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

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The sister of whom I spoke in my last article was a firm believer in the unconscious state of the dead, and that Spiritualism was the work of the spirits of devils. She had done an unsafe thing. She had ventured onto Satan's ground, and several times had sat in circles with spirit mediums, and listened to communications professing to come from the dead. Of this fact none of us had knowledge at that time, neither did I learn that she thus sat in the circle until it was told me by one of her old neighbors about two years ago.

After Sister White's vision, mentioned in our last article, she said to Sister Riggs, "I was shown that after you retire for the night, and extinguish the light, there appears to you what looks like an old woman dressed in black, and it terrifies you. This apparition tells you that if you tell anybody, she will choke you to death. When you are in the presence of your sisters, you think you will tell them all about it, and have them pray for you that the Lord may rebuke this which you regard as the work of Satan, which it really is. It is from the same source as the rapping spirits. The cause of your distress and staring into vacancy in the presence of your sisters, is that you fear to tell them of your trial, lest that spirit carry out its threat, and take your life." Continuing she said, "Sister Riggs, I have been shown that if you take your stand against this power, and have the

brethren and sisters pray for you, it will be rebuked, and you will never be troubled with it again."

Mrs. Riggs did not at that time say whether this was so or not; but a few days after, as Sister White called at the house of Brother Orton, she found several brethren and sisters present, and also Mrs. Riggs. Sister White said to her, "Now, Sister Riggs, this is a good time for you to take your position against that spirit which is troubling you, and we will unite in prayer for you." The sister began to say, "It is so," but only succeeded in saying the words, "It is," when she began to struggle as though trying to extricate herself from the grasp of some strong person. She turned black in the face as though indeed choking to death. Finally she succeeded in saying most vehemently "Pray." Those present immediately engaged in a season of prayer for her, and as they prayed, victory came. Sister Riggs rebuked this evil spirit in the name of the Lord, and was very happy. My first wife was present and witnessed the scene, and took part in the praying season.

After they arose from prayer Sister Riggs said, "When Sister White began to talk with me this morning, I thought I would own up to the truthfulness of what she had told me of my case; but the moment I formed the resolution, the apparition was in the corner of the room, shaking her head at me, and saying, 'If you do tell, I will choke you to death.' I thought I would say, 'It is so,' so quickly that she could not choke me; but the moment I spoke a word, as it seemed to me, she had me by the throat, and I was struggling for life. All Sister White said about the case is

true. Thank the Lord, He has given me the victory."

Mrs. Riggs lived some twelve years after that circumstance, but never had any more trouble of that kind. So the testimony that she would be delivered in answer to prayer was fulfilled, as also the promise that she would be troubled that way no more. With those then composing the Rochester company, the pointing out of this unknown difficulty, and the fulfilment of the promised relief were indubitable proofs that these testimonies were the work of the Lord—a true manifestation of the gift of prophecy. And what we have learned in later years of the origin of Sister Riggs' trouble should be a warning to our people to keep away from the circles of spirit mediums. The Scripture rule is, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." It is not safe for curiosity's sake to go onto his ground to see how he works. It seems that mother Eve was lingering around the "forbidden tree" when Satan began his dialogue with her. J. N. Loughborough.

Integrity in Business Affairs

Those who profess to love and fear God should cherish sympathy and love for one another, and should guard the interests of others as their own. Christians should not regulate their conduct by the world's standard. In all ages the people of God are as distinct from worldlings as their profession is higher than that of the ungodly. From the beginning to the end of time, God's people are one body.

The love of money is the root of all evil. In this generation the desire for gain is the absorbing passion. If wealth

can not be secured by honest industry, men seek to obtain it by fraud. Widows and orphans are robbed of their scanty pittance, and poor men are made to suffer for the necessaries of life. And all this that the rich may support their extravagance, or indulge their desire to hoard.

The terrible record of crime daily committed for the sake of gain, is enough to chill the blood and fill the soul with horror. The fact that even among those who profess godliness the same sins exist to a greater or less extent, calls for deep humiliation of soul and earnest action on the part of the followers of Christ. Love of display and love of money have made this world a den of thieves and robbers. But Christians are professedly not dwellers upon the earth; they are in a strange country, stopping, as it were, only for a night. They should not be actuated by the same motives and desires as are those who have their home and treasure here. God designed that our lives should represent the life of our great Pattern; that, like Jesus, we should live to do others good.

