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

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The Church

No one but our Father sees the struggle within,
When the soul of the captive asks freedom from sin;
O no one but Father can give calm to the soul,
Or make the poor, wounded unfortunate whole.

— Mrs. E. J. Smith.

Sketches of the Past — No. 66

Although I have presented in few words Brother Andrews' exposition of the three messages and the two-horned beast, it occupied two of his discourses in which he took pains to make every point plain. Almost daily he visited and prayed with us. Much praying was also done at that time by the Rochester company for those interested ones. There was a sensible presence of the Spirit with this humble servant of the Lord. When he would visit us it seemed as though angels accompanied him. I now believe they did, although unseen by our natural eyes.

There was with us who were investigating a spirit of supplication and weeping. As we would sit at our meals, and talk of these newly discovered truths, every person would be in tears. The Lord seemed especially near, and we could not doubt but that the third angel's message was God's message to us, and we must obey it, let what would be the result.

After presenting the three messages, Brother Andrews took up the subject of the sanctuary and its cleansing, and the 2300 days of Dan. 8:13, 14. O how glorious did it open before us as he

proved from the book of Hebrews that the sanctuary constructed by Moses, and enlarged in its surroundings in the building of Solomon's temple, shadowed forth the work of Christ, our great High Priest, in a literal sanctuary in the heavens; that He was now actually engaged in the cleansing of that sanctuary from sins — blotting out the sins of His people, which by confession through the efficacy of His blood had been conveyed to that sanctuary.

Thus he made it plain that the first angel's message had truthfully proclaimed, "The hour of His judgment is come," for at the close of that prophetic period of 2300 days, when "the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament," voices in heaven proclaimed the time was come for the dead to be judged. Rev. 11:18, 19. How deeply was the fact impressed upon our minds by the Spirit of God, and how awfully solemn did it appear to us, that the books of records of men's lives were actually opened in heaven, and the cases of God's people, while dead, were being examined, that soon would come the closing scene in that work as the cases of the living saints should come in review before God.

While these thoughts were so vividly brought home to our hearts he paused to make an additional statement on the fourth commandment in these words, "In that earthly sanctuary no one but the high priest was allowed to enter the second apartment. Let us, however, solemnly by faith enter. We come to the ark. As we lift the cover, what do we see? The original of God's law of which, on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses a copy only. There it is, fourth commandment and all, just as declared by the voice of

God to the people. As we approach our Saviour to implore forgiveness of our sins, we find Him offering the virtue of His blood directly over that law." With these solemn words set before us by the Spirit of God, our souls settled more firmly than ever the importance of yielding obedience to all of those commandments. A stanza, which had just appeared, from the pen of R. F. Cottrell, stated it in these words:

"God well knew perdition's son
Would ne'er His precepts love;
He gave a duplicate alone,
But kept His own above."

It was not simply the bare argument in favor of the truth that so deeply moved us, as the evident presence of the Spirit which accompanied the presentation of those truths, and broke the fallow ground of our hearts. O that the Lord would grant to His servants and people now proclaiming the message the convicting spirit which accompanied the work in those earlier days. Both teachers of the message and books on the subject were few; but, as the Lord's servants sought Him, relying on His strength for victory, their faith was not in vain. The Lord is just as willing to work now as in former days, and He will thus work for those who go forth in faith to spread, by voice and printed page, the light of His precious truth for this time. The Lord has not changed; "The Holy Spirit awaits our demand and reception." So let there be most earnest consecration and pleading for that Divine aid in the work.

J. N. Loughborough.

"There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."

Building on the True Foundation

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine," Christ said, "and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

The great work of parents and teachers is character-building, to seek to restore the image of Christ in those who are placed under their care. A knowledge of the sciences sinks into insignificance beside this great aim; but all true education may be made to help in the development of a righteous character. The formation of character is the work of a lifetime, and it is for eternity. If all could realize this, if we would awaken to the fact that we are individually deciding our own destiny and the destinies of our children for eternal life or eternal ruin, what a change would take place! How differently would our probationary time be occupied, and what different characters would fill our world!

