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After spending a few weeks at home, I ventured to meet with the Adventists in Parma and Clarkson to preach in their meetings. They encouraged me to go on in the work, with the assurance that I had their sympathies and prayers. From Clarkson it was only a few miles west to the Thompson schoolhouse, near Kendall Corners, so I thought I would go there and give them some additional discourses. I was made welcome by Mr. Thompson and we soon had an appointment circulated for me to speak on the immortality question. I had a good audience, but among them was a good, self-conceited Universalist preacher, who had a rowdy-like young man with him. They not only made sport of my preaching, but sneered at it. The preacher's associate threw at me parched corn and hickory-nuts, much to the disgust of the people. I kept my feet, however, until I completed the discourse.

Then the preacher arose to his feet, using slang and abusive talk. One of the prominent citizens came to me, and in a low tone said, “Let me answer that man before you reply.” So he got up and scathed the preacher for his conduct. The preacher turned on him with slang, and called him a Methodist, and said, “There are twelve kinds of Methodists.” “Well,” replied my Methodist friend, “You Universalists have the start of us, for there are thirteen kinds of Universalists; and, in fact, every one of you

tries to prove your doctrine in your own way.”

I gave out no more appointments for that place, concluding that to retreat was better than the confusion which would certainly follow if I remained, so I returned to Clarkson, and reported the reception I had met.

My Adventist brethren there told me not to be discouraged, and encouraged me to go on. They also gave me this wise counsel: Go a while with some older preacher to gain an experience as to how to manage under various circumstances and conditions. On reporting this case to Brother Phineas Smith, the minister who baptized me, he invited me to accompany him in meetings he was going to hold in Morganville and Elba, southwest of Brockport, N. Y. This I did, and it was an excellent schooling for me. I was with him some three weeks, and then for several weeks I held meetings in a near-by neighborhood, where my labors were requested.

In the month of May, 1849, my brother at Adams Basin had ague chills, and requested me to come and work in the shop there, to finish up carriage work in which he was engaged. His chills continued most of the summer, so I did not preach any during that time, but labored with my hands. In November of that year, it was arranged that I should go with Brother Sullivan Heath, an Adventist minister of experience, to spend the winter in Erie County, Pa. So, fitted out with his horse and carriage, and a supply of books, we made the trip, holding meetings at various points on the way. The whole winter was spent by us in holding meetings, at State Line, Erie, Edinboro, Girard, Washington, and Fairview, with some

substantial results, and with a valuable experience to myself.

The friends in Pennsylvania, with some aid from the brethren in the State of New York, presented to me a horse, harness, and light wagon. With this rig I returned in April, 1850, to the State of New York, spending the summer in various parts of western New York. Thus my time was spent in the two states above mentioned until the spring of 1852. Then I engaged to labor for three months at house painting, in the city of Rochester. I had appointments for three Sundays in the month at Canandaigua, Geneva, and Auburn. I would leave Rochester Saturday noon, and return Sunday night, working five and one-half days three weeks. The fourth week I labored six days, and spent Sunday in Rochester. J. N. Loughborough.

Workers Everywhere

“Behold, I will send My messenger,” is continually being fulfilled before our eyes. Wherever there is a soul “ready to do whatsoever my Lord the King shall appoint” (2 Sam. 15:15), there is a work and a field. Yet only those whose ears are open to the voice of the Holy Spirit can see the work or enter the field.

When the county superintendent of Calaveras County asked me to include Angel's Camp in my recent itinerary, I began writing to any whose names I could secure who would be likely to be interested in temperance work.

Peculiar answers came. The pastor replied: “This is a hard field; there is no temperance sentiment here. My people are not willing for you to come, or for you to use my pulpit either Sunday

morning or evening." "If you still feel impressed to come," he wrote later, "I will do anything I can personally, but I can make no promise for my people."

A former W. C. T. U. worker wrote: "There is nothing you can do here. No one will help you, and I see nothing but failure from such a visit." Twice she wrote long letters in that strain.

A school-teacher and leader in the Christian Endeavor wrote, "My sister is still in Oakland, and I know of no one who will entertain you." It is of no use for you to come."

Yet, as I prayed, I could only hear the message, "Go on to Angel's Camp," and, believing that word, I went on through wind and rain and storm to find that for one night and one day a home was provided. Since we have been taught "Give us this day," I knew I could sleep only one night at a time, and eat only one day's meals in one day; so what more could I ask?