The customs of the world are no criterion for the Christian. He is not to imitate their sharp practise, overreaching, and extortion, even in small matters. Every unjust act toward a fellow mortal, though he be the veriest sinner, is a violation of the golden rule. Every wrong done to the children of God, is done to Christ Himself, in the person of His saints. Every attempt to advantage one's self by the ignorance, weakness, or misfortune of another, is registered as fraud in the ledger of heaven.

He who truly fears God would rather toil day and night, and eat the bread of poverty, than to indulge a passion for gain which would oppress the widow and the fatherless, or turn the stranger from his right. Our Saviour sought to impress upon His hearers that a man who would venture to defraud his neighbor in the smallest item, would, if the opportunity were favorable, overreach in larger matters. The slightest departure from rectitude breaks down the barriers, and prepares the heart to do greater injustice. By precept and example, Christ taught that the strictest integrity should govern our conduct toward our fellow men. Said the divine Teacher, "Whatsoever ye

would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Just to the extent that man would advantage himself at the disadvantage of another, will his soul become insensible to the influence of the Spirit of God. Gain obtained at such a cost is a fearful loss. It is better to want than to lie; better to hunger than to defraud; better to die than to sin. Extravagance, overreaching, extortion, indulged by those professing godliness, are corrupting their faith, and destroying their spirituality. The church is to a great degree responsible for the sins of her members. She gives countenance to the evil, if she fails to lift her voice against it. The influence from which she has most to fear is not that of open opposers, infidels, and blasphemers, but of inconsistent professors of Christ. These are the ones who keep back the blessing of the God of Israel.

All who would form characters for heaven must be Bible Christians. They must be diligent in the study of the Chart of Life, and must carefully and prayerfully examine the motives that prompt them to action. The business world does not lie outside the limits of God's government. True religion is not to be merely paraded on the Sabbath, and displayed in the sanctuary; it is for every day and for every place. Its claims must be recognized and obeyed in every act of life. Men who possess the genuine article will in all their business affairs show as clear a perception of right, as when offering their supplications at the throne of grace.

God can not be excluded from any transaction in which the rights of His children are concerned. Over every one that is serving Him in sincerity, His hand is spread as a buckler. None can wound the humblest disciple of Jesus without smiting that hand which holds the sword of justice.

The apostle James, looking down to the last days, addresses a solemn and fearful warning to those who have heaped up riches by fraud and oppression: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your

flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth." James 5: 1-4.—*Mrs. E. G. White in "Atlantic Union Gleaner."*

The Field

CALIFORNIA

Pacific Press Notes

The dollar tract package containing one hundred seventeen tracts on twenty-six different subjects is having a phenomenal sale. We are just placing an order for the third thousand.

Mr. W. G. Wilson and L. W. Bates sailed, Sunday, July 19, on "S.S. City Topeka" for Humboldt County. As they sailed, their last words were to the effect that we could look for some big reports from them.

A telegram just received from Southern California orders ninety "Coming King," Spanish, and sixteen "From Eden to Eden," French, to Brother King. Certainly this gospel of the kingdom is going to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

Brother James Cochran, manager of the Kansas City house, reports that the flood conditions are very serious. In one place the river is twelve miles wide, and has flooded out one of our tent companies. Our book work is steadily improving, however, even in the face of such difficulties as these.

Arrangements have just been completed for Brother W. R. Beatty, who has been assisting Brother Covell for the past few weeks, to join Brethren Weaks, Guthrie, Davis, and Oberg in holding the canvassing institutes in connection with the camp-meetings in the Portland district. This will take the months of August and September.

Southern California has delivered \$6,683.70 worth of subscription books during the past six months. This is \$4,

236.15 more than for the same time last year, which is the largest gain made by any conference in the territory supplied by the Pacific Press. The greatest loss made by any conference during this time is Northern California. They delivered \$4,588.50 worth, which is a loss of \$3,147.40 over the same period of 1908. However, the prospects are that Northern California will catch up the last year's record before September 1. On the whole, the societies supplied by the Pacific Press have delivered \$45,582.80 worth of books during the past six months, which is a gain of nearly \$11,000 over the same period of last year.

July 19.

H. H. H.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Elder H. W. Cottrell made the sanitarium a short visit last week.

The sanitarium is full to overflowing with a splendid and appreciative class of guests. New tents have been purchased, pitched, and occupied.

The Fourth was observed Monday, the 5th, at the sanitarium. Swimming contests presented an interesting program at the natatorium in the afternoon, and exercises appropriate for the day were held in the evening.

