

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



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

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Power of Integrity

“Search well thine own heart;
What paineth thee in others,
May in thyself appear.
All dust is frail; all flesh is weak;
Be thou the true man thou dost seek.”

The Sunday Bill

The expected Sunday bill has been introduced into the California Legislature and we delay our paper a few hours in order to present a copy of it. The bill is as follows:

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 37
INTRODUCED BY MR. JOHNSON OF
SACRAMENTO,
JANUARY 8, 1909.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MORALS.

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE PENAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE IX OF PART I THEREOF; TO PRESERVE ONE DAY IN THE WEEK AS A DAY OF REST, AND TO PROMOTE HEALTH, MORALS AND THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

The people of the State of California, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new chapter is hereby added to Title IX of Part I of the Penal Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER VI A.

OF OFFENSES AGAINST HEALTH, MORALS AND THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

Every person, firm, association or corporation who shall keep open on Sunday any shop, store, building or place of business where goods, wares or merchandise are sold or kept for sale, or who shall engage in any business, trade, or sale of goods, wares, or merchandise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or shall be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days; *provided, however, that this section does not apply*

to hotels or restaurants in furnishing lodging or meals, to livery stables or garages, to bath or boat houses, to the sale of medicine or sick room supplies between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 5:30 and 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, except in cases of emergency, to the quiet sale and delivery of daily newspapers, or to any other place of business necessary to work as hereinafter provided for.

300. Any person, firm, association or corporation who employs any employee, apprentice, servant or other person to labor or to engage in any trade, calling, avocation or business, except works of necessity, mercy, or charity or requires them to engage in such work or labor on Sunday, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days and upon each subsequent conviction by both such fine and imprisonment; except, however, in case of corporations the penalty of imprisonment when imposed shall be imposed upon all officers or agents in the state committing such offense or causing the same to be committed; *provided that this section does not apply:—*

(a) To persons, firms, associations or corporations owning or operating telegraph, telephone or electric light plants; boats, vessels, vehicles, cars, or regular trains for the transportation of passengers, live stock or perishable freight, and the continuance to their destination of trains and vessels in transit when Sunday begins, or the collection and delivery of baggage for the same; but nothing herein shall legalize special Sunday excursions.

(b) To such manufacturing establishments or industrial processes as must be kept in continuous operation to prevent serious loss.

(c) To unavoidable work essential to the protection of mines or property in imminent danger of destruction or serious injury.

(d) To the sale and delivery of milk.

(e) To any person who regularly observes some day during the week other than Sunday as a day of rest. But provided further that, except in cases of emergency, said employee, apprentice, servant or other persons shall not be employed on Sunday unless allowed twenty-four consecutive hours without labor during said week.

301. Every person, firm, association or cor-

poration who shall keep open on Sunday any bar, saloon or dramshop, or any place of any kind or description, where spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors or wines, or any admixture thereof, are sold, given away or served, or kept for sale; or who shall sell, give away or serve any spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors, or wines or any admixture thereof, on Sunday, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than thirty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, and be imprisoned in the county jail not less than five nor more than ninety days, and upon a second conviction, in addition to said fine and imprisonment, any license which may have been granted for opening and maintaining such a place of business shall be void and shall not be renewed within two years next thereafter for said place or to said person, firm, association, or corporation.

301A. Every person, firm, association or corporation who shall keep open on Sunday any place of public amusement to which an admission fee is directly or indirectly charged; or who shall conduct or take part in any said public amusement, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days, and upon a second conviction by both such fine and imprisonment.

301B. It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney, sheriff, constable, city or town marshal, or any and all public or peace officers in this state to inform against and diligently prosecute any and all persons guilty of the violations of the provisions of this act either upon credible information or upon reasonable cause to believe that there has been any such violation. Any said officer who shall refuse or wilfully neglect to inform against and prosecute said offenders against this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars and the court before which said officer shall be tried shall declare the office or appointment held by the said officer vacant, and said officer shall not be re-elected or appointed to fill said vacancy.

