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

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President's Address to Arizona Conference, November 8 to 14, 1909

Delegates and representatives of the various churches assembled at this the opening of the eighth session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists—Beloved Brethren:

Following a time-honored and doubtless proper custom, we have prepared and will now submit this brief address regarding the work in Arizona during the conference year which has just closed, together with a few suggestions concerning the future.

Another year of struggles and victories has become history. Its record has been closed up, and at this time we have gathered to recount the blessings of the past, and to counsel and lay plans for the year before us.

We hope all who are here may find it a pleasant privilege to share in the responsibilities of these meetings, feeling that the cause is one, and its success is our own. It is fitting that we recognize God's guiding hand in all our efforts, and praise His keeping love which has protected us these months past. None of our workers has fallen in death, and as far as we remember, but two Sabbath-keepers have died in Arizona since we were together one year ago. If this record be correct, it is certainly most remarkable and gratifying.

But, while this calls forth thanksgiving to God, who has so tenderly watched over us, let us remember that we know not

what a day may bring forth, and with renewed consecration, spend every day as in the presence of eternity.

Although death has not taken any of our workers from us, sickness has been a frequent visitor, and several have been greatly hindered by it, and at least five have lost each one to five months of service. This has greatly hindered our work.

Besides the labor among the churches and companies, efforts have been put forth in several new places, and God's truth has found a permanent abiding-place in a goodly number of honest hearts who were strangers to this message one year ago. We are gratified that the work among the Mexicans has received more attention than for years, and the wisdom of this is already apparent. Souls that were in the gravest danger of being led away, have been reestablished in the truth, and our brethren who speak the Spanish language are stronger and of better courage than ever before.

We will not at this hour report in detail the various efforts, as that will be done at some future time during the meetings. However, it may be well to state that nearly every effort has developed new Sabbath-keepers. We thank God for this. Among the places yet to be entered, and which should receive attention in the near future, are Tombstone, Bisbee, Parker, and Yuma. There are also numerous other places in various parts of the territory which should be worked. This field, with its ever changing and rapidly increasing population, will to some extent remain a new field for some time to come.

Although our membership is somewhat increased, we can not report any tremen-

dous ingathering. However, we wish to state that most of the fruit of the year's work has not yet been connected with our several churches, though quite a number are now awaiting baptism. These will add materially to our membership in the near future. We are glad to report that the various departments of our conference are growing, and that, as a whole, our work is much stronger than one year ago.

Our educational interests are developing, and it requires no stretch of faith to predict the best year in the history of our schools. It might not be altogether out of place to state that one who a few months ago knew nothing of our work, is now attending our Phoenix school at considerable personal sacrifice, preparing to do work in some branch of God's cause.

Our book department is again doing a good work among us. The business of our office has been more than twice what it was last year, and the greater part has been done during the past six months. The first of July our canvassing work began to show symptoms of that revival for which we had so long and anxiously labored. A fine beginning was made in July, and about the middle of August we were glad to welcome Brother W. O. James to our conference to help us push this important branch to the front. We are pleased that he is here, and we see no reason why from \$6,000 to \$10,000 worth of books may not be placed in the field by the time of our next session.

With the aid of the Pacific Union Conference we have been able to carry forward our work with no financial embarrassment.

Our tithes and offerings, while not all they might have been, show a decided gain over last year. We have received over \$4,000 in tithes, and our offerings to missions have amounted to considerably over \$5.20 per capita. It may be well to mention in this connection that with our present force of workers, our income leaves a very small margin; and if from any cause either our tithes or our appropriation should be cut down, it might place our workers in an unfavorable situation. It may be well for this conference to give this matter some consideration.

We also ask you to consider the advisability of securing some permanent place for our headquarters in connection with which the Phoenix church and school can be accommodated. The Phoenix church has already voted to turn in their church property to assist in such an enterprise. We trust this body will express their wish in regard to this matter.

During the past year, some changes and improvements have been made in the conference properties, but no large sum has been expended. Your committee has endeavored to keep the expense of the conference as small as possible and yet do the work successfully; but still our transportation bills and other expenses are by no means small. Through the courtesy of the railroad connecting us with the northern portion of our field, we have been able to save quite a sum in traveling expense. This concession of free transportation did not take effect till the conference year was about two thirds gone. Had it come earlier in the year, a greater saving would have been effected.