A baptismal service was held Sabbath afternoon, July 10, and was witnessed by a large audience. Three candidates thus publicly expressed their decision to walk in newness of life. Elder F. W. Field was asked to officiate, since his little daughter, Ethel, was one of the candidates.

Elder F. W. Field has returned from the General Conference and the Idaho camp-meeting, and occupied the pulpit Sabbath morning. He made very practical the parallels between the natural and spiritual life, studying especially the physical and spiritual breathing. He expects to attend several camp-meetings before returning to Japan in September.

The church treasurer's report for the quarter ending June 30 contained the following items which will be of interest:

Tithe received	\$1,616.77
Annual offering	24.00
Sabbath-school donations	75.43
Madison School	50.00

Huntsville School	41.75
Spain	23.00
Home missions	54.26
Church school	172.08
Midsummer offering	204.16
All other collections	333.44

Total\$2,594.89
July 17. M. L. E.

Western Normal Society of Missionary Volunteers

The voice of the Volunteer Missionary Band at the Normal has not been heard in this paper as yet, but we are thankful to say that the cause of our silence is not because we have not been receiving rich blessings from Heaven's storehouse.

School duties have kept us from accomplishing as much as we had hoped to do among the outside people, but they did not stand in the way of home missionary work. Believing that only prayerful, consecrated, Christian effort will enable our young people to successfully carry out their mission in the world, we have first turned every effort toward leading the students to Christ. Practically every student responded to the appeal, and fifteen were converted at one time. No minister came in to hold revival meetings, but it was simply the sweet Spirit of God working on the hearts of the young people as they were assembled for their evening and morning worship.

The entire school was organized early in the year after the plan recommended by the Mount Vernon Convention. The society is divided into sections, ladies in one and gentlemen in the other, each having its president. Each section in turn is divided into groups of four. The entire society meets twice a week, each section and group meeting at the call of its leader. These groups, or bands, have a stated hour each week in which to meet for prayer and Bible study. These band meetings afford opportunity for special prayer for students who are away from Christ. It makes us happy, indeed, to say that practically every student has taken part in our devotional meetings where all are assembled together, and all but a very few have stepped out and received baptism. Marvelous changes have been wrought in some, which could be effected only by

constant, prayerful, daily walk with God.

We have had one field day for the entire school, which was spent in working with *Signs* and *Reviews* in Stockton. This effort seemed to be an inspiration to those who had never engaged in missionary labor before, and caused some to decide to spend the summer in canvassing. A second successful day selling *Signs* was spent by a portion of the students.

Among the missionary activities engaged in are distribution of tracts in Lodi and adjoining towns, giving of Bible-readings, delivering of sermons in near-by towns by students of the ministerial class, mailing of papers, missionary letters, etc. We were thankful for the privilege of sending twenty-five dollars to Brother Rogers after their fire in Vicksburg, and now we have a box of clothing to send.

The Missionary Volunteer work is a grand one. We thank God for His cooperation, and expect to be more thoroughly organized and work with more zeal and determination next year.

To every Missionary Volunteer we would say, do not be slack or backward, but increase in courage and service as we near the end. Exert every effort to swell the ranks of that great army who will stand faultless before the throne, and enjoy the blessings and pleasures of Heaven and the presence of our dear Redeemer throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Gird on your armor, and allow the enemy no opening for an attack. Temptations are thick, but our armor is strong. The shield of faith will turn all of the darts of the evil one back to himself. And when you gain a slight victory, keep him going and use your sword diligently. God has a mighty work for us to do, and with His help we will rise above difficulties and come out victorious.

C. A. Shull.

Western Normal Items

We were very glad to welcome Professor Sharpe back from the General Conference last week. His trip was somewhat prolonged on account of business matters. But we feel assured that he has well improved his time, for he has secured a faculty for the coming year which will make the teaching force of

the Normal one of the strongest in the denomination. The prospects for the coming year are very good, both as to students and teachers.

Summer school closed last week after a very successful session, and the students will have about nine weeks in which to recuperate before the next term begins. They have been studying very hard, and will appreciate the rest. During the summer the buildings and grounds will be prepared for the new year's work. The buildings are receiving their last coat of paint, and the lawns are progressing rapidly. Some additions will undoubtedly have to be made to our buildings to accommodate the large number of students for the coming year.

Settlement around the Normal is progressing fast. There are now over half a dozen houses in process of construction, or just recently completed, and several more are soon to be erected, within a quarter of a mile of the Institute.

July 18.