The dear Father had opened the hearts of the teachers, and the children heard the temperance message. That carried it to the homes, and the evening audiences were full of interest, and afternoon meetings showed a readiness to work. A strong union of brave women and good men was organized. Loyal Temperance Legion work was started in both the Protestant and the Roman Catholic Sunday-schools as well as Junior Endeavor, and the town which had given promise of being so dead seemed wide awake.

The next thing to seek was the cause of this contrary condition. Perhaps some of you will remember the sale of temperance, as well as denominational, literature at the Lodi camp-meeting. Our Father has a faithful brother stationed in Angel's Camp, and he brought home from that meeting two large packages of temperance literature. With every few cents' worth of vegetables he sold (for Brother Davis is engaged in growing and selling good things in harmony with Gen. 1:29) he gave away some literature. As his customers live in every part of the town, there was not a street and hardly a house that did not receive some of this temperance literature. Some of it was read, some thrown away, or burned up; but enough found lodgment in good ground to recognize the living speaker when the word was given. This

brother heard the voice of God at the Lodi camp-meeting. He was not disobedient to the heavenly message; and God, the giver of the message, owned and blessed his work.

How many of us are ready to do likewise?

Mrs. A. C. Bainbridge.

The Temperance Number of the "Instructor"

What shall we do about it? "Ministry of Healing" says, "Especially does the temperance reform demand the support of Christian workers. They should call attention to this work and make it a living issue. Everywhere they should present to the people the principles of true temperance. . . ." Last May, when the Temperance Number of the *Watchman* was coming out, Sister White said, "There could not be a better time than now for a movement of this kind, when the temperance question is creating such wide-spread interest. Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question." The interest has not abated but has continued to increase. Surely what was duty then is emphatically duty now.

We are glad that the Temperance Number of the *Instructor* has been prepared to help us in this duty. The paper will do splendid service. It is larger than usual, very artistic, well illustrated, and filled with articles covering every phase of the temperance question. Doubtless it is the best temperance periodical we have had the privilege of distributing, and will probably sell itself if it can but be presented to the people. No pains have been spared in its preparation. No pains should be spared in its distribution.

Who will put forth a determined effort? Who will resolve that every home in his community shall be supplied with one or more copies of this excellent paper? Satan will whisper to you a hundred apparently good excuses for not engaging in this work, but the needs of the people and the words from the spirit of prophecy make duty clear. What shall we do about it? Send in your order. Lay your plans. Distribute your papers. Pray unceasingly.

Missionary Volunteer Dept.

The Field

Boil it Down

"If you think you have something to say, and are tempted to multiply words in saying it, just boil it down. Only concentrated extracts will keep good,—boil it down. Sweets are sweetest when at their maximum density,—boil it down. The active human mind appreciates best condensed thought because it can pack away more in the same mental space. It revels in depth and solidity,—boil it down. Give out the solid stuff and let the reader dilute to his taste,—boil it down. It makes the editor happier, makes his paper weightier, saves time, money, and memory,—boil it down."

Program for the Bible Institute to Be Held in Fresno, March 26 to April 3

- 9:00-9:45 A.M., Bible Study.
- 9:55-10:40 " Bible Study.
- 10:45-11:30 " Practical Instruction in Missionary Work.
- 11:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M., Bible Study.
- The afternoons will be spent in practical missionary work in the city.
- 5:00-6:00 P.M., Special Classes for Church Librarians.
- 6:00-7:00 " Missionary Experience Meeting.
- 7:15-8:00 " Preaching Services.

The object of this institute is to give practical Bible instruction that will be meat in due season to our people. Bible studies will be given on vital points of the third angel's message, such as religious liberty, the sanctuary, etc. These are subjects with which we can not become too familiar. The Lord expects us to be ready *always* to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is in us with meekness and fear.

S. N. Haskell,
Pres. Cal. Conf.

Librarians Take Notice

Special instruction will be given librarians during the Fresno institute, March 26 to April 3. We hope all the librarians of the churches in that district will make special efforts to attend this institute.

It would be well for the librarians to take their librarian account books with them, so as to receive help in any difficulties they may have in keeping their books.

Besides counsel on the proper way to keep the librarian's accounts, there will be practical and valuable instruction on the duties of the librarian as leader of the missionary work in the church.

S. N. Haskell,
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The Lodi Convention

A missionary volunteer convention was held at Lodi, Cal., February 24 to 28. The large attendance was very gratifying, there being about one hundred fifty young people present, besides a large number of fathers and mothers.