The question that should come home to each of us is, "Upon what foundation am I building?" We have the privilege of striving for immortal life; and it is of the greatest importance that we dig deep, removing all the rubbish, and build on the immovable, solid Rock, Christ Jesus. He is the sure foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." In Him alone is our salvation. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The foundation firmly laid, we need wisdom that we may know how to build. When Moses was about to erect the sanctuary in the wilderness, he was cautioned, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." In His law God has given us a pattern. Our character-building is to be after "the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." The law is the great standard of righteousness. It represents the character of God, and is the test of

our loyalty to His government. And it is revealed to us, in all its beauty and excellence, in the life of Christ.

The law is the detector of sin. We have inspired testimony upon this point. "For I was alive without the law once," Paul writes, "but when the commandment came [homé to his conscience], sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me and by it slew me." This is the work that it will do for every soul that is living in sin. The law points out sin, and condemns it, and sends the sinner to Christ for pardon and cleansing.

All, however fallen, however sin-stained, have the law of God as their guide, and His word as their instructor. They may be sanctified through the truth, and received as sons and daughters of the Most High. But "the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." The multitudes do not love righteousness, and they are building on the sand. Many who profess Christ do not love the law of God. If they dared, they would speak out their enmity against it in no mild terms. They have a surface religion, and this is all that they desire.

There are many who attend church, and hear the truth spoken; they see the claims of God, but they have some pet indulgence which they will not give up, — something which prevents them from judging candidly and wisely between the things of time and those of eternity. It makes little difference what this is, so long as it separates the soul from God.

We can make no selfish bargain with God; we can cling to no sin and retain His favor. Those who are building on the Rock Christ Jesus will follow none of the pernicious practises of the worldly or of the world-loving church-member, but will search the Bible for themselves. God has given men reasoning powers for this purpose, that they may weigh evidence, and decide what is truth. No man's assertions can be taken on trust. The question is, What does the Lord say? His "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not" must be obeyed.

Thoroughness is necessary to success in the work of character-building. There must be an earnest purpose to carry out the plan of the Master-builder. The timber used must be solid; and no care-

less, unreliable work can be accepted; it would ruin the building. The powers of the whole being are to be put into this work. It demands the strength and energy of manhood; there is no reserve to be wasted in unimportant matters. There must be earnest, careful, persevering effort to break away from the customs, maxims, and associations of the world. Deep thought, earnest purpose, steadfast integrity, are essential.

There must be no idleness. Life is an important thing, a sacred trust, and every moment should be wisely improved; for its results will be seen in eternity. God requires each one to do all the good possible. The talents which He has entrusted to our keeping are to be made the most of. He has placed them in our hands to be used to His name's glory, and in the interests of our fellow men.

The Lord has precious promises in this life for those who keep His law. He says, "My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

But a better than earthly reward awaits those who, basing their work on the solid Rock, have built up symmetrical characters, in accordance with the living word. For them is prepared "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Its streets are paved with gold. In it is the paradise of God, watered by the river of life, which proceeds from the throne. In the midst of the street, and on either side of the river, is the tree of life, which yields its fruit every month, "and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

Parents, teachers, students, remember that you are building for eternity. See that your foundation is sure; then build firmly, and with persistent effort, but in meekness, gentleness, love. So shall your house stand unshaken, not only when the storms of temptation come, but when the overwhelming flood of God's wrath shall sweep over the world. Then every house built upon the sand will fall, and great will be the fall thereof, for the work is for eternity.

"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall

be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him."

Mrs. E. G. White.

The Field

Philippine Islands

The following letter was written by Mrs. Mary L. Caldwell, under date of March 24, 1909, at Manila, P. I.:

"During Brother Fulton's visit to the Philippines, we held our first council meeting of the two families of workers. We are glad that Brother Fulton will represent us at the coming General Conference. Among the resolutions was one to this effect: In view of the great good that is being accomplished by the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*, we send our hearty appreciation to the conferences that are donating the same, also for the Spanish papers.

"While canvassing, my husband is frequently shown these papers. They are kept, and show marks of constant reading. It is too early yet to say what will be the results. We are only at this time able to do full justice to the work by correspondence. We hope thus to be brought in closer touch with the readers. Spiritualism and many other isms, besides obnoxious literature, are having a good circulation among these 'eager-to-learn,' simple people."

