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The hospitality of the Fernando church and Academy was not strained, but their capacity was stretched almost to the limit on the opening day of the convention. Before the opening session, over sixty delegates had arrived by rail, and the next day delegates came in unexpected numbers, on foot, on bicycles, on automobiles, and in automobiles, until the reception committee were fairly swamped; but during the entire convention the Fernando homes were never so full that they could not receive more. Every society in the conference was represented, except San Pasqual.

The gathering was a combination of the Pacific Union Council of secretaries and a convention of the societies of Southern California. Prof. I. C. Colcord represented the societies of the Northern California Conference, and Miss Maggie Fletcher, those of Utah. Elder H. G. Thurston, of Arizona, expected to represent his conference, but the pending Sunday bill before the Territorial Legislature detained him.

Three daily sessions were held, one from 9:00 to 12:30; a second from 4:30 to 6:00, and the last from 7:00 to 9:00.

Elder E. J. Hibbard, Bible teacher at the Academy, opened the convention Tuesday evening with an earnest emphasis on the "Macedonian call into all the world." The call was italicized by the greatness of the present message, the shortness of the time, the many open and opening doors, and the crying needs in every land.

Opportunity was given to the young people to answer this call. A liberal

number responded by expressing their determination to give their life's service to the spread of the "good news," either at home or abroad.

Wednesday morning, Prof. M. E. Kern spoke on the needs of the young people, and Prof. H. G. Lucas made prominent the needs and the sweetness of private communion with God. He explained that it is not for the purpose of informing God, but to open the way for God to reveal something to us or prepare us to make the proper use of the blessings He stands ready to bestow. The early hours of the day afford the choicest period for personal communion.

In the evening Professor Kern spoke particularly of the responsibility of our youth in working for other young people.

Dr. Lillis-Wood Starr gave a brief but interesting account of the beginning of the work in Mexico, showing how the medical work is the avenue through which to reach this people. The evening session closed with a consecration or recruiting service.

Among others who gave talks Thursday was Brother L. T. Curtis, the secretary of the Southern California Tract Society. He prefaced his remarks by saying, "When any one is aroused to the necessity of action, and then fails to act, he is in a worse condition than before the stimulus was applied." He emphasized the importance of organized effort by giving figures which showed an increase in the book work of over 150 per cent as a result of proper direction. He sounded a very timely warning against the practise of our young ladies selling our periodicals in the business section of the large cities. The discussion on this

last point was extended to the church-school children which crystallized in the following resolution, adopted by the council:

"In view of the increasing corruption in our cities and towns, and recognizing as we must the sad results of street influences on our children; therefore

"Be it Resolved: That we discourage in every way the practise of having children sell our literature on the streets, at the imminent risk of their own purity and innocence."

Field work, correspondence, the idea of encouraging conventions, and reaching the homes, were lines of thought presented Thursday evening by Elder Warren and Professors Ballenger, Lucas, Kern, and Kay. A good social meeting closed the evening's program. A call was made for all those who wished to seek the Lord, and a goodly number responded. These were taken to a smaller room, where they were given personal help.

At 3 o'clock Friday afternoon Prof. Clifford Howell spoke along the line of educational work in the South. He and Mrs. Howell are conducting a self-supporting school for white children at Daylight, Tenn. He spoke of a book which he has compiled from Sister White's writings, giving a detailed history of the true Israel from the Garden of Eden to the new earth.

Elder Luther Warren conducted the Friday evening sunset meeting. The subject chosen was "The Blessed Hope." He made a plea for the old-time songs, and all that went with them. The large company was divided into several companies so that all might have opportunity to speak a word for Jesus. There was a liberal response.

The Sabbath-school was not omitted. Professor Kern occupied the morning hour. The Home was his theme, and its influence was magnified to its proper proportions.

The service Sabbath afternoon was led by Elder R. S. Owen, who spoke on the subject of "The Better Way." Young people choose the "better part" as did Mary. The meeting closed with a special service for those who wished to seek the Lord for victory.

For the purpose of stimulating a missionary spirit in the direction of China, Miss Litta Hibben gave a brief sketch Sabbath evening of the life and work of John Mackenzie, the medical missionary to that country. Get his life and read it.

Brother N. Z. Town was given an opportunity to put in a plea for the "neglected continent." He spoke particularly of Argentine Republic, disabusing our minds regarding the conditions many supposed existed there. The capital of Argentine is the largest city south of the equator, and has all the modern conveniences. The work was begun there seventeen years ago by the canvasser. The yearly membership gain was 175, and the per capita tithe, \$9.00.