We have reached another season of ingathering for missions. As in the days of old, so now the command of God is heard saying, "Go forward." If all heed this command, will not a much greater work be accomplished for the spread of this truth than last season? We sincerely hope that every one will do his best; and if he does, we shall do much more than in our former effort.

It might be well to call to mind the effort to influence our territorial legislators to pass measures at the last session which would be but the stepping-stones to the enactment of religious laws, and how God defeated the plan which would begin to overthrow the liberties of His people; and again, how an effort

was started which, if successful, would have taken about \$2,000 from our conference funds. To-day we can thank God that this, too, came to naught.

It has ever been the aim of your committee to carry out the policies which you have adopted, in that manner which will stand the test of Heaven, and will commend them to all who adopt them.

In the matter of sickness among the conference workers, your committee adopted that which is considered a liberal policy. Just how far the duties of a conference extend in cases of sickness may be a little difficult to determine. Financial and other conditions have been taken into consideration, and as far as we know, the intention has been to do in each particular case as the Saviour would do. But even with this aim in view, mistakes may have been made. If this conference has any instruction to give through its auditing committee, or by resolution, we feel certain such counsel will be appreciated by the incoming conference committee.

We can not report everything accomplished that we had hoped, but we thank God for the victories gained; and with renewed courage, let us hasten forward.

The judgments from the Almighty are fast falling upon a wicked world. To mention even a few of the most severe seems unnecessary, as they are doubtless fresh in our memories. Truly the great day of the Lord is drawing near.

With the trampling under foot the sweet principles of liberty, comes persecution; and just before us is a time which will prove a new and most trying chapter in the experience of each individual. Wealth, talent, and influence are fast uniting against God's law. Only Arizona and California of the states and territories of the United States still remain loyal to the true principles of religious freedom. As yet, these have no Sunday law. Shall we not put forth every lawful effort to enlighten the people regarding the teachings of our Saviour, as put into practise by the noble fathers of our country, and expressed in the Constitution of the United States? There should be a campaign of education among those in high office, as well as all other classes, so that prejudice may be disarmed, and thus the liberties of God's people be preserved to them as long as possible.

It is with no small degree of cheer-

fulness that we now return to you, delegates of this conference, those sacred responsibilities which you laid upon us one year ago.

Throughout this session let there be the most perfect Christian liberty exercised by all in every deliberation. And while we are to show due courtesy and regard for the feelings of others, let us be frank and open in all of our plans and criticisms.

May a large measure of the Spirit of the living God rest upon every heart; for with this, we shall have the most profitable conference ever held in Arizona.

H. G. Thurston.

Arizona Conference Proceedings

The eighth annual session of the Arizona Conference, according to previous announcement, convened at Phoenix, Arizona, in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at 10 A. M., November 8, 1909, and continued to November 14.

No new churches had been organized during the year, but a good representation of delegates from the seven churches of the conference were present. Elder H. W. Cottrell, of the Pacific Union Conference, was also present with us.

The title of the conference for the year ending October 31, 1909, was an increase of \$756.47 over that of the previous year.

The offerings were \$343.39 more than those of the corresponding twelve months of the year before.

The number of Sabbath-schools in the conference had decreased from fifteen to thirteen, while the Sabbath-school offerings had increased from \$409.59 to \$477.34.

Following are the receipts and disbursements of the conference for the year ending October 31, 1909:

Receipts	
Title from churches	\$4,126.74
Appropriation from Pacific Union Conference	4,526.75
Arizona Tract Society	1,374.98
Offerings	1,268.56
Property sold	166.70
On transportation of teachers to institute from Pacific Union Conference	37.10
Donations to laborers	56.15
Second tithe	1.65
Labor and expense	4.30
Church school fund	27.00

Rent on property	\$235.14
Interest	5.80
On accounts	44.43
Tent fund	36.50
“Christ’s Object Lessons” ...	1.25
Special cash	8.55
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1908	1,606.71
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	\$13,528.31

Disbursements

Title and second tithe to Pacific Union Conference	\$ 798.06
Arizona Tract Society	1,426.01
Office expense	173.48
Newsom estate: attorney fees, recording and probating will, insurance and tax	98.05
Office chair	4.00
Church schools	328.25
Offerings	1,387.67
General tract fund	1.50
Labor and expense	7,273.37
Cash October 31, 1909	2,037.92
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	\$13,528.31

The assets of the tract society were \$852.07, liabilities \$484.97, a surplus of \$367.10.

The business of the tract society had more than doubled that of the year before.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President, H. G. Thurston.