CALIFORNIA

Chico Camp-Meeting

The first camp-meeting of the season in the California Conference was held at Chico, April 22 to May 2. It was only a local camp-meeting, consequently the attendance was not large; but the churches in that part of the field were well represented.

The general testimony of the brethren and sisters was that they came to the camp expecting a blessing and the Lord never disappoints His people. There was a good spirit in the meetings from the first to the last.

The attendance from the outside was excellent throughout the entire time, and Elder Gardner and others are following up the interest with a tent meeting.

One marked characteristic of the Chico

camp-meeting was the disposition to work. The forenoons of April 27 and 28 were made field days, when between thirty and forty of the brethren and sisters went out into the city, inviting all to the camp-meeting and selling *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, and *Liberty*. The papers were all paid for by the friends of the Chico Intermediate School, and the entire retail price of the papers was given to the school. Over fifty dollars was raised in this way, and all who engaged in the work received a blessing. Many had never canvassed before, and several promised the Lord that they would continue the good work when they returned to their homes.

Nearly all the brethren and sisters bought large quantities of literature to carry home with them intending to distribute it in their own neighborhoods. Especially was this the case with the Chico, Red Bluff, and Paradise members, where they were expecting tent meetings during the summer. In this way they hoped to prepare the way for the tent effort.

The retail value of the sale of books, tracts, and periodicals during the camp-meeting was \$92.45. The Lord says, "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters," and these brethren that faithfully fulfil the promise—to go home and go to work—which they made the Lord at the camp-meeting, will realize the promised blessing in their own souls.

The following ministers were present: Elders Cottrell, Corliss, Shultz, Behrens, Gardner, Brorsen, Fero, Brink, and the writer. Elders Corliss and Shultz were with us most of the meeting, and Elder Cottrell the last three days.

We had fine weather throughout the entire time, and, what was of more value than anything else, the converting power of God was present to convict and convert hearts.

We thank the Lord for this good meeting, and trust that it may be but a foretaste of greater blessings at the other camp-meetings yet to be held this season.

S. N. Haskell,

Pres. California Conference.

Stockton

Preparations are being made by Brother Basney and myself to start a tent effort at Linden. The Lord willing, we will hold the first meeting Thursday

evening, May 13. Would have opened a week sooner, but were delayed on account of having to wait for a tent to be sent from Chico. The prospects are good for a blessed time in the Master's service.

The only brother in that community has been faithfully holding up the light of God's truth, and at the same time he and his family have been busily engaged in scattering seed by the means of the Temperance Number of the *Youth's Instructor*, *Signs Monthly*, tracts, etc., until it looks as though the field is indeed ready for the Reaper.

But one thing comes to our mind as we enter that work. It is this, Where God's Spirit has been preparing hearts by using His people to scatter the printed truth, or by any other agency, for that matter, Satan and his angels have also been busy planning, if possible, to make it all of none effect. We therefore ask for the prayers of our brethren and sisters, that the good Master will rule all to His name's honor and glory.

We have to thank our Lord for putting it into the heart of the Stockton church to furnish us with literature; an order having already been sent in by the librarian. The church was also blessed in the addition of a sister by baptism Sabbath. Brother Holbruck was with us, and administered the ordinance to Sister Shocton, who came down from Murphy, Cal., for that purpose.

May our brethren in the field take note of our whereabouts, and unite with us as we do with them in asking God's richest blessing on the work everywhere, that we all may soon be united in the earth made new.

J. D. Alder.

May 3.

Oakland and Vicinity

At the recent annual business meeting of the Oakland church, the financial reports showed quite a marked increase in tithes and offerings over 1907, which, in its turn, showed a still larger increase over 1906. The first quarter of 1909 showed an increase over the first quarter of 1908, of more than \$400 in tithes alone. We hope that the remainder of the year will show a still larger increase, for certainly the openings for the preaching of the message in new fields were never more numerous than now.

