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

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Sketches of the Past — 77

When, in 1852, I accepted the third angel's message and the Sabbath truth, we did not have the light on healthful living as now so clearly developed among this people. The testimonies spoke very decidedly against the use of tea, coffee, and tobacco. First it was presented that, while there was a lack of means for the advancement of the truth, an excellent opportunity was offered to make a sacrifice of these articles, and put their cost into the cause of the Lord.

About the year 1853-4 the testimonies began to present forcibly the harm to the human system in using these articles. When there was sickness among us, we had not the light on the treatment of disease by the use of nature's remedies, but were requested to bring our sick ones to the Lord in prayer, following the rule in the fifth chapter of James. In the Rochester church for many months every case thus brought to the Lord was healed. This led some to conclude that every case thus presented to the Lord would be healed. For this conclusion we had not, however, had any such instruction from either Brother or Sister White.

About this time Brother Nathaniel White, a brother of Brother James White, and his sister Anna, came to Rochester to live in the family of Brother White. Nathaniel was afflicted with consumption. Prayers were offered for him, with anointing, and he was greatly blessed. This led some to conclude that he would surely recover. Notwithstanding these precious praying seasons for

him, in which he was greatly blessed, he was gradually wasting away.

He was, however, never a bed-fast patient, but was up and dressed, and rode out every day. It was really a pleasure for his sister to care for him. The crisis finally came thus: She would prepare his afternoon meal, and put it into a moderately heated oven while she would take him for a ride around a few blocks in the city. On his return he would take his meal. On this occasion when the meal was prepared, and he, with overcoat, cap, and gloves on ready for his ride, he said, "Anna, I feel weak. I think I will eat my food before I ride out to-day." He sat down in a rocking-chair while Anna went for his tray. She heard a groan, and on returning to the room saw her brother leaned back in his chair dead, and the chair rocking.

Soon the news spread among our people, "Nathaniel White is dead." This was unexpected news to those who thought that those prayed for could not die. Sister Seely, who had taken part in several of these praying seasons for Nathaniel, said, "He is not dead. He can't die, for we have prayed for him." She was met with the reply, "He is dead, and laid out." "Well," said she, "he will come to life again, for God has greatly blessed in his case in answer to prayer." It must be apparent to all that to those who had such an idea the death of Nathaniel White would be a great shock. Be it remembered, however, that there had been no such instruction given to us. In answer to prayer for those perplexed over such an experience Sister White had a vision, a writing-out of which is found in "Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1," pp. 120, 121:

"Man is erring, and although his pe-

titions are sent up from an honest heart, he does not always ask for the things which are good for himself, or that will glorify God. When this is so, our wise and good Father hears our prayers, and will answer, sometimes immediately; but He gives us the things that are for our best good and His own glory.

"When the servants of God pray for His Spirit and blessing, it sometimes comes immediately; but is not always then bestowed. At such times, faint not. Let your faith hold fast the promise that it will come. Let your trust be fully in God, and often that blessing will come when you need it most, and you will unexpectedly receive help from God when you are presenting the truth to unbelievers, and will be enabled to speak with clearness and power.

"It was presented to me like children asking a blessing of their earthly parents who love them. They ask something that the parent knows will hurt them; the parent gives them the things that will be good and healthful for them, in the place of that which they desired. I saw that every prayer which is sent up in faith from an honest heart, will be heard of God and answered, and the one that sent up the petition will have a blessing when he needs it most, and it will often exceed his expectations. Not a prayer of a true saint is lost if sent up in faith from an honest heart."

To the Rochester company Sister White said, "The Lord has heard and answered prayer in Nathaniel's case. He has gently let him down to the grave in a manner that was no burden to any one. He knew the future best, and the dangers to that ambitious young man. While in a well-prepared state of consecration He has let him fall asleep."

J. N. Loughborough.

Leaders Taking the Lead

Letters full of good cheer, good suggestions, and good plans are coming in from conference presidents concerning the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. These are a promise of good things to come in behalf of foreign missions.