No secretary and treasurer was elected, the present one holding over until a successor shall have been appointed.

Conference Committee: H. G. Thurston, F. W. Wheeler, Clem Stump, G. A. Roberts, Juan Garcia Orozco.

Board of Directors of Arizona Conference Corporation: H. G. Thurston, F. W. Wheeler, secretary, George G. Sims, G. A. Roberts, Clem Stump.

Ministerial credentials were given as follows: H. G. Thurston, F. W. Wheeler, J. E. Bond, M. Serna.

Ministerial licenses: I. P. Dillon, Juan Garcia Orozco, Eugene A. Brown, George G. Sims.

Missionary licenses: W. O. James, Mrs. M. T. Poston.

Colporters’ licenses: A. J. Cole, F. G. Wakelee, Mrs. F. G. Wakelee.

The morning hour of one day was devoted to the consideration of our educational work. Papers were read and followed by discussions showing the importance of educating our children, and

having church schools. The best methods of grading in our schools were considered, and also the importance of teachers’ attending institutes.

The Sabbath day during the conference was devoted mainly to the holding of a good Sabbath-school convention, one session being held in the morning and another in the afternoon. Different phases of Sabbath-school work were presented in papers, followed by discussions in which many took part.

Resolutions

Realizing something of the great blessings already received in the payment of a faithful tithe;

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves anew to faithfulness in this matter, both by precept and example.

Whereas, Marked success has attended our efforts in raising money for missions during the past year, amounting to more than ten cents a week per member in our conference; and

Whereas, This has proved a decided blessing to us, as well as to those receiving the donations; therefore

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend a faithful continuance of this plan, and increase our donations to missions in the future, if possible.

Whereas, The Sabbath-school is an instrument in God’s hands to accomplish a great work in the world;

3. *Resolved*, That the Sabbath-schools of this conference hold conventions as often as advisable, for the purpose of studying correct principles in Sabbath-school organization.

Whereas, There is a general desire on the part of our people in Arizona to have a greater part in the circulation of the printed page bearing upon the special truth for this time; therefore

4. *Resolved*, That we plan to improve every opportunity to place books, papers, and tracts in the homes of friends and neighbors; and that we, while attending this conference, take advantage of the situation and lay in a supply, thus saving considerable in freight or postage.

Whereas, There is need of a great increase in the general circulation of our literature — books, tracts, and periodicals; therefore

5. *We Recommend*, That our conference employees supply themselves with a variety of books containing present truth, also tracts and clubs of periodicals for

their personal use, turning the profits on all sales into funds to be handled by themselves, being held sacred for this use only.

6. *Resolved*, That we look with favor upon the plan of securing a suitable location in Phoenix for conference headquarters, where our conference office and the Phoenix church and school may be accommodated by needed buildings, provided the Phoenix church property be given toward the enterprise; and that we instruct the incoming conference committee to make arrangements in this matter as they may deem advisable, but that no debt be contracted against the property.

7. *Resolved*, That we request the incoming conference committee to encourage the training and education of the children of our Mexican brethren in the message; that qualified persons of our faith be encouraged to obtain positions as public school teachers in localities where they can work among the children of our Mexican brethren; that qualified persons of our faith, so inclined, be encouraged to open private schools, self-supporting, in localities where they may teach the message to the children of our Mexican brethren.

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend our people to secure central locations for their church buildings as far as possible, and that to this end we avail ourselves of favorable opportunities where such buildings may be secured, but that such properties shall never be encumbered with debt.

The following was also passed by the Conference Corporation constituency, to be filed in the probate court:

We Recommend, That this conference request the following statement to be signed by the proper persons, and placed on file:

The undersigned Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists hereby acknowledges receipt in full of all money or property to which it was or is entitled under the last will and testament of Estella E. Newsom, deceased, and hereby releases the executor of said last will and testament, H. G. Thurston, from all claims and demands of any kind, and hereby approve and confirm all his acts as such executor.

H. G. Thurston, *President*.
M. T. Poston, *Secretary*.

CALIFORNIA

Pacific Press Items

In one of Elder J. W. Westphal's talks on the Missouri camp-ground, he related the following incident: About fifteen years ago a ship arrived at a port in Brazil carrying a package of Seventh-day Adventist literature. The man who was in possession of it was a drunkard. He traded the entire package for drink to a man who ran a combined grocery and rum shop. The grocer used it for wrapping-paper, and a package so wrapped fell into the hands of a man who operated a distillery. After reading the wrapper he began keeping the Sabbath. He gave up his distillery, and later Elder W. H. Thurston was called to follow up the interest, and as a result organized a church of thirty members, and this distiller was elected elder.