On April 22 we started a series of tent meetings at Linda Park near Melrose. Thus far the attendance and interest have been very good indeed. Elder Beddoe and Brother Taylor and wife are laboring in the Melrose district. Brethren Fries and Hutchinson are also assisting in the tent effort, while following up the interest in Elmhurst.

Nearly all the members of the little Melrose church are busy distributing literature. One lady kept her first Sabbath last week as a result of reading "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation." Pray for the further success of the work, not only here, but everywhere.
George A. Snyder.

Woodland and Fresno

Returning from the Chico camp-meeting to Woodland, we continued the meetings until Sunday evening, May 2. As a result of the effort two united in full fellowship with the church. Quite an impression was made upon those attending the baptismal service when a dear old sister eighty-one years old went forward in baptism and exhorted all to be faithful to the rays of light that God sheds upon our pathway, she herself being a worthy example of this.

Two others made a start in the service of the Lord, and were impressed to "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." These had been members of the Apostolic Faith Mission, or what is commonly known as the "Holy Rollers." The husband freely confessed that he had been under the control of the powers of evil while in connection with this sect, but praises God for being delivered from the awful delusion, and desires to walk with the company who are looking for the coming of the Lord. He did not wish to unite with the church at present, saying he could hardly ask the brethren to have confidence in him on account of his actions in connection with the "Holy Rollers," but was perfectly willing to wait and let his life demonstrate to all the sincerity of his purpose. We hope that the prayers of God's people, as well as the faithful counsel of the Woodland church, may be a great help to this man and his wife until they shall be fully established in the faith of the third angel's message.

When the call for the tent fund was

presented to the church, they very cheerfully contributed \$103. Others will send their offering later on.

Last Sabbath and Sunday it was my privilege to be with the Fresno church. Six dear souls were led down into the water and were baptized, all of them being members of the Fresno church school. The parents, teachers, and other members of the school were present to witness the ceremony, and rejoiced in the fact that God had wrought through this agency in the conversion of souls.

We studied the Eastern Question with the church in the morning, and all concluded that the indications are strong that the end of all things is at hand. The evening after the Sabbath the theme was Church Federation. The first of the subjects clearly indicates the final and speedy ruin of the kingdoms of the world, while the latter points out the complete fall of Babylon.

The church responded to the call for means for the tent fund to the amount of \$38.75.

Sunday evening we spent a few moments with them in their business meeting, and listened to excellent reports and plans. We were especially impressed with the treasurer's plan of sending notices to every member at the close of the quarter, reminding them of their obligations to the church financially. The report showed a marked increase of funds for church expenses. The brethren proposed to try this same plan in regard to tithe and other funds. We hope to hear in the near future of its success. Should it prove successful, we would recommend that other churches adopt a similar plan.

I am now ready for Lake County, where it is thought best we remain for the summer. Brother and Sister Button will also go to that field. Not only will we be glad to know that we are remembered in the prayers of the people in the conference, but a personal letter is a means of cheering up the worker especially when the battle at times goes hard.
J. H. Behrens.

May 10.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

A Worthy Example

The following paper was written by the secretary of the Paradise (Cal.) Sabbath-school for the special service that was held March 20, 1909. It is of much interest as showing how a live Sabbath-school may be held under adverse circumstances, and how the Lord will bless to the salvation of souls even a little "pilgrim" school.

"To give the history of our school we will have to begin twelve years ago. In September, 1897, we organized a Sabbath-school at Jackson, Amador County, Cal., with a membership of twenty-two.

"After about two years the main body of the school, including the officers and teachers, moved away from Jackson, and for eight years the two or three families comprising the school moved from place to place, never near another school for any length of time, but always conducting a Sabbath-school, having regular elections of officers and reporting to the state secretary as the "Pilgrim Sabbath-school;" the membership ranging from sixteen to twenty-three.

"In 1907 the school was at Lower Lake, Lake County, with a membership of sixteen. Three of the members came from there to Paradise to look for a location. They held Sabbath-school July 13 under a tree by the roadside at Orloff. Six visitors were present. August 17 three more had arrived, and Sabbath-school was held in the oak grove on the Crawford place; membership six, visitors seven. September 14 the whole school was united in the grove; membership thirteen, visitors five. We continued to hold the school in the open grove until the house was built, and all met there until the last of December when our schoolhouse was finished, and we moved into it.

