cacti. To

see these reminds one of Matabeleland, South Africa.

I have never been in a country where the thorn-apple tree grew so abundantly and to such great dimensions, bearing fruit so large and palatable, as in Mexico. This fact and other conditions impress me that in the higher altitudes of Mexico as good apples could be grown as in almost any part of the United States. Yet the country has been so little developed, although occupied for more than 400 years by the Spanish, that scarcely any good apples or peaches are grown in the republic, with the possible exception of those produced in the Mormon settlements in the state of Chihuahua. California apples and peaches, shipped in cold storage to Mexico City, retail at twenty-five cents a pound, American money.

One of the best crops grown in the more elevated valleys of Mexico is alfalfa, which can be cut about nine times a year, and is always sold entirely green in bundles of about twenty-five pounds each. These bundles are called "*arrobas*."

The only forage crops baled and sold in the markets of Mexico are straw and corn-stalks, the latter after the corn has been husked. This is first shredded, and then prepared for market by a process similar to the baling of hay in California.

The valley surrounding the City of Mexico is somewhat oval in shape, and is about seventy-five miles in width by nearly one hundred miles in length. The interior of the republic is made up of similar valleys separated by hills or low mountain ranges. The valley bearing the name Mexico, in which the capital is located, is not so tropical as I had expected, yet judging from the vegetation, including the large banana plants and numerous subtropical trees, I am inclined to think that there is as little frost to kill vegetation at this altitude of nearly 7,500 feet as there is in Los Angeles.

In a few hours' ride from the City of Mexico one can drop into tropical regions which have no frost. While the climate is so mild in the City of Mexico in winter, the thermometer rarely rises above eighty degrees Fahrenheit in the shade in the summer. This makes the temperature from ten to twenty degrees cooler than in Los Angeles during the corresponding season. At an altitude

of 7,500 feet in Southern California, the weather would be very cold in winter; but we are about 1,000 miles nearer the equator, which makes a material difference in the climatic conditions.

Following the railroad line southward, we cross the Tropic of Cancer some 420 miles before reaching the City of Mexico; thus we are within the tropics, and yet enjoying a climate cooler than Denver, Colo., or Spokane, Wash., during the summer months.

In observing the star constellations at night, it seems like meeting an old friend to behold the Southern Cross just above the horizon; and while we see this brilliant gem of the Southern heavens, we would have to go several thousand miles further south to lose sight of "the great dipper" and the north star.

The thought has sometimes occurred to me, inasmuch as Satan desired to establish his throne "upon the mountain of the congregation, in the sides of the north," that there must be some association between the north point and the throne of God. We have the "two pointers" pointing to the north star, and possibly to the throne of the universe. We have also two very brilliant pointers enabling us to readily locate the Southern Cross. It is said that the darkest spot in all the heavens is at the foot of this cross. Sailors call this dark spot "the coal-sack." The darkest thing in the universe—sin—must come to the Cross to be cleansed.

In passing down the fertile valleys toward Mexico City, one is impressed with the great number of mission churches, which have been built by former generations. Villages occur at intervals of from two to five miles, and every village has its mission church. If the Catholic religion, which dominated Mexico for centuries, had been the true religion, certainly the system of erecting these once beautiful churches in every community would have been ideal. If they had been devoted to the worship of the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and their beautiful bells had chimed weekly announcing the beginning of the Sabbath of Jehovah, inviting the people to usher in the day with holy reverence; and if they had called the people together for true worship on the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and at the close of the day announced the ushering in of a new week, their sound, on account of the proximity of these villages, would have

reached every ear in a large portion of the republic, and on the conditions above mentioned would have been pleasing to Heaven. The existence of these same churches impresses one with the fact that our work is made harder, because the people are held in chains of darkness and superstition. G. W. Reaser.

(To be continued.)

## CALIFORNIA

### Oakland Sabbath-School Ingathering

The following is the announcement and program which has been prepared by the Oakland Sabbath-school for their Ingathering Service to be held at place and date mentioned. We are sure that the exercises will be profitable and entertaining, and a fitting conclusion for the week's missionary campaign. This is a worthy example for all to follow.