It is such reports as the foregoing that keep our canvassers of good courage, although they sometimes meet with trials and difficulties.

Here is a brief extract from a letter written by Brother J. L. Brown, who is now in Vera Cruz, Mexico, to Brother J. A. P. Green:

"Arrived in Jalapa this morning at four o'clock, almost frozen, and sick from tobacco smoke. Well, God helped me to accomplish what I stopped for. I reached the governor's office early, so as to talk with him first. While sitting in one of his soft chairs, I went sound into dreamland, and thus he found me. After he awakened me, I apologized, and explained the reason why. Then I went after him like wild fire, and within twenty-five minutes I had his name, his two secretaries', and *jefe politico* (chief of police's)."

In a letter written to us a few days later, Brother Brown says: "Brother Robinson and I have worked fifty-two hours each with 'Home and Health,' Spanish. We have orders for \$1,774.50, Mexican, or \$887.25 gold." Please notice that this is approximately \$8.00 an hour.

The past fall while at the Laurelwood (Oregon) school, I learned of the sale of "Heralds of the Morning" by one of the students to an infidel. This man was accepting the truth at that time. I have just received a letter written by a stu-

dent in Walla Walla College in which he says:

"There is one man here in school who must be between fifty and sixty years of age. He has been an infidel all his life until a little over one year ago, when he saw the light of truth, and accepted it. One of the canvassers, a student who goes to one of our schools in Oregon, was working for a scholarship, and canvassed this man. He did not care for the book—"Heralds of the Morning"—itself, and told the girl he would take one to help her along, but that he never would read it.

"After the book had been in his house about three weeks, unlooked at, he was sitting alone in his room one rainy day, thinking over his past life of sin. Not having a ray of hope, and thinking death was the end of everything, he was contemplating ending his miserable existence, when he chanced to look over at the table and saw the new book, and thought he would look into it, to see what it contained, anyway. He began reading at the first, and when he had finished five or six chapters, he was converted. He went to his bedroom and knelt on his knees and prayed to God. From that time on he has been studying the Word of God, and has been baptized and joined our church.

"He went to the General Conference last spring, and is now here in school. He is taking three Bible classes, and expects to take up the canvassing work, he says, after he has gained a sufficient knowledge of the Bible."

H. H. Hall.

November 28.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Mr. Clyde Lowry, of Pacific Press, is spending a few days at the sanitarium visiting friends.

Elder C. L. Taylor and wife have been called to San Jose for a few days on account of the death of his brother-in-law, James U. Cottrell.

Among the guests in the sanitarium at present are T. J. Evans, of the Napatan Shoe Factory, and wife; Attorney F. E. Johnston, wife and daughter, of Napa; Dr. W. B. Nichall, of Oakland; J. H. Williams, of San Diego; D. J. McKay, of San Francisco; and Thomas Prince, of Oakland.

Thanksgiving Day was pleasantly spent at the sanitarium. The dining-room was tastefully decorated with holly wreaths and festoons, and the tables were ornamented with fruits and flowers. During the dinner-hour the lights were turned on, and the orchestra played in the parlor across the hall. In the evening the family enjoyed an orchestra concert.

After a year's absence from the institution, the family are glad to welcome Brother L. M. Bowen back to his place as business manager. A part of the year has been spent on his ranch near Merced, and part in assisting in the management of the Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium. He reassumed his duties November 21. Elder W. T. Knox, who has ably filled the place during his absence, is making preparations to go to Washington, D. C., before the new year, to take up his work as General Conference Treasurer.

Mrs. E. G. White spoke at the Chapel Sabbath morning. She read from John 15, placing especial emphasis on the verse, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." Then with her old-time vigor she earnestly urged all to trust the Saviour implicitly. The day before, November 26, she had passed her eighty-second birthday; and since she was fifteen years of age, she has been making Him her trust and His service her delight. As she passed down the aisle, it was touching to see her shake hands with and speak in her sympathetic and motherly way to each of the wheel-chair patients present.

M. L. E.

November 27.

San Rafael

Since our last report we have been pushing the work with the "Family Bible Teacher," and now have about one hundred sixty readers.