The meetings were held in the new church, which was very tastily arranged for the occasion. Above the rostrum was the Missionary Volunteer Aim, "The Advent Message to the World in This Generation," and the motto, "For the Love of Christ Constraineth Us."

From each chandelier were suspended the letters "M. V.," while a delicately draped line encircling the body of the house indicated where the Missionary Volunteers were to be seated.

The interest taken in the young people and their work was shown by the fact that nearly all the remaining seats were usually filled with attentive listeners of older years.

An interesting feature of the opening of the convention was a "Greeting to the Missionary Volunteers," sent by Mrs. Alma McKibbin, who was a Bible teacher in Healdsburg College for some years, but who was unable to attend this gathering of many of her former pupils. She spoke of the significance of the name adopted by our organization, and of the difference between a volunteer, whose heart is in the work, and a drafted soldier, who is simply forced into service.

This thought of willing, volunteer service in this great closing work was carried throughout the entire convention.

Prof. M. E. Kern was with us, and the instruction given by him in plans of organization and methods of work was greatly appreciated by all. Sabbath afternoon he spoke to a crowded house on the subject of "The Home." Happy indeed is the young man or woman whose early life was spent in

such a home as was pictured; and blessed indeed are the father and the mother who receive the love and respect that are their due.

In the revival service that followed, a large number of young people expressed their determination to consecrate the remainder of their lives to the service of the Lord.

In lessons upon character-building, was given much food for serious study. Habit is the tendency to repeat. A unique illustration was given in the form of a paper which had been folded. Its tendency, or *habit*, was to fold again in the same crease. The wrinkles in a man's coat are simply the *habit* into which the coat has fallen.

One of the most interesting and helpful features of the convention was the Question Box. Into this receptacle every one was allowed to pour all his troubles and perplexities, and with much patience and long-suffering, Professor Kern solved every problem, and answered every query.

Freedom in the discussion of all topics was permitted, and the interchange of ideas added interest to the work.

The closing meeting, which was held in the chapel of the Western Normal Institute, was the best of the convention. As Professor Kern talked of the importance of these closing hours of time, of the responsibility that rests upon our young people, and of the necessity for watchfulness and earnest, daily Bible study and prayer, the Spirit of the Lord came very near, and hearts were deeply impressed. Many testified to the blessing they had received and to their determination to pass on these blessings to others.

We believe all went home feeling that the definite instruction and the inspiration received would help them to become better workers and more fit to bear the name of Missionary Volunteers.

Mrs. Carrie R. King.

Sanitarium

Much to encourage, much to admonish, much to cause reflection, is to be found at the present time in the work at the sanitarium.

To encourage us, we have had and are having many blessings from God. It is the almost universal testimony on the part of the management, physicians,

heads of departments, and others, that, generally speaking, there has never prevailed in the family a better spirit than is to be found at the present time. Undoubtedly this is due to the fact that a larger measure of self-government has been brought in, thus throwing the responsibility of the well-being of the workers more largely upon themselves. The great aim to become brother-keepers has been largely realized, and this, combined with the high ideals for which our blessed truth calls, has wrought many changes for good in the department and work of nurses and helpers.

There has come in, also, of late, a larger measure of desire among our nurses to labor in a spiritual way for the patients. And as desire to work for souls has increased, so opportunities have multiplied. It is the testimony of the chaplain that during the last three months he has had more calls from nurses to visit the patients and labor with them in a spiritual way than he has had in as many years previously. And while we thank the dear Lord for this, we must recognize that the work of the physician-in-chief has been largely instrumental in bringing it about. The power of example, the influence of doing, is immeasurable.

We have, to encourage us, a good spirit of unity and freedom in the routine work of each day. This is so refreshing always, making burdens light and doing away with that intangible something which racks nerves and crushes hearts. There is a good attendance at religious services, and an excellent spirit in the classes of the training-school.

But this is not saying that all is perfect. We are daily admonished that higher standards must be erected if we would give the Lord all the opportunity He seeks to make the sanitarium all that it ought to be. A health institution of the third angel's message must be based on principles so righteous, so pure, so heavenly, that everything connected with the matter and method of its work shall show forth the divine character. To attain to this ideal, it is necessary often to cast aside what appears as the old and tried plans, and walk out into that which God says is the best, even though reason disapproves. The writer believes that the management is conscientiously seeking to put the stamp of Christianity

upon every detail of business within and without the institution.

Just how to accomplish, justly and truly, that which seems so necessary, is often a matter of much perplexity. To effect great changes without injury to the delicate membrane of the spiritual life of imperfect men and women, is something that only the Divine can perform. And yet human agencies are called upon to act, following so closely the pattern of truth that sin and not the sinner shall be wrecked.