#### Special Announcement

The paper herewith is presented to our friends with the object of giving information regarding the work being done by our missionaries in foreign lands, and to extend an invitation to such as may deem it a privilege to contribute something toward their support. Any one desiring to send donations for this foreign mission work may send the same to the pastor, 525 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland.

All are cordially invited to attend the Ingathering Service for missions, to be given by the Sabbath-school of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Twenty-fifth Street, west of Telegraph Ave., Sunday, Nov. 29, 1908, at 7:30 P. M., at which time all the offerings will be collected and the following exercises will be given:

#### Program

- Song—"Glad Praises" Children's Chorus
- Appropriate Remarks Elder G. A. Snyder, Pastor of Church
- Prayer
- Tenor Solo—"O for a Closer Walk with God" Prof. D. M. Lawrence
- Scripture Exercise and Song Service Class of Boys and Congregation
- Recitation—"Missions" Class of Little Boys and Girls
- Song—"I've Two Little Hands" Kindergarten Division
- Recitation—"A Penny a Pound" Ruth Castberg

Exercise—"Thanksgiving Thoughts" Nine Young Ladies

Chorus:

- a. Praise Ye Jehovah Gounod
- b. Anvil Chorus Verdi

Recitation—"All I Have"

Ralph Albrecht

Exercise—"Gods of the Heathen and the Christian's God."

By Class of Girls

Recitation and Song—"Mission Song"

Alberta Johnson

Dialogue—"Giving to Missions"

Jessie and Alice Chinnoek

Recitation—"Few Laborers"

Hazel Frisbie

Recitation—"Stretch It a Little"

Pearl Carlisle

Song—"Bring a Glad and Thankful Offering" Children's Chorus

Exercise—"Lessons from the Trees"

Class of Young Men

Recitation—"Missionary Sowing"

Charlie Greenwood

Chorus:

a. Oft in the Stilly Night Howard

b. Blessed Be the Lord Gounod

Recitation—"The Gift and the Giver"

Miss Maxson

Remarks W. E. Whalin

Closing Song—"We'll Never Say

Good-By" Congregation

### St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Mrs. Carrie R. King, state secretary of the Sabbath-school department, is visiting the schools and young people's societies in this vicinity.

New officers were recently elected for the Family Meetings, which include a program committee of two whose duty it shall be to insure an instructive and interesting program for each meeting.

Brother H. H. Hall and Brother Chas. Lake are at the sanitarium holding meetings with the church and family in the interests of the special ingathering effort, and other missionary work.

Elder J. O. Cortiss spoke Sabbath, the 21st, from Luke 9:13, "Give ye them to eat." The disciples contended that they had nothing to give; but the One who gave the command furnished by His power the material food to give them. Even so He will by His power supply the spiritual food to be given in fulfillment of His command.

The society known as the Medical and Missionary Endeavor was fully organized the evening of the 21st, with Dr. F. F. Abbott as president, and Miss Irene Adams secretary. The suggestive outline adopted for the meetings is as follows:

1. Opening exercises and report of secretary.
2. Paper or papers on some live medical subject.
3. Open discussion of same.
4. Question box to be filled by those who have practical and necessary questions that puzzle them.
5. Letter exchange and reports which will include letters from foreign fields, describing diseases they have to encounter, and the treatments found most effective; also reports of work, and of special cases and conditions of which the doctors may feel free to speak.

We hope that this organization may prove an opportunity for mutual study and improvement.

#### A Week's Program at the Sanitarium

Sunday evening twice per month—Family meeting.

Monday evening, in the parlor,—Question Box.

Tuesday afternoon—Patients Physiology Class, at which the anatomy, physiology and hygiene of the human organism are studied, and home treatments and hygienic dress are demonstrated.

Wednesday afternoon—Patients' cooking class, at which all phases of the diet question are discussed and demonstrated.

Wednesday evening, the regular prayer-meeting.

Thursday evening—Parlor lecture by Dr. Rand.

Friday evening—the young people's society.

Sabbath—Regular services of Sabbath-school and preaching.

Saturday evening, twice per month, the Medical and Missionary Endeavor.

Half hour gymnasium every evening except Friday.

November 22.