The interest that has been developed by this work, we are now following up with an earnest campaign of cottage meetings. Many seem to be deeply interested, and we hope a good harvest may be reaped from among these to the Master's glory.

The librarian of the public library here has become interested, and has made a request for some of our books for the library. Is there not some one of the

readers of the RECORDER who would count it a privilege to send us a set of "The Conflict of the Ages" and *Signs of the Times Monthly* for this purpose?

Pray for the work here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moler.

November 22.

San Francisco Ingathering Service

Last Sabbath, at the San Francisco church, the ingathering services for the Missions *Review* campaign were conducted. The church had been decorated for the occasion, and a very appropriate program was rendered, for the most part by the children of the Sabbath-school.

Recitations, dialogs, and special songs of an appropriate nature were given by the little ones in a very creditable and pleasing manner. These were augmented by remarks by Brother E. E. Parlin and Dr. F. F. Lamb, and by selections by the choir, solos, quartets, etc.

Those who had made collections passed in the amounts, and it was later reported by the librarian that over \$95 had been received on this fund up to the present time. It is quite probable that more will be handed in later.

C. C.

Reading Course for Sabbath-School Teachers

A great writer has said, "He who does things must know how." And yet we read in "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," page 98, "Not all who teach in our Sabbath-schools qualify themselves for the work." But the next words show that this is not right: "Let every teacher feel that he must know more, that he must be better acquainted . . . with the best methods of imparting knowledge."

On page 55 of the same book we find, "Teachers should feel their responsibility, and make use of every opportunity to improve." Again on page 111 we are told that the Sabbath-schools are "crippling along for the want of efficient, discerning men and women."

Do you desire to become more efficient as a Sabbath-school teacher? An opportunity is offered in the Reading Course which is to begin with the new year. Here is a good way for even those who have not been teachers, to prepare themselves, so they will be ready when the Lord calls them to the work. The books to be studied are "Testimonies on Sab-

bath-School Work," price twenty-five cents in cloth, or thirty-five cents in leather; "The Art of Securing Attention," fifteen cents; "History of the Sabbath-School Work," five cents.

Surely no one would dare to undertake so important a work as this without learning what instruction the Lord has given concerning it. This is given in the first book of the series. Every Seventh-day Adventist should have it in his library.

The outline for the study each month will be given in the *Sabbath School Worker*, together with helpful suggestions. Don't wait, but provide yourself at once with the first book and the *Worker*, so you will be ready to begin the first of the year.

You can order the books from the California Bible House, Mountain View, Cal.
Mrs. Carrie R. King.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Religious Liberty Institute at Los Angeles

This institute is now past, and its results will be known only by the revelations of the final judgment. From fifty to one hundred persons were in daily attendance at the three forenoon periods, and rather more attended the evening services. Great interest was manifested by all present, as the various points of the studies were canvassed. From time to time expressions like this were heard: "I would not have missed these studies for anything." At the close of the last meeting, especially, many came forward thanking the teachers for their labors in the meetings.

From the many demonstrations of enthusiasm by those in attendance, we believe that only good will grow out of the effort. The new leaflets treating on the various phases of religious liberty were freely taken by the workers. The plan agreed upon as to how to use these, was to leave a package of ten in each house, giving notice that they would be called for at a stated time, and asking that they be carefully read. At the period set for collecting these, the agent returns, having a blank petition against Sunday legislation, which he asks the man of the house to sign.

Eighteen hundred and seventy-five sets of leaflets were provided for this institute, but these were quickly disposed of,

and many others ordered. One sister canvasser paid for eighteen dollars' worth. Others paid for from one to five dollars' worth. One brother outside of the meetings ordered thirty-five dollars' worth, and another one, ten dollars' worth. A little less than four thousand sets were taken in all. We believe that the work done in this direction was but a beginning of what the brethren of Los Angeles will ultimately accomplish.

From what we saw at that meeting we are satisfied that our brethren throughout California are awakening to the needs of the state in religious liberty lines. May the judgment show that we are not mistaken in this matter.

H. W. Cottrell.
J. O. Corliss.
W. M. Healey.



"Signs" Notes

Here are extracts from two letters from widely separated points, the first being from a Pasadena lady who supplies the train men of the overland trains with the *Signs*, and the second from a Socialist in Alaska.

"Nov. 8, 1909.

"I want to thank you for the nice bundle of papers. They came safely. The porters and conductors all look for their papers. I was so surprised when one of the porters said to me, 'I went to Carr Street church this (Sabbath) morning.' O, it is a glorious work, and I love it better every day."