Elder William Covert, president of the Northern Illinois Conference, writes:

"I have dictated a letter to be sent to all our churches concerning this campaign. This is done in order to enlist their interest *immediately*, so that we may secure as large an offering as possible this fall."

Elder B. F. Knepeland, president of the New Jersey Conference, writes:

"I am in hearty sympathy with the plan. I know that in this conference we have felt the uplift which came from the effort last year. Before your letter reached me I had sent out a call for a meeting of our conference committee, to consider plans for the present campaign, and thoroughly organize the field for labor. We have learned some very valuable lessons from the experience last year, and I believe we can make this campaign much more effectual. It will be safe to plan on our conference using a larger number of the *Reviews* than last year. We shall do our best to have our orders in on time."

These letters have the right ring. We trust that every conference will organize for thorough, effective work, so that all the units in this cause may count full value in their proper place. The calls from the great harvest field are many, and the needs are great. The missionaries already sent out must be supported, and many others must soon go. May the Lord greatly bless both leaders and people. "For that the *leaders* took the *lead* in Israel, for that the *people* offered themselves *willingly*, bless ye Jehovah. My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves *willingly* among the people: Bless ye Jehovah." Judges 5:2, 9 (A.R.V.).

A. G. Daniells.

Capital and Labor

The October number of the *Signs of the Times Monthly* magazine will deal with that most perplexing problem, "Capital and Labor." Articles have been secured from prominent writers,

representing the different sides of this controversy, thus making it an interesting and popular number, and one that will appeal to all classes. The subjects will be taken up in the following order:

An article by John Kirby, Jr., President of the National Association of Manufacturers, will present the subject from the manufacturer's standpoint.

Selected statements from the recent utterances of Mr. John Mitchell, the great labor leader, will present the subject from the view-point of organized labor.

A special article on "Capitalism and Socialism," by Eugene V. Debs, will present the matter from the socialistic standpoint.

The editor, who has given years of study to the question, will present the subject from the prophetic and Christian standpoint, giving the only true solution of this perplexing problem.

The regular departments of the magazine will be kept up the same as usual, in which will appear the following articles:

"Go Ye into All the World," by Mrs. E. G. White.

"The Sabbath Institution," by Elder H. W. Cottrell.

"Struggles for Religious Liberty in the Western World," by Elder J. O. Corliss.

"What Constitutes Divine Healing," by D. H. Kress, M. D.

"The Nations and Prophecy," by Elder Clarence Santee.

"The How of the New Birth," by Elder Wm. A. Westworth.

"The Jubilee of Calvin in Geneva," by Jean Vuilleumier.

The cover for this number is a three-color design, presenting in striking figures the only true solution of the capital and labor problem. It is a beautiful conception, and tells the story at a glance.

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The Field

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Burbank

I want to express my gratitude to our God for His rich blessings, patience, and long-suffering with us, His people. While I realize with you that there is far more for us than we have received, yet I can see evidences of the mighty movings of His Spirit.

I went to the camp-meeting in Los Angeles feeling that some in the little company where I was laboring were losing ground, but was greatly encouraged last Sabbath to see these very ones deeply impressed and showing evidence of a growing experience. Several spoke of the camp-meeting, and how it had helped them. I thank the Lord for the meeting, and pray that we may see more such times with ever an increasing power and growing intensity of the Spirit.

We are surely nearing the end of time. As a Christian, I want to be entirely divested of self and filled with His Spirit, and as a worker in this cause I desire to be much more faithful and zealous, and to be loyal to the very close. Pray for me that as I enter new fields the Lord may use me as He will.

Elbridge M. Adams.

Notes from Southern California

At the close of our good camp-meeting in Los Angeles the conference committee carefully considered the needs of the field, and after prayerful study arranged for six tent companies as follows:

At San Diego Elders R. S. Owen and J. W. McCord were placed in charge of a tent, and later Elder C. E. Ford, of Los Angeles, was to join the company, also Sister Hoyt as Bible worker, and Brother Kendall to assist in the general work. They began their work with an excellent attendance, there being over 500 at each of the two Sunday evening services thus far, and an average of about 350 during the week. They have a splendid location near the center of the city, and are strongly supported by the church.