M. L. E.

#### Hanford

The writer opened a campaign on the question of the Sunday law for this state in Hanford the 14th inst., by advertising in the newspapers, circulating the petitions on the streets during the day, and holding a lecture each evening

at the church. The results so far are all that could be expected, and everyone seems to know what the movement is. The newspapers have taken considerable interest in the matter, and freely publish whatever is handed them, with several editorials, and inviting the advocates for a Sunday law to produce their side of the argument, offering to them the free use of their columns for the purpose. However, so far they have made no move. We had only expected to hold these lectures one week, but the interest seems to be growing. Last evening our outside attendance was very gratifying, and we may continue another week. Owing to sickness, Elder Bagby was compelled to retire for a while. He is improving now.

F. E. Brown.

November 20.

#### Turlock

We are still continuing house-to-house work with a good interest. Since our last report five more have united with the Turlock church by baptism, and others expect to be baptized soon. Also one more has been added to the church at Merced by baptism.

We have witnessed some wonderful manifestations of God's power in victories over drink, tobacco, profanity and infidelity, for which we praise the Lord.

We are preparing to enter upon our Thanksgiving campaign for the rapid spread of this closing message.

Elder C. M. Gardner.

James Taphouse.

G. A. Hamilton.

November 20.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### Los Angeles

Sabbath, November 7, the services at the Furlong Mission church, Los Angeles, were of unusual interest. The occasion was the addition of two members by letter, one new member on profession of faith, and one on profession of faith and baptism. Greetings were extended to the new members in the following language:

"The reception of new members into this faith and by this church is an occasion not to be lightly passed over.

"In the presence of Sister S— with us to-day as a member, we see an answer to prayers: her own prayer that God would lead her nearer to Himself; our

prayers that the Lord would lead her into the full light of present truth. About three years ago, this sister was permitted to study the word of God with us. All through these past months, His guiding hand has been upon this servant of His. Day by day He has so ordered her experiences that at last she has come to the place where she sees the necessity of walking in the fuller light of God's word.

"For this sister the Lord has in store blessings above all that she can ask or think. As she yields herself to the leadings of His word, she will find tokens of God's unfailing love lying all along the pathway that He has chosen for her.

"In the presence of Brother R— with us as a member, we see another answer to prayers. This brother is a living witness to the words of Jesus, that He came to seek and to save that which was lost. The seeking love of Jesus was manifest in the lives of two sisters who left their homes, and went down on Santa Fe Avenue, passing from door to door seeking for those who needed a knowledge of God's word. Brother R's family was found. They listened to the word gladly. They believed that word. Jesus and His word became the companions of their home. For months the saving power of Christ has been working in this brother's heart. As he has wrestled with the enemy for the liberty which was his in Christ Jesus, we have joined with him with fastings and prayers. Satan was determined not to let this captive go, but Jesus was stronger than the enemy. It was a mighty victory of faith when this brother publicly announced by baptism that he belonged to Jesus and the kingdom of heaven.

"We welcome these new members as our brother, our sister, in Christ Jesus. We have joys of which the world knows nothing,—the joys of our Lord. We welcome them to a part in these. We have sufferings,—the sufferings of Jesus. We welcome them to a part in these sufferings. We have trials peculiar to this faith, for if any will live godly in Christ Jesus, he shall suffer persecution. The devil is wroth with the church, and makes war with the remnant who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus. We welcome this brother and sister to a place with us under the blood-stained banner of Prince Imman-

nel. We welcome them as they join with us in fighting the good fight of faith. In this fight we have just one weapon—the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. We trust that they will become trained warriors in its use.

“As officers of this church, in the name of Jesus, and in behalf of the church, we extend to you the right hand of Christian fellowship.”

After a short Bible study on the union of Christ with the members of His body—the church—an hour was spent in social service. Praises, heartfelt confessions, and shouts of victory over old evil habits, followed closely one after the other.

One aged sister, who had from early childhood been subject to the habit of using tobacco, told of the wonderful deliverance which God had wrought in giving her strength to lay aside her pipe. She felt that the Lord was cleaning her up that she might be ready to meet the soon-coming Saviour.