301C. All fines collected from the violation of sections 299, 300, 301, 301A, 301B, of this

Code shall be paid into the common school fund of the county.

On Tuesday, January 12, the petitions were presented to the Legislature, and the *Call* correspondent commented as follows in Wednesday morning's paper upon the same:

**"Religious Liberty Petition
Voluminous**

"CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, Jan. 12.—The most voluminous petition ever presented in the legislature was offered this morning by Assemblyman Nat Coghlan and Senator Marshall Black for the Pacific Religious Liberty Association. The immense roll contains the names of 35,535 voters of the state who object to legislation that will result in an enforcement of the blue laws and Sunday laws. Speaker Stanton took one look at the bundle of names and announced that as "it would bankrupt the state to print the names in the journal" the petition would be given into the keeping of the secretary of state, while the preamble only would be printed in the journal."

Constitutional Amendment

Mr. Johnson also introduced the following Constitutional amendment:

Assembly Constitutional Amendment. No. 2

PROPOSED BY MR. JOHNSON OF
SACRAMENTO,
JANUARY 8, 1909.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT No. 2.

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XX OF THE CONSTITUTION BY ADDING A NEW SECTION THERETO TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 21, RELATING TO A DAY OF REST.

The legislature of the State of California, at its thirty-eighth session commencing January 4, 1909, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said legislature voting in favor thereof, hereby proposes that article twenty of the constitution of the State of California be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section twenty-one to read as follows:

Section 21. The necessity of encouraging and fostering the observance of one day in seven as a day of rest is hereby recognized as essential to the welfare of the state, and to that end it is hereby provided:

(1) That the keeping open of bars, saloons, race-courses, and coursing-grounds on the first day of the week is prohibited; and the legislature shall provide penalties for the violation

of this provision, and for the proper enforcement of the same.

(2) That the legislature may provide that stores, workshops, banking-houses, and other places of business, of any class or calling, shall not keep open on the first day of the week, and shall provide penalties for the violation thereof.

(3) That the legislative body of any city, city and county, or county, may provide by ordinance that stores, workshops, banking-houses, and other places of business, of any class or calling, shall not keep open on the first day of the week, and shall provide penalties for the violation thereof; *provided* that such ordinance may enlarge, but can not restrict or limit, the scope or penalties of any provision enacted by the legislature on the same subject; *provided, further*, that whenever a petition is presented to the legislative body of any city, city and county, or county, signed by ten per cent of the voters thereof, asking that any ordinance authorized under this subdivision to be passed by such legislative body set forth in said petition, be submitted to the qualified voters of said city, city and county, or county, for their approval or rejection, the said legislative body must submit the same to the voters of said city, city and county, or county, for their approval or rejection at the next general election held therein, or at a special election called by such legislative body for that purpose. At least two weeks' notice shall be given of such election, by publication in some newspaper published in such city, city and county, or county. If approved by a majority vote of the voters voting thereon, the same is thereby adopted and becomes binding as a valid ordinance of said city, city and county, or county, as the case may be, and supersedes any ordinance in conflict therewith, and can only be modified or repealed by a majority vote of the voters of said city, city and county, or county voting upon the question of the modification or repeal thereof.

(4) *Provided, however*, that any law or ordinance passed or adopted under the second or third subdivision of this section shall not apply to persons who conscientiously believe that the seventh day of the week should be observed as the Sabbath, and who actually refrain from opening their places of business on that day.

The Field

Our Coming Conference

The coming conference to be held at Oakland, February 3 to 10, will be one of the most important ever held in California. We are one year nearer the coming of our Lord, and the events all betoken that we are in the closing work.

We trust that our brethren and sisters throughout the conference will make a special effort to be present, as there are

very important matters to be brought before our people.