In addition to Brother St. John's talk on "Preparation for Missions," and counsel of Elder Warren Sunday morning, Brother J. F. Blunt gave a very interesting account of the work of the committee at Sacramento in defeating the proposed Sunday law and constitutional amendment. He attributed the defeat of the bills largely to the work of our people in securing the nearly 40,000 protests against any Sunday legislation. He suggested that we ought to secure 100,000 protests for the next Legislature. Do you think so? Will you help?

The Sunday evening session was given wholly to the representatives of China. Elder J. N. Anderson gave a very interesting account of the peculiar customs of the Chinese, the rapid changes that are now going on in China, and the needs of this vast field. Everything is most encouraging except the great lack of means and workers.

Miss Ida Thompson, who has been conducting a girls' school at Canton, gave a spic report of her work. We will not attempt to give even a synopsis of these two talks, but will suggest something better. Brother Anderson and Miss Thompson are recruiting their health at

Burbank, Cal., and as far as their health will permit, will meet with our churches and tell them of their work. Invite them to visit your church.

It was to Miss Thompson's school that the Southern California Conference sent the camp-meeting Sabbath-school collections last fall. At the close of the meeting a call was made for all to stand who had definitely determined to give their lives to foreign missions, and thirty-two responded.

Below are brief sketches of a number of the talks and papers presented.

E. S. Ballenger.

Needed Preparation for Our Work

The last two verses of the fourth chapter of Malachi portray the condition which will exist among our young people of this generation. There is need of our having the devotion of Elijah, if we expect to be clothed with the spirit of this prophet of Israel. If this advent message is to be carried to all the world in this generation, it will have to be done by the miracle-working power of God, and this power is not given to the superficial and indifferent, but is entrusted to those who know God in the solitude of the secret chamber and in the power of a sinless life.

Among the prominent needs of our young people is to have a definite aim or purpose in life. Never can we lead the young people of the world to a higher life until we have a higher purpose. This higher purpose is most fittingly presented in "Christian Education," page 51. "He is a Christian who aims to reach the highest attainments for the purpose of doing others good." It is stated that the greater percentage of young people that form a definite purpose do so while in school.

Our young people need a social education that they may be prepared to properly meet the people of culture, and present this truth. The careless, indifferent drifting to the world, so common among many of our young people, was forcibly illustrated by the answer of the little girl who was asked why she fell out of bed. She said she went to sleep too near where she got into bed.

M. E. Kern.

The Standard of Attainment

Nothing is worth having which is not worth striving for. How dear to the heart of every American citizen is the

flag of our country. We love it, we honor it. And yet, its power is inadequate, its existence short, its dominion limited. How much, how vastly much more, should the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel mean to every loyal Christian. Its power is unlimited, its existence eternal, its dominion the universe.

But, ah, how few of us know even the symbolism of our flag, the cardinal points of doctrine, and much less are we able to give a scriptural authority for them. Shall we not as young people rally around our standard, study deeply these precious truths, so that our modern "Gideon's army" need not fear to break their pitchers when in company with those who know not this truth, because there is no light in them?

D. D. Fitch.

How to Meet the Social Needs of the Young

Humanity craves association. Ever since God said in the Garden of Eden, "It is not good that man should be alone," there has been implanted in the hearts of human beings a desire for companionship. Our wise Creator never gives us a longing, the satisfying of which he has not provided for. He intends that we should mingle together and receive benefit and pleasure from each other's company and the exchange of thoughts and ideas.

The social evils which we see around us are simply the perversion by Satan, of this heaven-implanted desire. Instead of benefit the world seeks merely for selfish gratification, and the result is vanity, degradation, sin.

The social life of a *Christian* is expressed thus: "He went about doing good;" that of the *world*: "He went about." The best prescription for overcoming the perverted appetite for sinful pleasures is to get a taste of the joy of soul winning.

M. P. Robinson.

Call to Missionary Volunteer Work

Who of our youth will give themselves to God for the purpose of laboring for other youth? It is a well-known fact that those of like age can work most efficiently for each other. Considering this to be true, how necessary it is that we, as young people, should have well-organized bands, ready to do definite work.

There are several ways in which to help other young people. One of the

first means of assistance is to give the young people a new vision of life. We, ourselves, must so live and represent Christ that our lives will inspire others to do likewise. We should help them to aim high. Tell them of your own experience and aim, and get them to come up on higher ground.

There are great things in store for the young people if they will step up higher. The book, "Christian Education," says, "God does not bid the youth to be less aspiring. The elements of character that make a man successful and honored among men, an irrepressible desire for greater good and untiring perseverance, are not to be crushed."