Another sister told of her inability to remember the words of Scripture. She had been praying that God would help her to remember His word. Now in the night season, verses of Scripture come vividly to mind to comfort her, and in the daytime, as she goes about her work, the word of God talks to her and shines as a bright light along her pathway.

A brother told how he had been delivered from the drink habit, from tobacco, from bad associations; how his purposes were all changed. He told how his old companions were surprised at the change they saw in him, and when they asked him the reason, he would tell them of the new intentions to serve his Creator and Redeemer.

The Spirit of God witnessed in every testimony. It was truly a season of refreshing.  
J. L. Ireland.

**ARIZONA  
Globe**

How soon another active week has passed. I am as busy now as one can well be, canvassing in Arizona, having left my home in California on the 3rd inst., when the whole nation was wrought up over the presidential election.

I see so many tokens of God's love and care—answers to prayer on every hand. Ps. 28: 6, 7; John 15:7. One day last week I was favored with seven

orders for the gem casket of truth, the book “Ministry of Healing,” besides a number of other orders. The next day I received three or four orders for “Ministry,” in addition to some \$47.50 worth of orders for books, helps, etc. A number of these were for “Patriarchs and Prophets,” a book we are told that will open many blind eyes.

God has been graciously near me in this work. My heart rejoices in His salvation. I find that this plan of connecting these relief books with my work in the way I have mentioned calls down blessings on all the balance of my work, and is a surety of its abundant success.

In only ten days God gave me over \$300 in orders, besides a number for “Ministry,” and some small books also.  
Walter Harper.

November 17.

**Teachers' Exchange**

**Belshazzar's Feast**

It was the last night of the most magnificent of all worldly kingdoms. Every hurrying moment brought it nearer to its awful doom. Belshazzar had made a feast to a thousand of his lords, during which time he drank wine to the thousand. This grand festival was to convene in the royal palace.

While the king tasted the wine a rash thought shot through his mind, and at the instinct of the moment it was carried out. He had thought of the beautiful vessels which Nebuchadnezzar, his grandfather, had taken from the house of the Lord, and commanded that they should be brought in. The order was carried out, and the holy vessel which had been dedicated to the service of God was filled with sparkling wine.

Almost before Belshazzar had raised the golden goblet, “wreathed with flowers and filled with wine,” to his lips his jeweled hand trembled, and the shimmering glass with its contents was hurried to the polished floor below. All eyes were turned to the king; then in the direction where his gaze was fixed. Over against the candlestick was a bloodless hand, writing the doom of his kingdom. The letters were emblazoned in fire against the plaster, but the language was unknown to the king. His

vision came and went, and his trembling knees smote one against the other. As soon as he could control himself, he sent for the wise men. They came in hurriedly before him, but were at a loss to read the writing.

During Belshazzar's reign, Daniel had been forgotten. The king was searching everywhere for some one to interpret the mysterious writing, and sent for the queen to see if she knew of any one that could read it. When she came in she told him not to be so distressed, but to send for Daniel, as she was sure he could make known the mystery. Daniel was called at once. He has changed in appearance since we last heard of him, but still shows by his countenance that he is the servant of the Most High.

Daniel knows the doom of Babylon. He knows that it is finished, and instead of reading the writing at once, he reproves the king for his pride and idolatry. He calls his attention to how that when his father became proud and lifted up, God had to use the severest measures to lead him to realize that there was only one rightful King, and that He was the Most High God, who ruleth forever and ever. He also reproved him severely for taking the holy vessels and using them for the service of his heathen gods.

He then turned to the writing; the king's spirit failing. He felt that something terrible was going to happen. Daniel slowly and solemnly read the words, just four of them in this unknown language. Daniel had lived so close to God that he had communication with Heaven, and therefore could read the language. There can be no better words used to tell the interpretation than those of the Bible: “This is the interpretation of the thing: *Mene*; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. *Tekel*; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. *Peres*; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

These solemn words in Dan. 5:26-28 not only applied to the ancient king, but also apply to us. If we are not faithful, we will be weighed in the balances, and found wanting.

Although Belshazzar's kingdom was at an end, he fulfilled his promise to Daniel, and had him clothed in rich

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1908

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Educational Association at Oakland, Monday, November 23.