C. A. S.

Young People's Rally at Mountain View

On Sabbath, July 17, Elder E. D. Sharpe and Prof. I. C. Colcord were at Mountain View, and conducted some special services for the young people.

The theme of Elder Sharpe's discourse in the morning service was the necessity of our being thoroughly established in the Word of God. We are enjoined in the Scripture to seek knowledge and ask wisdom of God.

"Launch Out" was Professor Colcord's subject in the afternoon. The loaning of all our talents to the Master for service was enjoined upon every one. Plain facts regarding our duty in everyday life were presented in a very emphatic way. Our Christian experience should enter into every action of our life. If everything is in the hands of God, He will make us fishers of men.

At the evening service, Elder Sharpe gave a very interesting and instructive stereopticon lecture on the evidences that are found in the earth to-day of the great flood of destruction in the time of Noah. It was made plain that the great coal deposits and fossils which are found buried deep in the earth were placed there by the great change which oc-

curred in its surface at the time of the Flood.

Special music was rendered, and on the whole the day was well spent.

Missionary Work

CALIFORNIA

Price of Promised Reward

God has promised that He will render to every man according to his deeds, and "to them, who by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality,—eternal life." *He has promised glory, and honor, and peace to every man that worketh good.*

God's helpers are all workers. There is an aristocracy in service which is born of Heaven. Whole-hearted toil cultivates a kind of integrity that is enduring, and it was this kind of integrity that the apostle Paul developed to the enrichment of his own life and to the betterment of all with whom he met. There was no service by proxy in Paul's philosophy of life. He was a personal doer of deeds, and that is why his words, "This one thing I do," have been engraven upon the hearts of the world's great men. The Master's message took possession of the man from center to circumference. His whole being was given to the doing of the Master's will. He put what faith he had into works and kept on toiling, never allowing one talent to be wrapped up in a napkin.

How fitting the words of Paul's message to the workers to-day! "*By patient continuance in well-doing,*" he sought for glory and honor and immortality. He fought the good fight of faith, looking forward to the reward that would make his face shine "as the sun," and his character "as the stars forever and ever;" for he made it his business to turn men to righteousness. Working faith will bring constant courage, confidence, and personal acquaintance with the Infinite.

We thus may look abroad into the field of nature, with filial confidence, remembering we are soon to enter upon the golden age, and that it is *our inheritance*. If we will but "patiently continue in well-doing," we shall obtain unmeasured wealth of glory and honor,

and peace, yes, satisfying, eternal life. These are the days now and here, freighted with golden opportunity for enrichment of life. The omens everywhere are witnessing to the truthfulness of the message we proclaim. "Day unto day uttereth speech, night unto night showeth knowledge" relative to the consummation of the messenger's hope. The voice of history witnesses to the fulfillment of prophecy, and the unfulfilling Word pierces through the curtain of the future, and we are led to press onward with whole-hearted confidence, helping humanity heavenward toward the great eternal inheritance freely given to the faithful, and though the outward man perish, "the inward man is renewed" by the onward progress of truth.

Thus as we appropriate the knowledge God has given, we grow in confidence. Doing His will you will learn of the doctrine. Faithfulness will win faith just as faith will make a man faithful.

Dear messengers, our present world is given us that we may have a short time to perfect character—character that God can own and bless. And as the messengers are led of the Spirit, so it is our privilege to be led in the shelter of a loving Father's protecting care. The children of the light are called to walk in the light, not simply to sit down in it. It is our assured privilege not to wander in wayside paths. Ours is an upward journey; new heights are to be gained every day; we are to walk the King's highway in league with all that is pure, and true, and strong. Having accepted the message of reconciliation to the Master's will, the messengers will stand erect and face the world with unflinching confidence, making *privilege* and duty the drum-beat to which they keep step with the onward march of the King's army. They should determine to stay in no outer province of the King's business, and having sold all to purchase the "pearl of great price," the messengers should confidently march forward toward the capital city; for in the name of the beloved we are accepted, and it is our rightful inheritance. Through "patient continuance in well-doing" unto the end, we are to take possession of the everlasting kingdom.

W. H. C.

Words of Cheer from the "King's Messengers"

Miriam Clark: "Selma has been canvassed for 'Practical Guide,' 'Coming King,' and 'New Testament Primer.' If you try canvassing, canvassing will try you."

W. B. Findley: "The privilege of being the means through which God bestows light and blessings upon others is the highest privilege bestowed upon man. I thank God for this privilege of scattering His goodness to others."