Young people should have a purpose. This one purpose should be the winning of souls. Well might it be said that the continuous purpose of a young man is the prophecy of his future life. The purpose of a young person might be compared to the rudder of a ship. Without a rudder, the ship, caught in a storm, is helpless and of no use. Just so is it in the life of a young person, in which there is no purpose. It is worthless. Those who have a definite calling may help other young people to get that purpose. He that casts a good thought is giving what the angels give.

Truly one of the principal objects of the Missionary Volunteer Society is to interest the young people in educational lines. God would have us arouse our intellects. There is more need now than ever to have the young people's intellects trained for the work. But in order to have a complete education, mental, physical, and moral, one element is necessary, that of the Holy Spirit.

It is too true that the salvation of many young people depends on the fact of their being in our schools. Often there is a desire to go, but not the means; but too often it is true that the students from our schools give wrong impressions of them and repel prospective attendants. How careful students ought to be to give right impressions of our schools. If a good word can not be spoken, do not speak at all.

During the summer vacations the students have varied experiences. They are expected to be leaders in places where there are but few members. That student will make the best leader who will take careful note of what is done by other leaders. In our schools there

should be a ministry for the training of workers for the young people as well as in other branches.

There is a great need for men and women to get an inspiration to help in the young people's work. Not more surely is there a place for you in heaven than that there is a place for you to work here. Our work for the present is right where we are.

Many have passions and desires for the world, but our desire should be to win souls. We must see the grandeur of the lives of men and women who are working for Christ and winning souls. Often others think it is not our business to look to their soul's well-being. But it is our privilege to be so earnest and so constantly at this work, that others may see that it is our business to be about this work of winning souls.

M. E. Kern.

Adolescence

Professor Kern based his remarks upon Eccl. 12:1. Adolescence is defined as "that period of life between the ages of twelve and twenty-five, when a boy or girl is in the process of becoming a man or woman"—a candidate for manhood when great decisions for life are made; the critical period, the important period.

William Byron Forbush says, "It is the time of change. By fifteen the brain stops growing in girth, the large arteries increase one-third. The temperature rises one degree, the reproductive organs have functioned, the voice deepens, the stature grows by bounds, and the body needs more sleep and food than ever before." The physical changes bring about certain mental changes. It is a time of great mental and spiritual change.

If ever there was a time when they need wise fathers and mothers, wise counselors, who have gone over the road, it is at this time. Longfellow says, "The thoughts of the youth are long, LONG, thoughts." He has begun to think of the problem of life; he thinks he knows more than his father or any one's else father. It is time of danger in the relation of the sexes. Careful observations in "high-school" love affairs show that eighty-three per cent are harmed by such experiences, while only three per cent result in marriage.

The Scripture says, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." There are thousands suffering to-day because of the

sins of their youth. We as workers need wisdom in dealing with others. "If the youth can not be guided and go out in expression, they will go out in explosion." During this period one "former is worth a thousand transformers." This is a time of great decisions in life. The great majority of criminals become so in their adolescent period. It is also found that the majority of those who become members of the evangelical churches, and thus become Christians, do so before the age of twenty.

Counsel, but don't condemn.

Prof. M. E. Kern.

Society Programs

To keep our Missionary Volunteer Societies alive and interesting, each must have something definite to do. All should take part. The *Youth's Instructor* and Missionary Volunteer Bulletin afford excellent topics for study.

The lives of missionaries should be studied together with the different mission fields. If fifteen minutes of every meeting were spent in relating experiences in the work of Jesus, it would be encouraging to others.

Time and care should be taken in the making of the program. Meetings should always be punctual, beginning on time and ending on time. H. G. Lucas.

The Society as a Department of the Church

Our young people's societies, if properly organized, may be a great aid to our churches. The church is the depository for wealth and riches of God, for final display. The various departments of our work are found to belong to one body, and it is necessary that they grow up together. It is known that youth can work for other youth much better than older persons can, but this does not mean that a spirit of independence should be encouraged; for as before stated, we are all members of one body, and we need the counsel of the older members. If but a spirit of willingness be manifested, we will find ourselves all of one mind and heart, and rapid progress will be made in our work.

E. E. Andross.

Medical Missionary Work

Our mission is to convince the world that God sent Christ into the world. To do this work, God has qualified His people at times with a quickening power;

but little by little they have mixed with Babylon, and thus become neutralized. The Lord has given us certain great principles, but, as is always the case, the enemy has come in and perverted these principles. Many institutions are losing their simplicity and becoming like the world. Just as soon as we begin to copy the world, there is a losing of power. We can not draw our inspiration from the world and keep our simplicity. God designs this branch to be educational, and education, when received in its fullness, proceeds on no different line than sanctification.