The date of the meeting of the auditing committee of the California Conference has been set for 1:30 P. M., Jan. 10, 1909, at Mountain View, Cal.

Elder and Mrs. H. W. Cottrell returned from Arizona the middle of last week. They report a very profitable time at the conference session there.

Elder G. A. Snyder, of Oakland, has been asked by the California Conference Committee to assist Elder Corliss in the present religious liberty campaign in that conference. Elder Snyder will take up his work at once.

Elder B. L. Howe of the Central California Intermediate School, reports that they have an enrolment of ninety-two. They have their territory well districted for missionary work, and the pupils are taking a good interest in tract and paper distribution.

It was decided at the California Conference Committee meeting, Sunday, that the next annual session of the conference be held February 4 to 10, 1909. This is a few days later than was at the first suggested; but on account of other meetings coming in, this was thought to be the best time. The conference will be held in Oakland, and it is earnestly desired that each church send a full delegation.

The fall home workers' campaign with our small books is now well under way. The tract societies report good orders for books suitable for the holiday trade. This is one of the best times of the year to sell books. Try it. Send to your tract society for a list.

Word received from Washington, D. C., dated noon, November 12, states that at that time there had been definite orders received for 450,000 copies of the *Thanksgiving Review*, and that the orders were still coming in. Another 50,000 had been ordered printed.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1909, the *Watchman*, published at Nashville, Tenn., will be issued as a monthly magazine instead of a weekly, as at present. The subscription price will be 75 cents per year, and the magazine will retail at ten cents. Special discounts will be given in quantities.

A meeting of the executive committee of the California Conference was held in Oakland last Sunday, November 22. All the members of the committee were present, and in addition the secretary of the conference; also Elders H. W. Cottrell, W. T. Knox, J. O. Corliss, and Brother A. J. S. Bourlean.

Brother Chas. N. Lake, at one time foreman in the typeroom of the Pacific Press, but who has been employed elsewhere since the building of that institution was destroyed by fire in 1906, has again taken up work at the Press. He is now engaged in the circulation department with Brother H. H. Hall.

Brother L. M. Bowen, the manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium, has been granted a leave of absence of six months by that institution. He will spend the time in physical work on his place in Stanislaus County. Elder W. T. Knox, president of the Sanitarium Board, is taking Brother Bowen's place as manager.

A letter written from Australia by Elder J. N. Loughborough on October 23, but just received at this office, contains the following encouraging report: "Since August 10 I have attended one hundred and forty-four meetings, and preached at seventy of them. I have traveled in that time sixteen hundred miles, and am in the best health that I have had in ten years."

The special religious liberty number of the *Signs of the Times* (California edition) will be ready for distribution within a few days. It bids fair to be the best publication that has ever been gotten out on this subject. It is printed in a very attractive style, and will sell at sight. Thousands are being ordered by some of the churches of the California Conference for circulation in their localities. Have you placed your order yet? It may soon be too late. Price in quantities, 2½ cents a copy. Retail price, 5 cents. Order of your tract society at once.

The article entitled "Belshazzar's Feast," which appears in this issue, was written by one of the eighth-grade pupils in the Loma Linda church school. We have also another article by a member of the same class which we hope to publish later. We are pleased to get from the teachers occasionally specimens of some of their pupils' work. Let all of the teachers remember that the Exchange column is for their use in whatever way they deem interesting and profitable to all of the teachers and the readers of our little paper. There are a number of the schools from which we have not as yet heard.

Trials, seeming strange,  
May press us sore,  
But He abides, no change;  
Need we ask more?

## Teachers' Exchange

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apparel and proclaimed him ruler of his kingdom, which was at that very moment ended.

In their carelessness, the people within the city had forgotten to close the gates which opened into the Euphrates River. The water from the river had been drained into an artificial lake outside the wall. A large body of soldiers with Cyrus at their head marched into the unprotected city, from both sides, and met at the royal palace, rushing in upon the king and his lords. Belshazzar was slain. His lords were taken captive, and the city burned with fire. Thus ends great Babylon, which had thought to establish her kingdom to the stars of heaven.

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