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Having prepared stove-wood and secured the necessaries for the home, about Dec. 20, 1852, Brother Edson and I started with Brother White's horse and carriage for our six weeks' trip. We halted the first night with our people at Clarkson, and then went to Orangeport, about five miles east of Lockport. In that place there was a small company of Sabbath-keepers. There we spent our first Sabbath. On that day there was a heavy snow-storm, making it impossible for us to proceed farther with the carriage. So on Sunday, aided by our brethren, we constructed a substitute for a sleigh—a box with wooden runners, called in those days a "pung." With this we proceeded on our way.

On Christmas Day, we drove into Buffalo, N. Y., in a driving snow-storm. Up to that time I had never owned an overcoat. Brother Edson drove up to a clothing store and bought for me an overcoat. We then drove on to Fredonia, where we held meetings for a few days. Then, for a time, we were at Laona, five miles south of Fredonia. So we passed on our way, calling upon scattered ones down through Friendsville and Catsaunqua to Ulysses, Potter County, Pennsylvania. In this last-mentioned place we remained for about ten days holding meetings. On a high hill near that place were the first springs of three rivers running in different directions, the Genesee, one of the three, passing down through Rochester to Lake Ontario.

From Ulysses our next point was State Line, where a brother, Lewis Hacket, lived. He had given out an appointment for me on First-day afternoon and evening in a large schoolhouse in the place. He said he could not get the schoolhouse in the forenoon as another minister had an appointment. We concluded to attend that meeting, and further circulate the appointment. The said minister did not appear, and the congregation requested me to preach. When I stepped forward to the desk, there was the most curious look of the people, which I could not comprehend. This, however, gave way to deep interest when I began to speak, for the Lord gave me great freedom. In afternoon and evening the schoolhouse was packed to its utmost capacity with people, and Brother Hacket was rejoiced that his fellow townsmen had had an opportunity of hearing the reasons of the faith of this one lone Sabbath-keeping family.

As I went into his shoe-shop on Monday morning, I noticed a copy of the bill with which he had notified the town of my meetings. I could at once explain the curious look of the people, and their peculiar actions the day before at my first meeting. The bill read as follows: "J. N. Loughborough, of Rochester, will speak in the schoolhouse on Sunday at two and seven P.M. Come and hear, for they that have turned the world upside down are come hither also, whom Lewis hath received. And these do all contrary to the decrees of the pope, saying that there is a better way—the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." I said, "Is that the way you notified this town? If so, I can readily explain the curious look of the people when I first came before them."

"Well," said he, "I was bound to get the people in to hear, and I thought that would draw them."

When we started on our homeward trip down the Genesee River to Rochester, the snow was fast melting off, so we had to hasten. At one place on the way we stopped over Sabbath with a family of Sabbath-keepers, and the husband of the family was very anxious that we should encourage him to preach the message. From our point of observation we concluded that he took things altogether too easy to make a success of preaching the third angel's message. We noted that while his wife was out cutting wood for cooking his supper, he would be sitting in an easy chair with his feet on another chair, and singing with much enthusiasm of the easy times he would have in heaven. One stanza which seemed to delight him most was, "We'll have nothing at all to do but to march around Jerusalem, when we arrive at home." And he seemed to illustrate the spirit of his song by not having to do with labor and toil on earth.

When we got as far on our road as Attica, N. Y., the snow had all melted off the road. So in performing the rest of the journey, one or both of us would walk, thus relieving the horse from drawing us with our "pung" over the bare ground. We safely reached Rochester in good health and good cheer after an absence of six weeks. But now, as Brother Edson returned to his home, I had to ride on the back of old Charlie horse with the harness some fifty miles to Orangeport to get the carriage which was left there in December, and return to Rochester. I had now received an introduction into preaching the third an-

gel's message, and was soon in the field for the fulfilment of a call which had been directly by the Lord's testimony through Sister White.

J. N. Loughborough.

Shall It Be Allowed?

The following is an editorial by Emily Hoppin in the *White Ribbon Ensign*, the official organ of the California W. C. T. U.:

"The wine-makers, under the alias of the Grape Growers' Association, have a new plan for the education of the people of California in the art of learning to drink that 'truly temperance and healthful drink;' namely, wine. The plan is to have an elaborate exhibition of wines at the State Fair, which meets in Sacramento, August 28 to September 6, and in Idora Park, Oakland, two weeks later. The association is not planning, apparently, any exhibit of raisins, grape juice, or any of the harmless preparations of the grape, only an exhibit of wine.