The warnings have been coming for years that we should speedily give the message to the Bay cities, for we know not what might befall them. While something has been done, yet plans should be laid for broader work. There are tens of thousands of foreigners in these Bay cities for whom little or nothing has been done in the past. This should receive special attention. The Japanese, Koreans, and Chinese in northern California will rejoice in the truth just as heartily as their brethren in foreign lands, if it is given them.

We have all rejoiced over the good reports of the spread of the message in Japan, China, and Korea. Why not plan the work in such a way next year that we will rejoice over the news of these same nationalities receiving the truth in our own borders?

Our new conference school is another enterprise that every one who regards the salvation of our youth, and the preparation of workers in the cause, is interested in.

We are in the greatest crisis in regard to the Sunday legislation that has ever been.

All of these interests and others combine to make this coming conference one of vital importance. Every church and company of Sabbath-keepers should be well represented.

S. N. Haskell, *President*.

Hanford

In my last report I had just begun meetings in the Island schoolhouse with a good interest. It continued for about two weeks when a "shepherd of the flock" spent two days persuading his members to keep away from the delusion (?), and many obeyed the voice of the man. The leader of the Sunday-school stayed away, but his sleep departed from him and his mind troubled him so that he took his Bible and hunted for the writer. As he came he told some by the way that he had some nuts for Brown to crack; but when he came he had so forgotten his hard questions that he could not remember a single one. We had a good study together, and he departed in tears, saying he wanted light. This man is still searching for the last straw to save himself from sinking. We are praying that he will sink into Jesus.

We closed our meetings the 3d inst. The results were indeed gratifying to those who had followed the interest. Eight were united with the Island church, four adults and four children; seven were baptized, one being satisfied with her former baptism. Two of these were men who gave up tobacco, and did it cheerfully.

The Island church is alive. They stand shoulder to shoulder, and have a determination to do something. We organized a missionary society, ordered a club of *Signs*, and formed a corps of Bible readers to follow up the interest, for some are keeping the Sabbath who are not included in the above. A young people's society was also organized, and the erection of a church building is planned, and money partly raised.

The writer is glad to have a small part in the closing work. F. E. Brown.

Our Books and the W. C. T. U.

At the Lodi and Oakland camp-meetings in California the past summer, a number of our books—"Great Controversy," "Ministry of Healing," "Christ's Object Lessons," etc.—were given to Mrs. Augusta C. Bainbridge for distribution among W. C. T. U. women of her acquaintance as opportunity might offer.

The following paragraphs from a letter from Sister Bainbridge tell of some of the results:

"One lady, with whom I had been discussing the question of the personality of the devil, was anxious for Bible proof of the doctrine. I sent her 'Great Controversy,' and marked the chapters which would give her the help she needed. I also wrote her, and praying as I wrote, left the matter with my Lord.

"She thanked me for the book, and said that though a copy of that book had once been burned in her home, this one should not meet the same fate, but she would read it carefully.

"Another, who had been reading *Life and Health*, wanted help on divine healing. 'Ministry of Healing' was sent to her. This was her reply, 'O, this grand book. I never read anything like it. I shall take it East with me when I go to the convention, and read it to my friends.'

"Another, to whom I sent 'Steps to Christ' was also pleased. She said, 'I keep it beside my Bible, and I read a

little every day. Even if I have time for only one paragraph, I read it, and it stays in my mind all day, and does me good.'

"Another who was interested in the teachings of Christ, but did not care for prophecy, received a copy of 'Mount of Blessing.' She writes: 'I am surprised to find so much in the Sermon on the Mount. I had never thought of it as any more than the beatitudes. It is wonderful.'

"Only one has been returned with an adverse criticism; and one has said, 'You may send me any Seventh-day Adventist books you want to, and I shall be glad to read them; for this one ['Christ's Object Lessons'] has been food to my soul.'

"So the good seed is being sown, and He has promised 'It shall not return unto Me void.'"