J. A. Burden.

Qualifications and Education of Local Leaders

The leader of a young people's society must have plenty of the right kind of love. First, love for God; second, love for the third angel's message, and to have it carried to the world; third, a love for young people. What the world calls love — sentimentalism — should be left entirely out of young people's work. Modesty is an essential qualification, and respect for older ones, another.

The leader should be an example to the rest. He should lead out in the actual work, especially in personal work. The best education he can receive for such work, he may get by doing for and helping others.

Luther Warren.

Character Building

In developing this subject, lessons were largely drawn from the Bible, especially from the life of Nehemiah.

A few of the many points brought out were: Always be cheerful; of the many examples given us in both sacred and profane history, Christ is the chief; will and ambition should never be broken or discouraged, but directed; nature gives one no rest till he finds his niche, and to find one's niche is the duty of the formative period.

Remember, "If we sow an act, we reap a habit; if we sow a habit, we reap a character; and character is all we can take to heaven with us."

I. C. Colcord.

Work of Conference Officers

Following are a few of the best thoughts gleaned from an evening's discussion by various leaders:

Emphasis was placed upon the importance of the conference leader working among the young people in contrast

to working at them from an office desk. Do not do the work for them, but show them how to work by working with them. Teach those who love Jesus how to work for those that love Him not.

Great opportunities are offered by the quick mail service for helping our young people to develop Christian characters. Much is lost by not following up the good work begun at our camp-meetings. An encouraging letter has helped many a young person to make a right choice when at the parting of the ways. The young people throughout the conference should be encouraged to engage in this work with the conference secretary.

Begin long before camp-meeting to plan and pray for God's blessing. Begin young people's meetings the first day. Conference officers should be free to do personal work. Plan to set every one to work.

Conventions should be encouraged in districts where three or four churches could attend. Such meetings should always be revival services.

Every one can, and should, have a part in this closing work. The energy and zeal manifested in rescuing people from a burning building illustrate the manner in which we should engage in the Lord's work. All can do personal work and scatter the printed page.

Personal Work

Christ was the greatest personal worker. If we would be like Him, we must do likewise. Satan is also a keen, personal worker. Have you ever met him? With what result? Those who do not labor for others, ought to be labored for. When we get in earnest we will not be afraid to speak to others about their spiritual condition.

Which kind of personal work are you doing?

S. A. Nagel.

Avenues of Approach

The temperance work makes many openings for introducing other Bible truths. It is truthfully said that if anything is done for the average man, it should be done before he is a man.

E. C. Jaeger.

Temperance and Other Reform Work

God has given us a complete system of temperance, and He will not be satisfied to have us sit down to enjoy it ourselves. He expects us to give it to the world.

It is "the right arm of the message," and should grow with the message. With the gospel of temperance we should give the complete gospel of salvation.

Dr. G. K. Abbott.

Jail Work

Miss Nellie Hensey, one of our primary church-school teachers, read an interesting paper, giving her personal experience in the Los Angeles jail for the past three years. There men have both time and cause to reflect, and this makes it an opportune time to reach them. This work is most interesting and equally as dangerous. A warning was sounded both by Miss Hensey and other speakers against any novice taking up this work. One must know they are called of God to do this work before they undertake it. It was quite agreed that as a general rule this work should be done by older workers, or at least in connection with those more matured. Two of our societies are regularly carrying on this work.

The Home

The home is the most important factor of the church as well as the most important educational institution. If the children are taught to obey the home rule, they will be prepared to yield to God's rule. There is absolutely no excuse for a parent ever telling a child a lie, directly or indirectly. Every home should be a world of strife shut out; a world of love shut in.

Reader, are you doing all you can to make this the condition of your home?

M. E. Kern.

Christian Stewardship

We are all entrusted with one or more talents, and are placed under solemn obligation to use them for the benefit of every one within our circle of influence. Every one of us is witnessing, consciously or unconsciously, either for or against God. The aim of every good steward should be to help those who already believe, and to bring to God those who do not believe. Our sweetest joy is to know that we have helped to save souls for the kingdom. For whom are you witnessing?

Laura Wagner.

Preparation for Missions

Our aim as Seventh-day Adventist young people is "The advent message to all the world in this generation." This seems an impossible task for so small a people, and yet the Lord has told us

that "We have an army of youth to-day who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged." However, before we can successfully accomplish this great work in so short a time, we shall need very careful preparation.