Elders Stewart Kime and E. J. Hibbard began work at South Pasadena with

a small attendance, but by diligent effort it has been somewhat enlarged till they have a fairly good hearing. Elder Hibbard has gone back to Fernando to prepare for his school work, and Elder Luther Warren has taken his place at the tent. Sister Jennings is assisting in Bible work.

Elders M. H. St. John and E. S. Ballenger, with the assistance of Sisters Baker and Keough in the Bible work and a few canvassers, are conducting a tent effort in East Los Angeles with good prospects of success. The attendance is good, ranging from 75 or 100 to 200.

Another tent is located in Colegrove not far from where the camp-meeting was held. Elder Cardey and Dr. Fuller are carrying the work there. Elder and Sister Kay assisted in the work till they had to return to their work at Fernando. The interest there is not large, but it gives promise of yielding some fruit, and we hope a church may be established in that part of the city.

Elder D. A. Parsons and Brother Booth, assisted by Brother R. W. Miller and Brother and Sister Stevens, are conducting a tent effort in Santa Barbara. An effort was successfully concluded there just before camp-meeting in which Brother Kime took a leading part instead of Brother Parsons, and the prospect is favorable for more fruit from the present effort.

In response to an urgent call from the church in Escondido, Elder A. G. Christiansen and Brother Otis Fisher pitched a tent in that place, and from a report just received they have a good interest. Elder Rauleder is living there and working especially for the German-speaking population, and is assisting in the tent effort.

Elder E. H. Adams is following up a small interest that was raised by a brief effort at San Dimas in the early part of the season.

Brother Elbridge Adams is looking after the construction of a church building at Burbank where a church has recently been organized.

Elder Healey has been appointed Secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, and will devote his time largely to that line of work, at least for a time.

Elder and Sister Ford and Sister Hoyt leave Los Angeles Thursday, the 9th inst., for San Diego, where they will engage in aggressive work in connection with the

tent effort, and will follow up the interest.

Brother Avadano, who has spent one year in school at Fernando and one at Loma Linda, has begun work for the Mexicans in Los Angeles.

Sister Parsons has been called to teach the Bible in the Glendale Sanitarium, and will do Bible work in the sanitarium and outside as she has opportunity.

Every department of our work has an encouraging outlook, and we go forward expecting great things from God.

E. E. Andross.

CALIFORNIA

Haywards

We have held tent-meetings in this place over two months. The attendance was fair until we came to the testing truths. A local preacher spoke on the Sabbath question and against the Adventists, and we replied to him by speaking on the law of God and the Sabbath. The Lord blessed in the effort. A good impression was made, and since then we have heard nothing from our opponents.

It is quite generally admitted that the Seventh-day Adventists go by the Bible, and have the truth.

A church has been organized of eighteen members; four are keeping the Sabbath for the first time, and one has been baptized. We expect more will follow soon.

Bible-readings are being held in the homes of the people, wherever there is an interest to hear.

Andrew Brorsen.
J. W. Rich.
E. A. Moore.
Florence Noble.

August 23.

Los Gatos

Since our good camp-meeting at Santa Cruz, I have put in all the time possible working on our chapel. We placed the first shingles to-day, towards night.

Some of my readers are very much interested in the Family Bible Teacher. A few more, who can not stand the sharp, cutting truths, have withdrawn, and will read no further. A goodly number seem to be interested, and a few are very much interested in the readings.

Sabbath, August 21, was a blessed day for our little church. Three precious souls were baptized into the church. One of these was a lady over eighty years of age. Her face beamed with joy on being baptized.

H. F. Courter.

August 23.

Willow

Since our last report to the RECORDER, we have met with a strong current of underhand opposition. The ministers are visiting the people and warning them to stay away from the tent.

While our attendance has been rather small, still some have attended regularly, and as a result two have taken a firm stand to keep all the commandments of God. Several others are under deep conviction, and we are praying that God will impress upon them the importance of walking in the light while they have it.