"There will be statistics, which will include everything except the number of girls and boys lured to the downward path through its 'temperate' use. Nothing will be said of them, or of the harmful effects of wine on the human system, but there is to be a superintendent, assisted by four ladies, whose duty it will be to see that no one abuses the privilege of drinking the wine-maker's temperance drink. 'Oracle Sbarboro' apparently does not see any inconsistency in his statement that in the colleges of Europe, where 'wine is drunk freely, there has never been a case of drunkenness,' and this statement from the liquor paper that these ladies and the superintendent will 'see that no one abuses the privilege of tasting the wine.'

"They are to have wine served in an arbor, the walls of which will be festooned with fresh grapes, leaves, and branches, and bottles of wine placed so that the electric lights will show 'the reflection of the beautiful natural colors of the wines.' There will be 'tables and chairs where visitors may enjoy a glass of wine to their liking.'

"Shall this exhibit, and free serving of wine, which will no doubt be the beginning of the debauching of many young people; which will give hundreds of girls and boys their first taste of intoxicating liquor, be given without a word of pro-

test from the thousands of mothers and fathers in California? Shall it go out to the world that the wine-makers served free wine to all who passed by, and no one said; 'Nay'?"

"Let protests pour in from the W. C. T. U. organizations all over the state, from churches, from the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, and from every organization that makes for good. These protests may not, and probably will not, prevent the exhibit, but they may prevent what will be a disgrace to our state—the serving of FREE WINE in our State Fair.

"The directors of the State Agricultural Association have eliminated gambling and the sale of intoxicating liquors from the State Fair grounds, and we trust that they will not take a step backward by allowing the free distribution of wine at the coming State Fair. All protests should be sent to J. A. Filcher, secretary of the State Agricultural Association, Sacramento, Cal."

We trust that all our people will respond heartily to this call. This is a time when every Seventh-day Adventist should let it be known where he or she stands on the temperance question.

Whatever is done must be done quickly, as there is only a short time to work. Let each church elder see that the following protest is signed by as many individuals as possible, and *immediately* sent to J. A. Filcher, secretary of the State Agricultural Association, Sacramento, Cal.

Protest

TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE STATE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION:

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned citizens of the State of California, hereby protest against the allowance of a distribution of wine, or any other alcoholic beverage, from any exhibit or upon the State Fair grounds.

Respectfully,

NAMES

ADDRESSES

(Signed) S. N. Haskell,
Pres. Cal. Conf.

"Through faith in Christ, every deficiency may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed."

The Field

CALIFORNIA

Fresno District

At the close of our tent meeting at Fowler, we expected to open another effort at Reedley. After counseling with some 'who know more about the San Joaquin Valley than I do, it was thought best not to begin until cooler weather. Quite a few have gone away on their summer vacation. Those remaining, it was feared, after spending a hot day would prefer staying at home in the cool of the evening.

In the meantime I have tried to keep busy. During nearly twenty years in conference work I have endeavored to put in faithful time, and to be careful in my expenditures. Many brothers and sisters who have worked hard under the burning sun, have been careful to pay ten cents tithe out of every hard-earned dollar. God has blessed them in their faithfulness. He will bless me in being careful in using that ten cents only when it is necessary. I find many of my brethren walking instead of getting on the street-car to ride two or three blocks. I am convinced it will not hurt me to do the same. Churches have confidence in their workers when they see they are as particular with the Lord's money as they would be with their own. Best of all, I am sure God's approval rests upon such laborers.

The work in this part of the Lord's vineyard is moving along as well as might be expected. The Barstow Colony church is doing some missionary work, and have great hopes of some new ones coming into the fold.

I visited Madera recently, where there are a few faithful members. They are calling loudly for some work to be done at that place.

The Fowler brethren have purchased a church site, and hope to build this fall.

Not long since, we baptized two into the Fresno church. The untiring and never-ceasing efforts of many brethren of this church are being crowned with success. Their membership is now about 325.

I have just returned from a visit with Brother and Sister Boger, at Pollasky.

We thought some of holding a few meetings there, but no opening seemed to be presented. Brother Boger is superintendent of a large gravel pit. They are planning their affairs with the hope of entering the Lord's work in the near future. As they are both graduate nurses, and have had considerable experience in missionary work, we believe they will be able to do efficient work in the Master's cause.