Paradise

I thought some of the readers of the RECORDER might like to hear from the work up here. I have been visiting and loaning *Signs* and tracts to our neighbors; then in about a week take up the reading-matter and loan more. Some are interested and read right along; others read for only two or three weeks and stop.

One man said, "Don't leave any more. We don't read that kind." Another family wrote on the edge of the magazine, "Take this and don't bring any more."

I average from twelve to twenty-seven readers. Some are close, and some one to three miles away. It is like picking out wheat from chaff. I have twenty-three readers at present, four having quit after I presented the petition against Sunday laws. One man said, "All who wouldn't keep Sunday ought to be hanged."

I secured thirty-five names, and Elder Brink twelve, making forty-seven, and sent them off some time ago.

"The old camp-meeting bell ringer,"
January 3. James A. Dye.

Man to Manage a Farm

Wanted.—A good Seventh-day Adventist man, or man and wife preferred, to manage and work on 400 acre mountain stock and hay farm, sixty miles from Stockton, and eight miles from Angel's Camp, Cal. F. H. Davis, Angel's Camp, Cal.

ARIZONA

Clifton and Morenci

I am as busy as I can be now on a new canvass. I left Globe four days ago, having finished my work there. Yesterday, at Morenci, the Lord wrought most wonderfully. I see so many tokens of His love and care, and cheering answers to prayer; how His good angels have gone ahead and opened the way.

In less than sixty days' work at Globe and vicinity, the good Lord gave me success in filling over \$800 in orders for books, helps, etc., and over \$100 more for those truth-laden books, "Christ's Object Lessons," "Ministry of Healing," and some of the smaller books.

I have so often said that to make these two relief books a part of the regular canvassing work does surely call down floods of blessings on the other part of the canvassing work, is a surety of its triumph, a guarantee, a safeguard to all its phases. These are the experiences that have come to me. For all this I can only give all honors to God alone. He grants it all.

Yesterday, here at Morenci, I was enabled to sell one "Patriarchs and Prophets" and a large family Bible to a man who called one evening at my room, and saw my canvassing books on a chair, and his curiosity was aroused to know what I had. I got \$11 in orders from him. Recently, a man who had bought "Patriarchs" of me in New Mexico, saw me coming across the open country and recognized me, stopped his buggy and when I came up I sold him "Great Controversy" only from a description of it, as I had no prospectus. He liked the first book, "Patriarchs and Prophets," so wonderfully well I had no trouble selling him "Controversy." He was a Mormon missionary, too.

I also met a lady who ordered "Patriarchs," and she was so fond of the explanations of Bible truths, that she also ordered "Great Controversy" simply on my recommending it with no book to show.

Yesterday I must have secured, all told, for books outside helps, over \$50 in orders here. Among them were four for the gem-casket of heaven-sent truth, "Christ's Object Lessons."

To-day my labors were blessed of the Lord. What varied and wonderful experiences we do have from day to day!

Up to about 4:00 P.M., I had not secured the desired number of "Object Lessons" orders. I felt that I must have them, they must come now first of all. Some work was done, and soon the orders for "Object Lessons" were secured. Now see the floods of blessings that seem to go in the wake of this book or "Ministry of Healing." I called at one house, then,—\$3.75 in orders for helps; next house, three men were in it, two of them taking "Patriarchs and Prophets," \$3.00 apiece, and these two same individuals took each another book I had, including *Life and Health* for one year, at \$3.50 each. Then soon at another house near by two miners just home from work each took "Patriarchs," \$3.00 each. The next house contained a Mexican family. The man ordered Spanish "Patriarchs" at \$3.00. This was some \$25 in orders in about one hour's work.

To-day all told it was some \$50 to \$55 in orders. I can only give God all the glory.

Walter Harper.

January 7.

Teachers' Exchange

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Fernado Academy Items

A new barn has been erected in which the vehicles, machinery, and cows will be kept.

The new church-school building is completed, with the exception of a little paint. Sister Davis and Brother Jaeger are in charge, and have well-filled rooms.