C. E. Skinner: "Brother Wright came Monday afternoon. God has been with us all the time. 27 orders, 34½ hours, \$86.50. Have had many pleasant experiences, and are glad of the opportunity to help spread the message. Pray for us."

W. A. Johnson: "Just came in from the mountains from my week's work. I have traveled on my wheel about two hundred miles during the last ten days. The chapter on 'The Conflict between Capital and Labor' sold nearly every book for me the last two weeks." (Mr. Johnson is selling from \$80.00 to \$100.00 worth of books a week.)

Miss Tressa Belvail: "The Lord has certainly blessed our work this week. Mother has found plenty of missionary work to do in helping a sick woman. She said never had any one come into her house and helped her as mother did, and not take pay for it. Yesterday mama told her we were Adventists, and she said, 'Well, I thought you must be.' We like to help whenever we can, and usually the people give the credit to the church that we belong to. Pray for us in our work."

Herold P. Hare, who is unable to put in full time owing to a painful accident to his knee, writes: "Went about twenty-five miles to-day on a bicycle around San Martin. Everything, even including the soil, seemed hard up. Am anxious to put in at least forty hours this coming week, and test my ability. Here is the way I stand so far:

	Hours	Orders	Value
First week	10	7	\$16.25
Second week	31	24	54.75
	41	31	\$71.00

"I talked to one old lady through a long ear-trumpet, and on the front porch at that; but she wore some of the lead from my pencil when I finished. To-day as soon as one of my victims saw that book, she began with a list of calamities as long as my arm, and I really felt sorry for her. But after a while she took courage and looked inside. Before long she was anxious to part with some more of her money."

"Signs" Workers

Fifty thousand copies of the July number of the *Signs of the Times* have been sold. There are yet some copies on hand which we believe will go before the end of the month.

Southern California has just placed its order for one thousand copies of the August number. They have sold all of the fifteen hundred copies for July. An institute is being planned to follow the camp-meeting which will give a new impetus to the periodical work in Southern California.

A little note from Miss Flora Smith, who is able to put in about two hours a day with the *Signs* magazine in San Francisco, will be of interest. "Enclosed is a post-office money-order for \$1.00 for which please send the *Signs of the Times Monthly* to ——. A gentleman gave me this order yesterday while selling papers on the street. Surely all the little time I do put in the Lord greatly blesses, and I feel more thankful each day for the message of love and purity which we have to give to this sinful world. If any young person has forgotten or neglects his daily prayer, my advice to him is to sell papers a few days in San Francisco. I plan to sell at least thirty papers a day, and these are nearly always gone in two hours." J. R. F.

Influence of the "Signs"

Note the following from a party in Clifton, Ariz.: "I have received your paper for the last three issues, and have become so enthused with its good reading I feel I can not do without it. You will find enclosed 75 cents for a six months' subscription."

A few months ago a family in a California town suffered the loss of a child

by death. The father was severely criticized by Christian Science friends for not having turned the case over to the Christian Science treatment. In this troubled state of mind he prayed to God for some assurance that he had done right. Almost instantly his attention was attracted by a copy of the *Signs*. He does not know how he came to have it in his shop, being a barber, but perhaps bought it of some one. He picked the paper up, and it opened to an article on the state of the dead. It held his interest; he began to study, ordered the *Signs*, and soon became convinced of the truth. Less than a month ago this man came to Mountain View, and spent the day with the editors of the *Signs* studying the truth further. Since returning home he is keeping the Sabbath, and has already begun to interest others in the light which God has so graciously shown him.

Such incidents (and they are multiplying) should give sufficient reason for the increased activity in the circulation of our literature, should they not?

July 19.

J. R. F.

Cheering Experiences with "Christ's Object Lessons"

The last week has been one full of experiences, triumphs, and God-given victories. All honor to God alone, for He grants it all. I have had all kinds of trials since I came up here, but these tests, if patiently borne, work out for us an eternal weight of glory. I can only say God is good, and His mercy endureth forever. What beauty is seen now, as never before, in 1 Peter 1:3-9, especially verses 3, 6, and 7.

I seek God much in prayer. He is an ever-present help in need. He never turns away from us. God never disappoints those who come to Him in faith. No one truly ever sought the Lord in vain. "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." "Come unto Me, . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls." How true this is. In His matchless grace, we find a never failing fountain of life and refreshing.