"I had your magazine for October, sent to my wife by her aunt; and I find it very interesting. Being a Socialist, I favor your writings very much, also your Bible studies. I am enclosing you \$2.00, for which send me *Signs of the Times Monthly*, also weekly journal, beginning Oct. 6, 1909."

Have you ordered twenty-five, fifty, or a hundred copies of the Christmas *Signs Monthly*? Of it Brother Milton Dymot, working in Fresno, writes:

"The December number is a winner. 'The Origin of Christmas' and 'Evolution or Creation' are striking articles, and arouse interest. I will need many more."

Send orders to your tract society early.
J. E. F.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1909

Elder H. W. Cottrell arrived at the office the early part of the week, from Arizona and Southern California, where he has been attending the annual meeting of the Arizona Conference and the religious liberty institutes in the southern part of the union conference.

In our issue of November 18 the statement was made that the joint committee appointed to study the relation of the Western Normal Institute at Lodi to the conference educational work had a meeting at Lodi on the 16th. Too late for correction it was learned that the meeting had been called off at the last moment, as some of the members could not be present.

"The Morning Watch" calendar for 1910, a copy of which has just been received, should be in every home of Seventh-day Adventists. It is a dainty sixteen-page booklet with cover printed in colors, and contains, besides a number of short literary gems and topics for special prayer, a text of Scripture for each day in the year for study and meditation. These can be obtained from your tract society. Price, five cents.

We trust that our church elders and leaders will bear in mind that the annual week of prayer will be December 11 to 18, and plan early for taking advantage of this special season of worship and service. If you do not have the readings, they can be secured from your tract society office upon application. The readings are also published in German and

Danish-Norwegian, and we suppose the same are given in the Swedish, although definite announcement of this fact has not yet reached our office.

Biennial Meeting Pacific Union Conference

The fifth biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Mountain View, Cal., January 24, 1910, and continue until the 30th, for the purpose of electing an executive to direct the work for the ensuing biennial term, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Each local conference is entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate in the sessions of this conference without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred church-members.

The conference will be organized at 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 25, 1910. By order of the Executive Committee.

H. W. Cottrell, *President*.
J. J. Ireland, *Secretary*.

Religious Liberty Institutes

The appointments for religious liberty institutes throughout California thus far definitely arranged are as follows:

Loma Linda,	Dec. 2 to 12
Fresno,	Dec. 14 to 20
Armona,	Dec. 21 to 27
Lodi,	Dec. 28 to Jan. 3
Oakland,	Jan. 4 to 11

Competent instructors will attend all of these meetings; and in view of the vigorous campaign for soul liberty in behalf of all the people of our state, these will be valuable occasions for every live church-member. Everybody ought to plan to attend some one of them.

If similar meetings are desired for other centers of influence in the state, where entertainment can be provided, let correspondence be opened at once with the Religious Liberty office in Mountain View, Cal., that suitable dates may be arranged for the same.

H. W. Cottrell, *President*.
J. O. Corliss, *Secretary*.

It Would Be Well

"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should

take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His Spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross."

Do you know that the texts in the Morning Watch Calendar for 1910 were selected with reference to our Sabbath-school lessons on the life of Christ? In studying the text for each day, you will be drawing spiritual life from the Sabbath-school lesson for that week. Can you afford not to form the habit of spending a quiet hour with Jesus each day?

Order at once from your tract society. Price, five cents. To those who want several for their friends, envelopes for remailing will be furnished on request.

M. E. Kern.

Obituary

CARLE.—Died in Sacramento, Cal., October 11, 1909, in the seventy-fifth year of her age, our beloved sister, Melissa S. Carle.

Sister Carle was one of the pioneers to the state, making her home in Sacramento for about forty years. She accepted the Adventist faith some twenty years ago, and united with the first church in Sacramento, remaining a faithful and devoted member to the time of her death.

The Lord had blessed her with plenty of this world's goods, of which she cheerfully contributed toward our various institutions, besides paying a large tithe, and giving many liberal offerings to the church, and the cause at large. In her last will, she bequeathed to the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Sacramento \$1,000, which was much appreciated, and showed an evidence of her confidence in the faith which she had so long cherished. The church sadly miss her, but sorrow not as others who have no hope.

Her friends were among the best citizens of the city, the pall-bearers being some of the leading business men, among them Mayor C. L. White, who had long known her.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer. C. E. Leland.