Vacation days are now over, and most of the students have returned from their homes or fields of missionary work, and are now ready to begin the new term with hard work and good cheer.

The week of prayer at the academy was one of great spiritual refreshing to all. The lessons were shortened so that time might be given to heart searching as well as study. The Spirit of the Lord came into the meetings in a marked degree, and many gave their lives to the Master and for the work.

The Bible classes have been given the preeminence in the school, and are well attended. We have learned much about the Good Book, and have indeed found it to be the masterpiece of literature.

The first semester has proved a success, and we may rest assured that the coming semester will be equally successful, if not more so, providing each make himself a committee of one to make it such.

We were much pleased to have Elder W. C. White with us a few days ago. We always enjoy having the older workers with us, and are also inspired to earnestness in preparing for a part in the work.

Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr, of Loma Linda, is in charge of our Science and Medical Training Departments. This is the first year we have had a regular medical training course, and it is proving to be both interesting and practical.

For several weeks during the month of November the students enjoyed their study in a canvassing class conducted by Brother E. S. Horsman. A month before Christmas about fifty of the students, accompanied by their teachers, entered Los Angeles to place the beautiful volume, "Christ's Object Lessons," before the people. Although the weather was unfavorable, 240 books were sold during the week, and words of truth spread that will bear fruit in eternity.

Fernando, as well as other towns in California, was visited by Elder J. O. Corliss, who has been presenting the little paper, the *Present Issue*, before the churches. He gave a most earnest address on the fulfilment of prophecy, and then a call was made to distribute the paper, which was met with an enthusiastic response, several thousand copies being ordered before the meeting closed.

While engaged in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," we found how inefficient we were along the line of giving Bible-readings and in house-to-house work; so what is known as a "League for Meeting the People" has been organized. We meet evening after the Sabbath, with Elder Hibbard in charge, and devote our time to giving Bible-

readings, public speaking, singing practice, or in any line that will help us to learn how to reach the people with the message.

Maude Warren.

January 5.

Riverside

Three months our school has been in session, and since this is the first report, I will give a full statement.

Our schoolroom is about thirty by forty feet, and located in the basement of the church. At the beginning of the school year the room was repainted, the desks were revarnished, and new screen-doors and windows were hung; in fact, everything for the comfort and convenience of the school was provided.

We have only a few feet of ground along the sides of the church, but a neighbor very kindly gave us the use of a small plot of ground for our gardens.

We have ten pupils (with the exception of one all are under twelve years of age), and only two grades; but nevertheless, all are interested and enjoy their work. Two of the members are boys whose parents are not Sabbath-keepers. At the beginning of the term they knew nothing about the Bible, but now have begun to read it through. Besides this, the older boy has finished reading "Great Controversy," and has commenced to read "Desire of Ages."

The Lord has daily verified His promise that "where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." During the week of prayer we held the children's exercises in the schoolroom. I had intended to have only short meetings; but when they were started it seemed impossible to close in less time than an hour and a half.

From the first meeting the children engaged in prayer voluntarily, and seemed glad whenever an opportunity was given for them to testify to the goodness of the Lord. Even the little folks in the first grade expressed their desire to live so that they could help bring others to Jesus. They also attended the meetings in the church, and showed great interest and testified in so earnest and sincere a manner that it was manifest to all that the Spirit of the Lord was at work. This was a direct answer to the prayers of the whole

church. All along we have had the hearty cooperation of the parents in the management of the school.

On the 29th of November the children rendered a Harvest Ingathering program at which a collection amounting to \$14 was taken up. In addition to this, about \$10 had been earned, and sent away by the children during the summer. We are keeping the missionary spirit alive by bi-monthly missionary meetings in which each takes an active part.

Truly the Lord hath dealt wondrously with us. We feel full of courage, and know that He has rich blessings in store for the children of the Riverside church school.

Vivian Nightingale.

January 3.

CALIFORNIA

Turlock

Our total enrolment is 42. Our school now consists of two rooms. Miss Beulah Gardner is teaching the younger children. We expect to begin a school garden soon.