"Our school has enjoyed many blessings, among the most precious of which is the knowledge of being instrumental in bringing twelve souls to the truth. It is no longer known as 'Pilgrim Sabbath-school,' but we are settled at Paradise, glad to share the burden with our steadily increasing company. Present membership, twenty-eight."

Mrs. Carrie R. King.

"He who works with his heart will always have work for his hands."

ARIZONA

Bisbee

The work is moving along nicely here in this great copper camp.

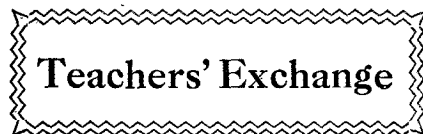
We came here about a month ago, and have been laboring from house to house. We are glad to report that one dear soul has begun to observe the true Sabbath.

Those who left the Baptist Church here for the Sabbath of the Lord are being developed slowly. To-day, May 1, we organized a Sabbath-school of ten members, and from the start we hope to give all our donations to missions.

We appreciated the visit and instructions from our dear pioneer canvasser, Brother Walter Harper. We believe that the large number of "silent messengers" which he left here will greatly assist us in our work.

Isaac P. Dillon.

May 1.



Sanitarium

It is hard to realize that only two more weeks will mark the close of another term for the Sanitarium church school. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us, and as we look back over the year's work, we can truly praise Him for divine guidance.

Among the many pleasant occasions of the year, the most beautiful to me have been the Friday morning prayer and praise seasons. It has brought great joy to hear every little voice raised in prayer and thanksgiving to the Creator. Many times have we met in little prayer bands to seek for strength to overcome. The Spirit of the Lord has been felt in a marked manner.

Occasional outings in connection with the nature work have been of great enjoyment to the children. We shall be able to finish the work as outlined, and as to the results of the year's effort,—we gladly leave them with the One who doeth all things well.

May the Lord richly bless our church schools, and make them bright and shining lights for Him.

Emma R. Marchus.

May 2, 1909.

New Ways in Punctuation

May one who is not a teacher say a word in the department of the RECORDER devoted to those of the teaching profession? It is only a word about the use of punctuation marks on envelopes. A little pupil from one of our schools tells me that her teacher said that it is coming to be quite the thing to leave off all punctuation marks in writing addresses. Since when, I wonder? And why?

Surely the commas and periods are needed, if we follow the simple rules governing the use of these marks. If we leave them off the envelopes, there will be the constant tendency to leave them out in other places. The spirit of carelessness is already too much in evidence without this additional step. Pope has given us some good advice on this matter:

"In words, as fashions, the same rule will hold,
Alike fantastic if too new or old;
Be not the first by whom the new is tried,
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."
Max Hill.

For Sale.—New, hard-finished house of four rooms, besides pantry, bath-room, reception hall, and basement; upstairs unfinished; concrete foundation; city water. Lot 60 by 160; price \$1,400; or half acre. Choice, restricted neighborhood. Address P. O. Box 222, Mountain View, Cal.

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Two Seventh-day Adventist men, preferably one married, to do general ranch work. Must be experienced and able to drive in the mountains. \$40 and board to the right person. Reference required. Address F. H. Davis, Angels Camp, Cal.

Obituary

HEWITT.—Frank Hewitt was born at Upper Alton, Ill., July 26, 1861, and died of pulmonary tuberculosis at his home in Ontario, Cal., March 17, 1909, aged 47 years, seven months, and twenty-two days.

Brother Hewitt was converted and with his wife united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Pasadena, Cal., about twenty years ago. From the beginning of his Christian experience a deep sense of his obligation to God and to his fellow-men, with an intense earnestness, char-

acterized his life. In his death his family have lost a kind and loving husband and father, and the church a loyal, faithful member.

He leaves a wife and two children and one sister, Mrs. Edward Rogers, of Upper Alton, Ill. We laid him to rest with the perfect assurance that he will awake in the resurrection morning. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder J. A. Burden.