Again the word of our great Commander comes to us, "With such an army of workers as our youth, *rightly trained*, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." How full of encouragement is this message to us as young people with this great work. Notice especially the words "army, *rightly trained*." This is a truth that we as young people need always to remember, that careful preparation is necessary for efficient service. An ax may have the best of steel in it, but it must be sharpened to be of any use, and the sharper the better, provided always that it be used.

Before the early church was prepared to preach the gospel with power, it was necessary that they tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on High. This baptism is as necessary for the best service now as then. And we as a people are confidently looking forward to the time when this, the greatest of all New Testament blessings, shall be poured out upon us. But let us notice that while the disciples were tarrying they were not inactive, but preparing themselves for the fulfillment of the glorious Pentecostal blessing. Let us not think that this blessing will be ours without earnest preparation, nor will it be a substitute for such.

God in His providence has raised up institutions among us where *any* young man or woman may, with energy and perseverance, get a preparation for this glorious service. And even those who can not avail themselves of the splendid opportunities for preparation afforded by our schools, need not despair, for, through the correspondence of our General Conference Young People's Department, they may yet reach the standard of attainment.

There is, therefore, no reason why any of us should not receive the needed preparation for this great work. "All things are possible to the man who can will." The watchword of the crusaders was "God wills it." Let this be the motto of every Seventh-day Adventist young man or woman in equipping him-

self or herself for service in this cause. May God give us a heavenly vision of the great need of a world lying in darkness, and may He roll upon us the "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

M. H. St. John.

Reading Courses

Our young people are to be trained to give a correct reason for the hope within them. There is no better way of acquiring this knowledge than by the study of our denominational books, coupled with the lives of missionaries. Great care should be taken in the selection of books, as the choice of books is as serious a matter as the choice of friends. Proper food for the mind is as essential to the perfecting of our bodies, as is good physical food.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course should be carried out in the church, in the young people's society, and in the home circle. Parents should be interested, and together with their children carefully study the books given in the reading course.

Irma G. Parks.

Preparation of Literature

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

We need but to look around us upon the wonderful inventions of the last half century to see that this prophecy has been and is being fulfilled. The express purpose of these inventions is to further the spread of the gospel. Chiefest among these is the printing-press, which is to be the great signal factor in the proclamation of the third angel's message.

So much of the material used in our papers has to be supplied by outside writers. This is a hindrance to the success of our work. We need well educated men in our ranks, who will make it their business to become efficient writers. We need text books, especially on the sciences, written by persons believing the truth. Books of this kind will prevent the seed of error being planted in the minds of our children.

The majority of educated people of the world, both religious and secular, disbelieve the history of creation as given in the first two chapters of Genesis. This condition makes it doubly imperative for us to prepare literature on the subject for the whole world.

Prof. Geo. McCready Price.

Formation of Character.

Right character is not inherited, nor can we dream ourselves into it; but by earnest striving each day and moment may we attain to it.

Character building is influenced much by our environment, as Tennyson says, "I am a part of all that I have met."

A beautiful story is told of a brier, which was taken from a ditch and placed among the roses. "Why should the gardener want me, a brier, among his lovely roses?" queried the brier. But the gardener understood and carefully inserted into the brier a choice rose slip; and as the beautiful blossoms unfolded, he whispered to the brier, "Your beauty is not due to that which comes out of you; but to that which is put into you." So God, if we will let Him, molds our character day by day, until we reach that condition where we will reveal only that which is put into us, the Christ life.

Grace Goodell.

Convention Gems

The devil does not care how much work you do for the Lord to-morrow, but he is stoutly opposed to your doing anything to-day.

Those who do not labor for others ought to be labored for.

If anything is done for the average man, it must be done before he is a man.

"The home is a world of strife shut out; a world of love shut in."

Write in the book of acts, as well as in the book of resolutions.

Facts are the fuel which feed the missionary fires.

A Quartet of Essentials.

Search the Scriptures — Food.

Pray without ceasing — Breath.

Go work in My vineyard — Exercise.

Casting all your care upon Him — Rest.

The Missionary Volunteer Council of Secretaries

The council was small in numbers, requiring the presence of Professor Kern to make a quartet. The local committee joined with the council of secretaries in all their counsels. Two sessions were devoted to the consideration of the plan of organization, especially that feature which relates to membership. The opinion prevailed in favor of having regu-

lar and associate members. Some were of the opinion that it would be better to organize after the plan of the Sabbath-school, thus rallying the whole church to work. Not more than two societies in Southern California are organized in accordance with the Mount Vernon resolutions. Not that the other societies are not in harmony with these resolutions, but because they have not given much attention to organization.