It is encouraging to see the interest our brethren and sisters are taking in the work. Some are planning to soon give all their time to the spread of this message, and others are studying how they may be able to give more time than they have given, and yet be self-supporting. May the Lord grant that we may all be "laborers together with God."

C. L. Taggart.

The Turlock Convention

Quite a company of our people from Turlock and vicinity attended the young people's and educational convention at the Turlock church on August 14. A number of our brethren and sisters came in from Modesto, Hughson, and other near-by places, and a profitable day was spent.

At eleven o'clock Elder S. N. Haskell told of the starting of the educational work among Seventh-day Adventists, and what was comprised in Christian education. His discourse was much appreciated.

The three-o'clock service was conducted by Prof. I. C. Colcord, who outlined the General Conference plan of organizing our young people's work. A paper was read by Miss Luella Reed, of Alameda, on the essentials of Christian life, and Miss Lois Baldwin, of Turlock, presented a paper showing the dangers to our young people in the study of the English classics. Excellent principles were brought out in both of these papers.

At seven o'clock the young people met for a short consecration service under the direction of Professor Colcord, which was enjoyed by all.

An educational symposium was conducted at the eight o'clock hour. Prof. C. W. Irwin, recently from Australia, and who has come to engage in educational work in California, occupied the first twenty minutes. He emphasized the thought that our schools were a ne-

cessity because we are preparing our children for a different work than the schools of the world can prepare them for. He stated that a young man wishing to secure a commercial education would not go to a school of electrical engineering to get it; for that is not the place where such training is given. No more should we, who are giving our children a training to assist in carrying the third angel's message to the world, send them to the public schools to get it. Our children and young people should have a thorough training in the Bible and in Christian principles, and this is out of the province of the government schools.

Professor E. D. Sharpe presented the need of trained teachers for our church-schools, and stated that the Western Normal Institute at Lodi had been established to train such. Elder B. L. Howe, who has charge of the conference intermediate school at Armona, made a very stirring appeal in behalf of our educational work, and the necessity of all our people's arousing to the situation that is facing us in the training of our children and youth.

The evening session closed by Professor Colcord's giving a short account of the General Conference delegates meeting President Taft in Washington at the time of the recent General Conference session.

A number of special selections of music were rendered throughout the day, which added greatly to the exercises. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and all felt repaid for the effort.

Eureka

Arrived here Monday, July 18, and proceeded at once to become acquainted with the situation. After spending some time in visiting, I began meetings and continued all last week. Some not of our faith came in, and interest was manifested. The main object, however, was to confirm some who had accepted the truth, and if possible to bring others to a decision.

To-day we have baptized four, and will add five new members to the church at Arcata.

There are some promising conditions in Eureka which I wish to work up, and then shall go to the Banner District.

August 1.

D. T. Fero.

Pacific Press Items

Orders are still coming in rapidly for the August *Signs Monthly*, and we are beginning to send out the September number.

We expected Elder A. O. Tait to return from the Los Angeles camp-meeting last week, but he was urgently requested to stay over and attend the Sunday meetings, which he consented to do, and will be home Monday.

We have just received from Sweden, plates for "Great Controversy." The Swedish book will be brought into harmony with books of other languages by the addition of the new engravings and subject index. A new edition will be printed at an early date.

Printing orders are now in hand for 68,000 books in the Spanish, German, English, and Dutch languages. These books vary in size from 96 to 900 pages each, and make a total of twenty-three million pages of literature which we are preparing for our workers.

Brother J. R. Ferren sends us very interesting reports of his work at the Los Angeles camp-meeting. In a recent letter he states that so much interest has been taken in the home missionary work that he has been invited to give his talks in the big tent, and he has a daily study at four P.M., where various lines of home missionary work are taken up and carefully considered.

Our canvassers in Mexico are now conducting an institute at Tacubaya, the office of our Spanish paper, *El Mensajero de la Verdad*. Our workers in that difficult field have had most wonderful success in the circulation of our literature, but in some towns they meet most bitter opposition. There is an urgent demand from this priestridden country for books which will not antagonize the people, dominated as they are by the Catholic Church. We are hurrying forward the preparation of "Salud y Hogar," the new Spanish health book. This is a translation of "Home and Health."