E. E. Andross.

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1909.

The baccalaureate address at the Western Normal Institute at Lodi was given last Sabbath by Prof. M. E. Cady.

During the absence of Miss K. Blossom Wilcox, editor of *Our Little Friend*, Mrs. M. C. Wilcox is attending to the editorial work.

Elder J. H. Behrens left this week for Lake County, Cal., where he will engage in tent work this season. He will be assisted by Brother and Sister E. R. Button.

J. R. Ferren, representing the periodical work, and W. R. Beatty, the book work, both of the Pacific Press, are at Lodi this week, conducting an institute in these branches of the work.

Dr. and Mrs. N. C. MacLafferty, from Oregon, are spending some time in California, and were recent callers at Mountain View. They are considering locating somewhere in the state.

Arrangements are being made for a number of new tent companies to be placed in the field in the California Conference this season. Several new tents have been made and more will have to be provided.

Miss Vinnolia Earp, a former employee of the conference office at Mountain View, but now connected with the Pacific Press, left Monday of this week for a few weeks' vacation at her home in Southern California.

Brother C. E. Olcott, former treasurer of the California Bible House, and wife are visiting relatives at Mountain View, for a few weeks. Since leaving California, Brother Olcott has spent some time in the office of the Portland Sanitarium.

Mrs. M. E. Cady, formerly of Healdsburg College, but now located at Walla Walla, spent a few days recently in California enroute for the General Conference. During this time she had a short visit with friends at Mountain View.

Workers were secured at the Chico camp-meeting to represent the *Signs Monthly* in Sacramento, Chico, and the northerly California cities and towns. They recognize the great possibilities attending work with this message-filled publication.

During Brother W. R. Beatty's recent visit at Chico, six more workers received training to take up active work in the canvassing field. "Heralds of the Morning," "Great Controversy," and "Coming King" are the books which will be handled.

Advance announcement has just been received of the summer session of the Western Normal Institute, at Lodi, June 2 to July 14, 1909. Those desiring to correspond further regarding this course should address the president, E. D. Sharpe, Lodi, Cal.

Sister C. E. Halliday, who for several years has been selling the *Signs of the Times* in California, called at Mountain View one day this week. She has worked every city and town from Sacramento south to San Diego, and has thus introduced the truth into tens of thousands of homes. Sister Halliday sells from two hundred to three hundred copies a week, and thereby makes her work self-supporting.

On May 3 Elder J. O. Corliss, accompanied by his wife, left for Washington, D. C., to attend the General Conference. They expected to stop a few days at College View, Neb., where Elder Corliss was to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Union College last Sabbath. Before leaving he stated that he expected to use as a basis for his address the motto of

the graduating class: "To know, to grow, to glow, to go."

The larger part of the delegates and friends who expect to attend the General Conference left in a special car from San Francisco and Los Angeles by the southern route last Thursday afternoon. Nearly thirty persons went in the car. Among those who were delayed in getting off and went direct the fore part of this week were Elder and Mrs. Haskell and Prof. E. D. Sharpe.

Before returning to the office from the Chico camp-meeting, Brethren S. G. White, missionary secretary of the California Conference, and C. N. Lake, of the *Signs of the Times*, made a short visit to the Paradise church. They speak favorably of the devotion and energy of this little company. These brethren also stopped at Sacramento and held a meeting with the church there in the interest of missionary effort.

Commencement exercises at the Western Normal Institute were held last Monday and Tuesday. Prof. G. W. Rine gave the address Monday night. The date of the exercises was placed thus early to allow President E. D. Sharpe to get away to the General Conference the middle of this week. A more extended report of the commencement program will be given later. School work at the Normal will continue until May 30.

We have just received the eighth annual calendar of Fernando Academy, located at San Fernando, Cal. The faculty list there given remains about the same as last year. A number of strong courses are offered, prominent among them being general academic, foreign missionary, ministerial training, normal, commercial, etc. The dates of the school term are given as Sept. 15, 1909, to May 24, 1910. Any one desiring further information regarding the school should correspond with H. G. Lucas, principal, San Fernando, Cal.

"Think that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no noble action done."