The Spirit of the Lord was present to-night when the importance of presenting our bodies a living sacrifice to the Lord, unsullied by the debasing habits of this degenerate age, was presented. After the meeting a collection of \$27.60 to assist in the expenses of the tent was taken up. We praise the Lord for impressing the hearts of the people to be liberal. Though our attendance rarely exceeds thirty, we have received in donations for the six weeks we have been here \$48.77.

We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that others may accept the message, and stand as witnesses for God in this wicked city.

G. A. Hamilton.
R. S. Fries.

September 9.

Griffith John, who put the best of his life into introducing the gospel into Honan, Inland China, says: "I have never regretted the step I took many years ago in opposition to the strongly expressed wish of my best friends; and if there is a sincere desire burning within my breast, it is that I may live and die in laboring and suffering for Christ among the heathen. O, it is a glorious work! so real, so unselfish, so apostolic, so Christlike."

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1909

Excellent meetings are being held on the Fruitvale camp-ground. All seem much pleased. The evening services are well attended by the outside. The visiting ministers are Elders G. A. Irwin, G. I. Butler, and W. M. Healey, whose services are highly appreciated.

The faculty which has thus far been selected for the Pacific College is as follows: Prof. C. W. Irwin and wife, Prof. G. W. Rine, Miss Hattie Andre, Elder A. O. Tait, Miss Lois Randall, Dr. H. F. Rand, and Mrs. Dr. M. L. Edwards. Others will be chosen later.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's aunt in Oakland, Monday evening, September 13. The uniting parties were Prof. O. S. Beltz and Miss Medora Stone. The marriage was solemnized by Elder E. D. Sharpe, President of the Western Normal Institute.

A very neat little folder announcing the opening of their meetings in East Los Angeles on August 29 has been received from Prof. E. S. Ballenger and Elder M. H. St. John. On one side is given a challenge to those who do not believe the Bible, and on the other a general announcement of the meetings and subjects which will be discussed.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference, it was voted to hold six Religious Liberty Institutes this fall and winter.

These will be for the education of our people in order to prepare them for active service in the important campaign that is to be conducted in California this next year. Elders Corliss and Healey will have this work in charge.

At the Fruitvale camp-ground, Monday, September 13, was devoted to the consideration of the new conference school to be known as the "Pacific College," at which time the committee's experience in selecting a site for this institution was related. Our brethren were well pleased with the report on the new property. Sister White spoke very encouragingly of the future of the school, heartily endorsing the steps already taken. The congregation voted in hearty approval of the work of the purchasing committee. The future outline of the school as agreed upon by the Board and the faculty was presented by Professor Irwin, president of the college. As previously stated, the college will open September 29, at which time the dedicatory services will be held.

Utah Conference

The eighth session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in Salt Lake City church, October 5 to 9, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, October 5, 2:30 P.M. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for every five names of its membership. We urge that each church select its delegate at once, and such as will be sure to be in attendance at the conference.

S. G. Huntington, *President.*

Miss M. E. Fletcher, *Secretary.*

Utah Conference Corporation Notice

The fifth annual meeting of the Utah Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is appointed to convene in connection with the eighth annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Salt Lake City, Utah, Friday, 2:30 P.M., Oct. 8, 1909, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

All accredited delegates to the conference are members of this corporation.

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A Home for Young Girls

The Fernando Academy Board has decided to open a home for girls under fifteen years and over twelve years of age, provided a sufficient number can be secured to warrant the expense. This is intended to accommodate those parents who do not have church-school privileges at present for their daughters. Since girls of this age require a great deal of care and attention, we deem it necessary to employ a lady who can give her entire time to this work. The charges for board, room, and care will be \$3.50 per week. Tuition and maintenance fee are extra. These pupils will work only seven and one-half hours a week. Girls under fifteen years of age will not be received in the young women's dormitory hereafter.

Girls who are fifteen or over, but who are in the primary grades (one to six), may be placed in the home for young girls and charged \$3.50 per week.

Mrs. N. S. Miller will be in charge.

For admission, address H. G. Lucas, *Principal*, San Fernando, Cal.