The manner of superintending the work as it is conducted in Southern California received some consideration. Each member of the committee has several churches to superintend. It has been a success in the Conference, but did not meet the approval of the council for other larger or more scattered conferences.

A resolution was passed requesting the department at Washington to prepare a vest-pocket manual for individual use among the young people.

Our Hearts

Many Seventh-day Adventists, who, for various reasons, will not be privileged to make the long and wearisome journey across the continent to attend the General Conference in Washington, D. C., an event which will mark the onward progress of God's great message of truth as no event hitherto has ever done, will say our hearts and prayers are with you.

The zeal of our enemies to attempt to block the onward movement of the great wheel of truth, which is heaven-high and world-wide, is great, as is manifest on every hand. But our seriousness and ardor should be proportionately as much greater than this zeal, as the eternal cause of truth for which we stand is more enduring than a question of time for which they stand. Nothing can block the onward progress of God's great message of character and Sabbath reform.

Dear brother and sister, for the small sum of 50 cents you can be at the conference in quite a practical way, by sending in your order at once for the daily *Bulletin*. Keep well informed as to the progress of the message. Get your orders in early, and they will be sure to be placed on the mailing list. Forward all orders to your tract society office, and they will be cared for promptly.

H. W. Cottrell.

Chico Camp-Meeting

At the last meeting of the California Conference Committee it was voted, in view of the General Conference in Washington, D. C., the middle of May, to hold the Chico camp-meeting one week earlier, beginning April 15. But after further considering the matter, it has been decided to change it back to the original date, April 22 to May 2.

This may inconvenience some who wish to go to the General Conference; but, when we learned the desire of the brethren in that section of the conference, we thought it best to change back to the date first decided upon.

We hope there will be a general attendance of all the churches in that part of the conference at this camp-meeting. Come prepared to seek the Lord in a special manner for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Let every heart be in tune to the worship of God.

The time has come when we should expect great things at the hand of God. He has large blessings in store for His people, and He has promised to do great things for us. He has promised to pour out His Spirit when we humbly seek Him.

For many years our camp-meetings have been held for about ten days. This is the same length of time that the disciples were in Jerusalem when they prayed for the outpouring of the Spirit of God. They were of one heart and of one mind, and were all in one place; and the Spirit of the Lord came as a sound of a rushing, mighty wind, and filled the whole house where they were.

That time was a sample of what will be in the closing of the work of the third angel's message. The truth will go to all people, and it has already gone to almost every nation, and God has wrought wonderfully for the salvation of souls.

Let us seek the Lord together.

S. N. Haskell,

Pres. Cal. Conf.

Little Black and White People

Inspiration lays bare before every soul one of the fruits of pure religion in the following clear and concise manner: "Pure religion and undefiled before God

and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Sabbath, April 3, is the annual day set apart by the denomination for every Seventh-day Adventist to call on, in a material way, the homeless little people, whether they are white or black. We owe both classes of the little "folk" a visit of a helpful kind. They are weak and helpless. Let us strengthen by feeding them, comfort by housing and clothing them, through a liberal, free-will offering Sabbath, April 3, 1909.

There is a plan in operation to do something this year for the dark-skin orphan children in the South by erecting a little dwelling at Huntsville, Ala. Two orphan-loving girls have laid aside, so I am informed, one thousand dollars from profits on their sales of the little paper, *Bible Training School*, to be used in the erection of the building, with the understanding that the constructors are to incur no debt.

The California Conference at its recent session voted to contribute one half of the orphan fund now on hand to the Huntsville interest, and to apply one fourth of the amount received April 3 to the same purpose. Can we not rely on each of the other conferences in this union doing proportionately as well? I am sure we can.

Those of us who have, receive only from the Lord, but we receive *freely*. Let us now give to these little orphans, and thus to the Lord, and give freely in mind and amount Sabbath, April 3. We are Christ's. Ours is pure religion. Give cheerfully, and give freely.

H. W. Cottrell.

April 3

Many of our brethren remember that at our late conference in Oakland it was voted to give one fourth of our annual April offerings for orphans for the support of the colored orphanage at Huntsville, Ala.

The spirit of prophecy for years has said there should be an orphanage for colored children in connection with the training-school for colored workers at Huntsville, Ala.; but for lack of funds no orphanage was built.

The Lord has opened the way, and money has now been given to erect a

small orphanage, and the work of building will soon begin. There are plenty of colored orphans waiting to enter the institution.

We trust our brethren and sisters will remember this branch of the work, and make a liberal donation April 3, that there may be funds on hand to support the orphans as soon as the building is completed. S. N. Haskell,

Pres. Cal. Conf.