To place the sanitarium work on the highest vantage-ground, we need more men and women of such years and experience and integrity as to constitute them pillars of steadfastness. We need a larger number of people who are thoroughly independent in their Christian life, who will ever be on the offensive in the conflict against wrong. We need those who can and will be missionaries for God all the time during training, and who, at the close of their course, are not only entitled to obtain, but to carry with credit to the cause of God, a diploma.

The stand has recently been taken by the united faculty of the training-school that hereafter only such shall be graduated as nurses as have actually fulfilled the conditions for which the calendar calls. They must not only have put in the required time and passed satisfactory examinations, but must be in possession of an experience which gives evidence of continued Christian development. This is a serious position to take, and yet who will not say it is right, and bid the faculty God-speed?

Just now the new class is forming. Are there not many of our strongest and best young people who will wish to enter the work, become missionaries at once, and receive as quickly as possible a larger preparation for the great medical missionary field of the world? Here is a bonafide privilege of doing just what Jesus did,—of laboring in patience, in sweetness, in perseverance, in faith, for lost and sick souls; and *blessed* is the opportunity. ***

Oakland and Vicinity

Since our good conference we have been endeavoring to push forward the enterprise of building a modest church in Melrose. We have in mind a very good location for both church and school

purposes, and hope soon to make a beginning in the building. We shall be obliged to progress slowly on account of a lack of funds, as we do not wish to finance a church debt.

In the Oakland church we are just now making special efforts to liquidate our indebtedness to the California Bible House for literature, and we are making good progress. We hope hereafter to arrange with the Bible House to send small clubs of periodicals direct to the home addresses of individual church-members instead of sending a large club to the librarian to be distributed among the members, or else kept in "cold storage."

The church has also voted not to send any more large wholesale orders, but only such orders as have been bargained for by individuals through the librarian. The writer is of the opinion that it is not wise to urge a large order upon a church in general when nobody in particular is responsible for the pay.

During the latter part of February three new members were added to the Melrose church by baptism, and one to the Oakland church by rebaptism. Others are awaiting baptism at the earliest opportunity.

We are earnestly praying for help, as Oakland and the Fruitvale district have been recently stripped of the last Bible worker, and there is a long list of interested readers with no one to systematically carry forward the work.

Geo. A. Snyder.

Hughson and Dinuba

The last Sunday night in January I held a mass meeting in our church at Hughson. The house was well filled with an audience that gave very close attention. At the close of the discourse I invited the Baptist minister who was present with his congregation to say a few words. In response he made several spicy remarks, in which he stated that he was in full harmony with every thought I had expressed, and hoped, as we are several hundred years this side of Puritan days and the blue laws, that the time would never come when we as a nation would return to them.

Since the conference, I have distributed about fifty copies of *Liberty* in the place. I believe these will have a good effect.

Shortly after the conference I came

to Dinuba. I have enjoyed much visiting my brethren and sisters in their homes, and find an earnest desire on the part of all to reach a higher standard of Christian experience.

God has come very near in our public meetings, and has given glorious victory to this church. I hope for brighter days and an effective work for this dear people.

H. C. Basney.

Stockton

We have had splendid weather in this section of the field the past week, enabling us to scatter over seven thousand pages of literature besides doing our regular visiting and giving Bible studies.

We are encouraged to find the people with whom we become acquainted in the religious liberty work well pleased, for the most part, with the final outcome of Sunday legislation in this state.

J. D. Alder.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

The Sanitarium Young People's Society sent Mr. Yen Chen, their president, and Miss Daisy Branstetter, as delegates to the recent convention at Lodi. They returned home filled with new enthusiasm. Elder C. L. Taylor, the chaplain, also attended in the interests of the training-school work.

Due to the generosity of the family and friends, a new first-class stereopticon has been purchased, and has already been used several times to give entertainment and instruction to the guests and students, to the entire satisfaction of all. It has the microscopical attachment which is useful in presenting from microscopical slides such subjects as the structure of the human body, etc.

About the first of the year there was organized among the young men of the institution a class in public speaking under the oversight of Elder C. L. Taylor, their Bible teacher. Each Friday evening at family vespers in the chapel, some of the members occupy a short time in presenting a Bible theme, or debating some subject. These experiences are proving to be very profitable to the members.