I enjoyed a pleasant vacation of ten days at my home near Los Angeles. One Sunday, in company with a few friends, I walked thirty-five miles over mountains and through canyons. We started at 2 A.M., and were gone from home eighteen hours. From the top of Mount Wilson we could see Los Angeles, Pasadena, and all near-by towns, and the ocean and Catalina Island. Looking in the other direction we could see mountains for forty miles back. Among them were the snow-capped peaks of "Old Baldy," Mount San Bernardino, Mount San Jacinto, and others. It certainly was a grand trip, though when we neared the end of our thirty-five mile journey we had nearly forgotten the beautiful scenery.

Enjoyed another nice trip to the Santa Anita Canyon.

The weather in Los Angeles was so different from Turlock. The sun shown every day while I was there.

V. Pearl Stone.

January 5.

"We are as ignorant of God as little children; but as little children we may love and obey Him."

Primary Department of Healdsburg Church School

At the beginning of the fall term, September 28, I began teaching in the primary department of the Healdsburg church school. This is my first experience in teaching and as day after day passes, I become more and more interested in the work, enjoying it more than anything I have ever done.

My grades are the receiving class, first, second, third, and fourth. There are fifteen children under my charge, all having Adventist parents excepting one, who is a Japanese boy eighteen years old. He is in the fourth grade, and seems to take a great interest in all his studies, which are reading, spelling, Bible, arithmetic, nature, geography, and language.

I am following the outline as shown in the "Church-School Manual," and find it a great help.

We are trying to make our school the best, with Jesus as our example.

Jessie Smith.

"Signs of the Times Monthly" for February, 1909

In view of the terrible calamity that has just visited southern Italy, the February number of the *Signs of the Times Monthly* will be of peculiar interest. Long before the terrible earthquake came, and without the least thought of its coming, the editors had planned on devoting the February number largely to the subject of storms, earthquakes, pestilences, etc., showing the place they have in the fulfilment of prophecy, and pointing out the way of escape. Now that this great earthquake has come, it will make the subject all the more forceful.

Among the leading articles which will appear in the February number, we would call special attention to the following:

1. *Cause of Earthquakes and Storms, and Their Significance. Is There Protection from Them?* By A. O. Tait.
2. *Stormy Wind Fulfilling His Word.* By M. C. Wilcox.
3. *The Protestant Federation Congress.* By J. S. Wightman.
4. *In the Wilderness.* By Mrs. E. G. White.
5. *The World's History in Prophecy.* By E. J. Hibbard.

6. *Interesting Phenomena in Sun, Moon, and Stars.* By Geo. W. Rine.

7. *The Eternal Outlook.* By Geo. A. Snyder.

8. *Proper Breathing.* By Dr. D. H. Kress.

9. *Current Events* will be discussed in the first part of the paper as usual, and the things that have occurred within the last few weeks furnish striking and important matter for comment. The prophecies are fulfilling rapidly, and the editors of the journal are seeking to keep alive to these things and present them so that the people of the world may see and be saved.

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Annual Meeting of the California Conference

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the California Conference will convene at Oakland, Cal., Feb. 3, 1909, and continue until February 10. The first meeting of the session will be held at 9:00 A. M., February 3.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the church, and one additional delegate for every twenty members. A full delegation is earnestly desired.

S. N. Haskell, *President.*

Claude Conard, *Secretary.*

From West Africa the good word comes that the work is moving rapidly in that field. The new school building is nearing completion. At every point where the truth touches, Brother Babcock writes, success attends the effort. The Freetown church has put out a Bible-worker, paying her way from their own contributions. The first week resulted in her bringing a new Sabbath-keeper with her to the Sabbath services.

"Make the best of your troubles you have, and don't hunt more."

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During the recent campaign with the *Missions Review and Herald*, \$175 were collected in the little conference of Arizona.