A New California

To Our Brothers and Sisters in California:

I have just returned from a ten days' trip to the great Yaqui Valley in the State of Sonora, Mexico, where I picked ripe tomatoes off the vine on Friday, March 19, 1909, from a twenty-five acre field. All to be shipped to San Francisco.

I plucked alfalfa three feet long, which had been cut thirty-two days before. I also saw bananas growing on the trees, as well as oranges, and all kinds of garden produce ready to use.

The first crop of wheat hay had been cut, and the ground was being irrigated to produce the second crop of hay or grain from the root. Two crops of corn are raised also in one year, and fifteen tons of alfalfa hay, the latter selling at \$15 per ton gold.

I purchased five hundred acres of the land at \$25, near the main canal, thirty miles long, and within six miles of the new Harriman Railroad, for myself and Mariposa friends. Secured option at same price on adjoining two thousand acres, subdivided in twenty-five-acre lots for any of you who would like one or more lots, which I can hold only till the seventh of April; and if \$1.00 per acre is deposited by you in the Commercial Bank of Merced, Cal., I can hold it for you until May 23, 1909; then \$4.00 more per acre will hold your lots for one year. Price per acre, \$25.00. The remaining \$20 would be payable in four equal annual payments with six per cent interest. Water furnished with land, Mexican Government fixing the rate at fifty cents per acre foot, a total of two feet being sufficient for all crops each year; fifteen cents per acre for maintaining laterals and twenty-five cents per acre for expense of deed.

The elevation of the Yaqui Valley is

about seventy-five feet. Soil fifty feet deep, very productive, under which is strata of sand and gravel carrying good drinking water.

Three hundred Californians have bought already, and some are moving in to improve their land.

Great opportunity for missionary work. Let us build the first church in the great Yaqui Valley which is fifty miles square, a level expanse of virgin soil sloping three feet to the mile. I will furnish the ground. Settlers will all attend and get the message.

Be quick if you want to take advantage of this opportunity as the land will soon be selling at \$30.

The company are retaining one half of each one-thousand-acre block, for which they expect to get \$100 per acre when the land now selling is improved.

Wire or address me at Merced, Cal., to save time.

Stonewall Jackson Harris,
County Surveyor, Mariposa, Cal.

Goldfield, Nevada

Since our last report we have been experiencing a great deal of real winter weather, and our work has been more or less hindered.

The fore part of January I made a visit to Searchlight in the interest of the work which Brother and Sister Wightman did there early last year. I found that most of those who had been interested had left, and those remaining indifferent.

On the return trip to Reno, I stopped a few days in Goldfield, having heard of several families of Sabbath-keepers there. After searching nearly all day, I finally located one of them, and soon found three other families. The following evening a meeting was held and the house was filled.

After conference a few days were spent at the house of my wife's parents near St. Helena, where her father is seriously ill.

We arrived at Las Vegas, Nev., February 24, expecting to make an effort there, but after looking over the field, concluded it would not be advisable, and so came on to Goldfield, arriving here March 1. Since we have had an opportunity to "prospect," we are convinced that there are people from almost everywhere here who are willing to study the truth.

Brother and Sister Moler are now here, and we expect to have Brother Reddoe with us by the time we begin meetings. At present we are working from house to house, and already have quite a number of interested readers, and a good attendance at the Sabbath-meetings and the Bible studies.

There are 12,000 or 15,000 people here, and we believe some will turn to the Lord.

We earnestly plead for the prayers of all who are interested in the soon coming of the Lord, that we may do faithfully the work He has given us to finish.

J. Adams Stevens.

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Price List No. 1

Corn Flake Biscuits, per lb.	\$0.12
Wheat Flake Biscuits, per lb.10
Granola, per lb. ....	.10
Gluten Mush, per lb. ....	.10
Cereal Coffee, per lb. ....	.10
Graham Crackers, per lb. ....	.10
No-Soda Crackers, per lb. ....	.10
Protose, 1-lb. Can ....	.30
Protose, 1/2-lb. Can ....	.20
Nuttolene, 1-lb. Can ....	.30
Nuttolene, 1/2-lb. Can ....	.20

Price List No. 2

Peanut Butter, 12-lb Cans, per lb. ....	.18
Peanut Butter, 45-lb Cans, per lb. ....	.15
Spanish Shelled Peanuts, per lb. ....	.10
Cooking Oil, gallon Can ....	.90
Cooking Oil, 5-gallon Can	4.00
Pure Olive Oil	
Quart ....	.75
1/2-gallon	1.40
Gallon	2.50
Whole Wheat Flour, 10-lb. sack ...	.45
Graham Flour, 10-lb sack ....	.40

Prices subject to change without notice.