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1909

Elder H. C. Basney and Brother J. D. Alder are continuing the meetings on the grounds where the camp-meeting was recently held at Santa Cruz. Elder Shultz will assist in the work on his return from the Los Angeles camp-meeting. Several are reported interested.

At a meeting of the California Conference Committee held on the Santa Cruz camp-ground recently, the following persons were appointed as an educational committee to work with Prof. I. C. Colcord, the educational superintendent: Prof. C. W. Irwin, Elder E. D. Sharpe, Elder B. L. Howe, and Claude Conard.

The Southern California Conference has just enjoyed the largest camp-meeting during its history, there having been more than four hundred tents on the ground.

WANTED.—Four or five competent church-school teachers for Southern California. School continues nine months. Give experience and recommendations. Address H. G. Lucas, Educational Secretary, Fernando Academy, San Fernando, Cal.

California General Camp-Meeting

The general camp-meeting for the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Oakland, Cal., Sept. 9 to 19, 1909.

A special session of the California Conference is also called to convene during this camp-meeting, the first meeting of which will be held at 9 A.M., Monday, September 13. It is desired that a good

representation shall be present from all the churches. Claude Conard,
Secretary Cal. Conf.

Help Wanted

The St. Helena Sanitarium is in need of helpers for domestic work and in their laundry; also a man familiar with the care of horses to work in the livery stable.

The management would be glad to hear from any who would care to work in any of these lines. Address St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal.

Sebastopol Institute

A Biblical institute will be held in the Sebastopol church Aug. 20-30, 1909. We hope that our brethren and sisters in the Sebastopol and the surrounding churches will make an effort to attend this institute.

Come and let us study God's word together and become better acquainted with the Lord. Special instruction will be given in missionary work.

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

Experiences of Mountain Canvassing

I started out to sell \$1,000 worth of books this summer, but I have not come up to it yet. I know the good Lord will help me to accomplish this if I canvass a few weeks longer.

Last week I left my little Bible, which mama gave me ten years ago, with a family who did not have a single Bible in their home. Monday I bought one that had been slightly used. [The California Bible House think Miss Belvail is deserving of the best Bible they own, and expect to have the pleasure of presenting it to her.]

We are usually ready to canvass at 5:30 A.M. Perhaps it will be an hour, maybe more, before we come to any house. When we get hungry, we sometimes stop, but most of the time we do not have time to stop to eat, so we eat on the way. We always stop a little while at noon for our horse to eat barley, and if there is no one to canvass, we manage to eat a little at that time before starting. Then we go on in the afternoon, and it may be nine o'clock or later at night before we stop. I do not feel much like writing then, and we only have moonlight or starlight by which to see. I should not even have time to

read my Bible if I did not read when we are traveling along between places in the cool of the afternoon. Some times we travel the night after Sabbath. As the roads are so dusty, by the end of the week we have a large washing and ironing to do, so we find Sunday our busiest day.

Two weeks ago last Friday we finished canvassing a place, and decided we would go as far as possible on our way to two more camps to canvass them the evening after the Sabbath and Sunday. We passed a house where I had canvassed several days before, and asked the way and distance to where we wanted to go. We thought of going to a farmhouse that evening, but the road was so steep that we had gone only a little over a mile by sunset. We still had over two miles left to go, and as we had hay with us, we decided to stop by a little stream.

We had only been there a few minutes when the man from the house which we had passed came up on horseback. He was afraid it would get dark and we might get lost in the woods that night, so hurried to catch up with us before the roads forked. He was surprised to see us camped there in that dense timber, and wanted us to go back. But the road over which we had come was the worst of any we had seen in the mountains, and then we were not afraid, so he told us he would leave a six-shooter and two dogs. We kept one of the little dogs, just for company.

The evening after Sabbath we went on to one of the camps and stayed there. Sunday morning we got up about four o'clock, and were at another camp by six. I wanted my orders to amount to at least fifty dollars that day, but, I thank the Lord for it, they amounted to fifty-five. I went back to the camp which we had left in the morning and to another that day.

On the way back we returned the little dog. The man came outside and said he had another order for me. He said that another man had come to his place and asked where Tax (the dog) was. When told, he said if we were brave enough to do that, to be sure and have me bring him a "Guide" also, as he feared he might not see me. He left the money to pay for it, too.

August 11.

Tressa Belvail.