The sanitarium family have recently enjoyed visits from Prof. M. E. Kern,

who spoke in the interests of the young people's work, Elder N. Z. Town, who gave an outline of the work in South America since its beginning; Dr. A. C. Selmon, from China, who presented some of his interesting experiences in that field; and Elder J. N. Anderson and family, also from China. Elder Anderson is superintendent of that mission field, and like Dr. Selmon, has returned to this country as delegate to the coming General Conference. Sister Anderson's health has been failing for some months, but we trust that the medical care she can receive in this country, together with the change of climate and the good cheer of home friends, will so restore her to health that she will be able to resume the work she has learned to love in that far-off, needy field. M. L. E.

Los Gatos

I left Georgia September 1 and arrived in San Jose Sept. 6, 1908. After spending a little over two months up in the Santa Cruz Mountains and about Los Gatos for my health, I commenced work under Elder Haskell's direction in the California Conference. I labored at Hughson, Modesto, Merced, Monterey, and Pacific Grove, until the conference meeting in Oakland. I preached a few times, sold some of our journals, visited with the people, gave Bible-readings, and especially canvassed Modesto, Monterey, and Pacific Grove for petitions against the Sunday law.

After the good conference in Oakland, I waited there until the 16th of February when I returned to Monterey, packed up and came to Campbell, where I received word February 20 that I was to work in Los Gatos. I have arranged to hold three cottage meetings this week, two here and one in Campbell where several of our church-members reside.

H. F. Courter.

A Novel Experience

From the Oakland conference we went to Sacramento for the purpose of making a careful examination of the state library for the blind. While there we witnessed some of the doings of the Legislature, and were present at the hour set for discussion on the proposed Sunday amendment to the Constitution.

Friday we took a river boat for Clarksburg where a small company of Sab-

bath-keepers are holding up the light by means of a Sabbath-school and a prayer-meeting on the Sabbath. We were met at the boat and conducted to the home of one of the sisters, and the following Sabbath were taken to Sabbath-school in a boat. To us this was quite a Venetian experience.

By the time you read this, we shall be on our way to the General Conference in the interest of the one hundred thousand blind people of the United States and Canada. Pray that the Lord will give us the desires of our hearts—this message to all classes in this generation.

Minnie E. and Chas. N. Miller.

ARIZONA

Naco, Bisbee, Douglas

The good Lord is working upon the honest of heart in this part of the vineyard. Since coming to Naco about a month ago, we have been engaged in house-to-house work, and find most of our readers gladly accepting the prophecies, and they are anxious to hear the Sabbath question. This we shall present soon. We expect to hold a public effort here in the near future and these interested ones promise financial support.

Our president, Elder Thurston, sent me word to look after the interest at Bisbee which was created by reading our tracts. Several adults have left the Baptist church there, and are earnestly studying our message. I had several studies with them last Sabbath, which they received with joy. Many times during the studies words of praise to God would be heard.

One of the company, a young man, is studying "Heralds of the Morning," and is desirous of entering the canvassing work soon.

At Douglas a Spanish sister has lately signed the covenant, and is rejoicing in the precious truth.

We solicit the earnest prayers of all our dear Brethren in behalf of the message in Arizona.

I. P. Dillon.

WANTED.—An experienced stenographer for general office work; must be able to assist in compiling manuscript. Permanent position to right person. Address, Loma Linda Sanitarium, Loma Linda, Cal.

For Sale

Place containing five acres of vineyard, two and one-half acres of peaches, and two and one-half acres of prunes; four-room cottage, mill and tank; one mile from church building and church and intermediate school. Price, \$4,500. Wm. Steinman, Lemoore, Cal.

Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The sixth annual session of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Phoenix, Ariz., in the Seventh-day Adventist church, at 10 A.M., April 6, 1909 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such business as may be necessary.

H. G. Thurston, *Pres.*

M. T. Poston, *Secy.*

Obituary

MAGOON.—Plummer Magoon was born at Stanstead, Canada, 1830, and died at Santa Ana, Cal., Jan. 14, 1909. In 1849 he moved to West Derby, Vt., where in 1852 he married Mandana H. Hammond. In 1856 he located in Girard, Ill., and on the 10th day of Aug., 1862, enlisted in the 122d Illinois infantry where he served as sergeant of Company H, and was honorably discharged July 15, 1865. Since 1886 he has resided at Santa Ana, Cal.