All prices in List No. 2 are net.

Upon orders selected from either or both lists amounting to \$5.00, freight will be prepaid to any point in California, Nevada, Utah, or Arizona to the limit of 60 cents per hundred-weight. In addition to free freight a discount will be allowed on all articles selected from List No. 1, as follows: Five per cent where the order amounts to \$10; ten per cent where the order amounts to \$15; and fifteen per cent where the order amounts to \$20 or more. Cash in all cases to accompany orders.

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Our Missionary Volunteer Convention Number

As readily noted, the larger part of this issue is taken up with a rehearsal of the proceedings of the Missionary Volunteer convention and secretaries' council held in San Fernando, Cal., early in March. Effort has been made to break the matter up into short articles and paragraphs that the thoughts may be more easily grasped, and the different topics stand out more prominently than they otherwise would.

We trust that our young people all over the Union Conference may study carefully the thoughts brought out in the papers and talks here presented, so that the convention may have a much wider influence than merely through those whose privilege it was to attend in person.

We are indebted to Prof. E. S. Balenger of the Southern California Conference, and a number of the young people of Fernando Academy for the full report that we are able to give. We know that every one that reads the good words passed along will feel to thank them for the effort.

No Union Teachers' Institute

A few weeks ago a notice was put in the RECORDER by Prof. H. G. Lucas, educational secretary for the Pacific Union Conference, to the effect that a union institute for church-school teachers, similar to the one held at Healdsburg last year, would be conducted during the coming summer. Professor Lucas now wishes it announced that it has

been thought best not to hold this union institute this summer. Regular and prospective church-school teachers will please take note.

Rates to the Chico Camp-Meeting

Word just received from the Southern Pacific, the Santa Fe, and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Companies states that the usual reduced rates will be allowed on all of these roads providing there are fifty or more in attendance at the meeting who have paid full fare in going to the meeting.

Tickets will be sold on the receipt-certificate plan, the purchaser taking a receipt from the agent at the time of the purchase. This receipt will have to be signed by the secretary of the camp-meeting, and will then entitle the holder to return home at one-third the full fare.

Tickets will be on sale going to Chico after April 12, and receipt will be honored for return until May 5.

As the Santa Fe railroad does not have an agent in Chico, certificates for passage over that line will be honored by the Southern Pacific agent. Let every one be sure to secure a certificate when purchasing the ticket, otherwise reduced rates in returning can not be secured.

Claude Conard,

Secy. California Conference.

Canvassers' Institute

In harmony with previous notice, the canvassers' institute to be held at Lodi will commence April 4. All who wish to attend this institute are most cordially invited. Room, board, and tuition will be \$3.25 per week. We consider this an exceedingly low rate.

We are anticipating a most enthusiastic and progressive institute. The Pacific Press Publishing Association have promised us the new "Heralds of the Morning." This book contains a message that ought to enthuse and thrill the soul of every Seventh-day Adventist, and call them directly into the service for the circulation of the message it contains. "Story of Daniel," "Great Controversy," and the new medical book, "Practical Guide to Health," will also receive due attention.

Again we cordially invite all our young people who can possibly do so, to attend this convention.

W. H. Covell.

School Boards

The churches will please bear in mind that April is the time for the election of church-school boards. These newly elected boards should take early steps to secure their teacher for the coming school year.

It is the desire of the educational department that the services of teachers be retained where the majority of the patrons are satisfied. This will build for permanency, and make our schools stronger than to be continually changing in the hope of finding a better teacher. Experience teaches that where changes are made annually a great hardship is wrought upon the children.

I. C. Colcord,

Educational Supt., Cal. Conf.

St. Helena Sanitarium Training-School

The next training class for missionary nurses begins April 7, 1909. We desire to correspond with consecrated young people who desire a training as missionary workers. Exceptional opportunities for experience offered to persons of promise.

Address Dr. H. F. Rand, or Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal.

Appointments

Fresno Institute, Fresno, Cal., March 26 to April 4.

Arizona Conference Corporation, Phoenix, Ariz., April 6.

Chico camp-meeting, April 22 to May 2.
Sonoma camp-meeting, June 24 to July 4.

Santa Cruz camp-meeting, September 2 to 12.

Help Wanted

We are in need of Five good girls for cafeteria work. The work is much easier than restaurant work. We will give steady work, good wages, and a good home. Write at once to E. G. Fulton, 259 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Elder S. N. Haskell and wife and Brother S. G. White, missionary secretary of the California Conference, are at present conducting a workers' institute in Fresno, Cal. While not a large number are in attendance, a good interest is reported.