A quiet wedding took place New Year's eve at Sanitarium, Cal., when Miss Ora M. Peoples became the bride of Elder H. A. St. John, Elder J. W. Bagby officiating.

Elder J. H. Behrens, of the California Conference, has purchased lots, and expects to build soon in Mountain View. His object for locating in Mountain View is that his daughter may have the advantages of the good church school at this place.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Conference Association was held at the office at Mountain View on Monday, the 11th. The following members were present from abroad: W. E. Chinnock, of Fresno, E. E. Parlin, of San Francisco; W. E. Whalin, of Oakland; and L. M. Bowen, of Hughson.

From Elder H. G. Thurston's letter dated Dec. 24, 1908, we quote the following:

"I think we have found three new Sabbath-keepers by some papers I left. These people were out to church two weeks ago, and I expect they will be out next Sabbath also. They were about convinced by reading 'Daniel and the Revelation' and 'Great Controversy.' The *Missions Review* called them to come to our church. They appear to be honest, good people."

Besides the members of the California Conference Committee, the following persons were at Mountain View Sunday of this week meeting with the committee for the auditing of conference laborer's accounts for 1908: C. E. Frisbie, of Oakland; W. E. Chinnock, of Fresno; J. C. Miller, of Stockton; F. A. Lashier, of Healdsburg; E. E. Parlin, of San Francisco; and W. S. Hollbrook, of Lodi.

Elder Corliss writes from Sacramento that they are expecting interesting times in Sacramento with the legislators on the Sunday question. Elder W. M. Healey, of San Diego, Brother J. F. Blunt, of Los Angeles, and Brother Clyde Lowry, of Sanitarium, are assisting in the work. Let us pray that the angel of the Lord may soften the hearts of the men with whom they have to deal that no move may be made which will hinder the progress of the message in this field.

Over thirty thousand signatures have been secured to the petition against Sunday legislation in the State of California. These have all been sent in to Elder Corliss at Sacramento for presentation to the Legislature. Additional petitions are coming in every day, all of which are being forwarded immediately. This large list of names shows that there has certainly been a vigorous effort put forth by our people in the last few weeks in this campaign.

The Religious Liberty Offering for 1909

The Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference has only one annual offering with which to carry on its work. The time which has been set apart for the annual offering this year is Sabbath, Feb. 6, 1909. We hope that all our people will bear this date in mind, and come prepared to contribute liberally to this annual offering.

The funds for carrying on the work of this department are now exhausted. All should plan to make their offering a liberal one this year, in view of our present needs, and the great demands upon us in effectively carrying on this important line of work.

More will be said upon this subject later.

K. C. Russell.

Ch'm, Religious Liberty Bureau.

Notice

From information that we have received from young people planning to attend the young people's convention appointed to be held at St. Helena Sanitarium, February 24 to 27, the outlook is that the sanitarium will not be able to provide for the large number that will likely attend. For this we are very sorry, and the sanitarium people very much regret that this is the case, for they desired to have the convention there.

Arrangements have been made to transfer the place of meeting from Sanitarium to the Western Normal Institute at Lodi, the dates remaining the same.

All persons planning to attend this convention will please notify the secretary of the California Conference, Mountain View, Cal. When we shall have received names of fifty persons who are going to attend, one and one-third rates can be secured to the convention. So please notify us at as early a date as possible.

You should by all means attend this convention.

H. W. Cottrell.

Annual Meeting of the California Conference Association

The thirteenth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the thirty-eighth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Oakland, Cal., Feb. 3 to 10, 1909, for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

The first meeting will be held at 9:00 A. M., February 4.

H. W. Cottrell, *President.*

Claude Conard, *Secretary.*

The first of October, J. F. Olmstead, in charge of Union College, South Africa, baptized seven of the students, ranging in age from sixteen to thirty-five. Ten or twelve more expected to soon go forward in this ordinance. This good experience came to them as a result of their week of prayer services, held there at a different season of the year than in this country.