In 1893 he was baptized by the writer, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and was a most faithful member till his death. He was ever one of the staunchest members of the Santa Ana church, and adorned his profession with a godly life. Perhaps no member of the community was held in higher esteem by the people generally than Brother Magoon. In his death his dear wife, who alone of his family survives him, has lost a faithful and an affectionate companion, and the church one of its most efficient workers. He fell asleep with the same bright hope that had made him strong in life; and we have every assurance that he will stand in his lot at the end. A large concourse of friends were present at the funeral service which was conducted by the writer.

E. E. Andross.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1909.

The annual meetings of the St. Helena Sanitarium and the Sanitarium Food Company were held at Sanitarium, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

A letter dated March 5 from Brother G. A. Hamilton, of Modesto, says: "God is blessing the work here. Two precious souls have decided to obey the truth, and a number of others are interested."

A letter from Prof. I. C. Colecord, who was in attendance at the Missionary Volunteer convention and secretaries' council at Fernando, Cal., states that they had a good attendance, and that the meetings were excellent.

Under date of February 28, W. L. Sims writes from Fortuna, Cal.: "Another dear soul has signified her intention of uniting with us. Our church here has now a membership of eighteen adults and eight children."

Brother J. R. Miller and family, who went last fall to the Southern states to canvass, have returned to California. Brother Miller had good success in his work, but on account of sickness in his family, was compelled to return to the Coast.

Recent word from the general department of the Missionary Volunteers, at Washington, D. C., states that about 14,000 Morning Watch Calendars for 1909 have been printed and sold. There are about 1,200 enrolled in the reading course. "Great Controversy" and

"Daybreak in the Dark Continent" are the books being studied.

The special theme of the *Signs of the Times Monthly* magazine for April will be the Resurrection. An excellent number is promised. Prices are as follows: Single copy, 10 cents; 5 to 25 copies, 5 cents each; 25 to 500, 4 cents a copy; 500 to 1,000 copies, 3½ cents apiece. Yearly subscription price, \$1.00. Order through your tract society.

A recent report from Elder and Mrs. J. D. Rice, of Oakland, contains the following: "In our labors in Richmond and Berkeley during the month just past, we have to report four baptisms, two now awaiting this ordinance, seven in all who have signed the covenant." Plans are being laid for the erection of a church building at Richmond in the near future.

Brother H. H. Hall, manager of the Book and Sales Department at the Pacific Press, left last week for an extended trip in the northern states and Canada. Brother Hall will be in attendance at a number of conventions and institutes, and will do some auditing of conference and tract society books in the Western British Columbia field. He expects to be absent about two months.

No new developments have been reported from Sacramento this week. From indications now it appears that the present session of the Legislature will close without any opening whatsoever being made for religious enactments. If such a victory is granted for the cause of right, it means only a short time longer given in which to work unmolested for God and for the enlightenment of those who know not these truths in California.

The latest word received from our workers in Utah was to the effect that a Sunday bill was then pending before the Senate of that state. It had already passed the House. Efforts were being made by our people in Salt Lake City to get a hearing before the committee to which it was referred, but no definite promise had at that time been received. Literature on the evils and danger of religious legislation was being circulated among the Senators, and some

of the local papers were opening their columns for discussions against the proposed measure. The outcome has not yet been reported.

From a letter from Arizona dated February 19, we take the following:

"Yesterday the bill which had for its aim that this Legislature should sanction local laws closing barber shops on Sunday, was defeated by a large majority in the Council.

"Our memorial, containing three typewritten pages, was read in full. It was on behalf of the Religious Liberty Association of the Pacific Coast and Arizona, by H. G. Thurston, field secretary for Arizona.

"When the Council saw what was in the bill, they promptly voted it down. We are glad for the results, but must keep watch of affairs."

Remember

That there is to be a canvassers' institute held at Fresno, March 26 to April 3; one at Lodi, April 4 to 21; Chico, April 23 to 30; Armona, May 3 to 21. Any one wishing further particulars relative to these conventions is cordially invited to write the California Bible House, Mountain View, Cal. We trust a large number will come forward for service, and enter the book work this year.

W. H. Covell,
Field Canvassing Director.

"Reviews" and "Recorders"

There are those of our people who for various reasons do not feel able to subscribe for our invaluable church papers, the RECORDER and the Review. There is another class which have these papers, and after reading them would be glad to pass them on to some of those mentioned above if they but knew their whereabouts. This would be a good opportunity for some of our young people to do genuine missionary work. It is the object of this notice to bring in touch these two classes. Drop a postal to the writer and receive in return the name of one (of which I have several) who would enjoy reading these papers.

D. D. Fitch.

224 Jackson St.,
Glendale, Cal.