At times it may seem as if the heavens were brass above us, and we were left the sport of the enemy, buffeted and tempest-tossed, shut in by darkness, but if we endure this, the trial of our faith,

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How to Reach the Camp-Ground

All who come to the camp-meeting over the railroads should buy tickets to Santa Cruz, and those arriving by way of San Jose or Los Gatos should get off at Santa Cruz station. These should take the electric car at the station, and ask for a transfer to Alhambra Street or to the Adventist camp-ground.

Those coming by way of Watsonville should also buy tickets to Santa Cruz, but get off the train at Seabright station, as the camp is located near there.

All baggage checks should be brought to the book-tent at the camp-ground, as arrangements have been made to have the baggage delivered.

Claude Conard,
Secretary California Conference.

Dining-Tent at the Santa Cruz Camp-Meeting

Since the announcement made in the RECORDER last week a number of inquiries and requests have come in regard to having a dining-tent upon the Santa Cruz camp-ground. It was thought by some of the members of the Conference Committee that on such short notice perhaps the attendance would be of quite a local nature, and that the brethren and sisters from the surrounding churches would come prepared to board themselves. But from later developments it has been thought best by those in charge of the camp preparations to conduct a small restaurant tent throughout the meetings.

As has been the case at the camp-meetings for the past two years in the Cali-

fornia Conference the plan of closing the dining-tent on the Sabbath will also be followed at this meeting. A small store will also be conducted on the grounds.

Claude Conard,
Secretary California Conference.

Wanted

Two good men at the Vegetarian Cafeteria,—one to run dishwashing machine, and one to wash pans. Good wages. Closed Saturdays. Address E. G. Fulton, 259 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Rates to the Santa Cruz Camp-Meeting

The usual reduction in rates has been secured for those attending the Santa Cruz camp-meeting, providing there are fifty or more in attendance paying a full fare of twenty-five cents or more for a single trip over the railroad.

At the time of purchasing the ticket, a receipt certificate should be secured from the agent; and this, when signed at the camp-ground by the secretary, will entitle the original holder to purchase return ticket at one third the rate paid in coming.

Reduced fare in returning can not be secured unless a receipt has been obtained from the agent when the ticket is purchased. The railroad companies have announced that they will not consider claims from those who have failed in this particular.

Claude Conard, *Sec'y Cal. Conf.*

Santa Cruz Camp-Meeting

We trust that all of our people in the part of the state which will be served by the Santa Cruz camp-meeting are planning to be present. The period of time before the dates announced being so short, rapid preparation will have to be made; but it can be done if every one has a mind to work and to come.

Several of our brethren who have attended the recent General Conference will be there, and with them some of the spirit and power of that gathering.

As usual, services will be conducted for the young people and children. The California Bible House will have a liberal supply of books, tracts, and papers on the ground for inspection and sale.

Come, brethren and sisters, and receive a blessing, for the Lord has promised to meet with His people when they

gather together to seek Him. His promises are sure.

Claude Conard, *Sec'y Cal. Conf.*

Magazines Sold in California Conference

Paper	Second Quarter, 1909		
	No. copies	Retail value	First quarter
Signs	18,954	\$1,895.40	12,025
Life & Health	12,985	1,298.50	3,696
Liberty	5,786	578.60	5,861
Bible Training School	2,170	217.00	
Temperance Instructor	1,295	129.50	
Gospel Herald, Chinese	1,644 (at 5c)	82.20	
Protestant Mag.	100	10.00	
Watchman			70
Total	42,934	\$4,211.20	21,652
First quarter	21,652	2,165.20	

Grand total 64,586 \$6,376.40

First six months, 1909.

S. G. White, *Missionary Secretary.*

Cheering Experiences with "Christ's Object Lessons"

(Continued from page 5.)

"which is more precious than gold that perisheth," we will find that God's hand has been over us, and we will come forth stronger, and our faith in God's promises will be renewed. These trials bind us closer to our blessed Lord Jesus, weave stronger fiber into our character, and we build on the eternal Rock.

I see many tokens of God's love and care. Last week my work was specially blessed in the canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons." One day it was nine orders for this jewel-casket of truth, and twenty-three orders for the week. The day named I was granted some \$60 in orders for books, helps, etc., besides the nine for "Object Lessons," and last week some \$210 to \$225 in orders for books, outside helps, etc., above and in addition to the "Object Lessons." This good book seems to bring a train of blessings and success into all the other work; is a guarantee, as it were, of its success, a safeguard to all its details. I wish all our dear canvassers would make "Object Lessons" and "Ministry" a part of their canvassing work.

Walter Harper.

July 5.