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Report of the Annual Meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

The thirteenth annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, for the purpose of electing four or more members of the board of directors, and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 9, 1910, at 12 o'clock p. m.

L. M. Bowen, *President*.

H. E. Randall, *Secretary*.

In accordance with the above announcement, duly published in the *Signs of the Times* and PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, and upon due notice thereof, the thirteenth annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association was duly called to order at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 9, 1910, at 12 o'clock m.

Upon investigation and roll call, it was found that fifty-two members were represented by proxy, and the declaration members and honorary members ex-officio in attendance were forty-eight, or a total representation of one hundred—more than sufficient to constitute a quorum; and the president, L. M. Bowen, thereupon announced the meeting duly open for business.

Among those present were the following persons: H. W. Cottrell, H. F. Rand,

J. O. Corliss, J. J. Ireland, E. E. Parlin, C. L. Taylor, H. A. St. John, W. C. White, W. E. Whalin, F. F. Abbott, H. G. Childs, C. H. Jones, H. McDowell, E. R. Rhymes, S. J. Whitney, and Mrs. M. E. Pratt.

Meeting was opened with singing, followed by prayer by Elder J. O. Corliss. The president and manager then presented his report, which is as follows:

Report of President and Manager

To the members of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association:

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

We feel greatly obligated for the privilege of presenting another annual report of our medical missionary work. The year just past has been eventful in many respects, and we recognize the leading and protecting hand of God in our institution. As a family of workers, we appreciate the grand and blessed opportunity of being workers together with Him in this great work of saving souls.

Elder W. T. Knox, who had so ably served us as president for some time, resigned early in December, after accepting a call to connect with the General Conference in Washington; and we feel the great loss to our work, as his influence and counsel were greatly valued. Otherwise there have been practically no changes in the organization of our working forces.

We desire to express our appreciation for the loyalty and zeal and co-operation which have characterized the services of departmental leaders and workers throughout our institution. The spirit of harmony, a very necessary ele-

ment, prevails. Only those who have had experience can appreciate its value. As an evidence of the spirit of cooperation on the part of our workers, we gladly acknowledge their release of the merit percentage, which they voluntarily voted to the institution on account of the loss occasioned by the burning of our laundry and contents last May, resulting in a net loss of \$2,923.

The work with the patients along medical and missionary lines in field and training-school work, will be reported by Drs. H. F. Rand and M. L. Edwards, Elder C. L. Taylor, and others.

We wish here to present a few facts to show the value of our medical work as a missionary agency in behalf of our denominational work financially, and as an educational factor.

A few years ago our indebtedness equaled our investment. We had practically no surplus. The only direct financial aid now received from conference sources is the salary of the chaplain, which is paid by the California Conference. All funds for working capital are covered by interest-bearing obligations, the rate of interest averaging much higher than worldly enterprises. Savings banks pay about four per cent; we usually pay five per cent, and on a small amount a less rate. Thus we are not specially favored in this respect.

But we have been greatly blessed, until at the present time we have a net worth amounting to \$134,660.44, which means that much added to the assets of our denomination. Not only this, but our institutional tithe during the last seven years amounts to \$14,491.79, all of which has been paid to the Pacific Union Con-

ference treasury for the advancement of the Gospel, with the exception of \$2,879.15, which by your vote last year was applied to the relief of a sister institution. Indirectly, through the local church, there is contributed to the state conference funds about six thousand dollars per year in the form of tithe paid by our employees, representing practically a full tithe upon the amount of our pay-roll, besides liberal contributions to other funds and enterprises.

For some time the sanitarium has borne in conjunction with the California-Nevada Conference a deficit of about \$60 per month incurred at the San Francisco dispensary. But arrangements have been made whereby the dispensary may hereafter be utilized in connection with our training school, as a means of providing practical experience in dispensary and city mission work. Our family of workers has undertaken during the present year to raise \$5,000 to be expended in mission work in and about Hongkong, China.

Another very important feature of sanitarium work is the large number of persons who, under the most favorable circumstances, are brought within the reach and under the influence of the evangelical lines of our work, thus continually providing the chaplain with an attentive congregation.

A department which should strongly appeal to every layman and worker in our denomination, is the missionary training school, where, without one dollar of expense to themselves or the conferences, the promising young people of our churches are offered the opportunity to secure a three years' missionary and professional training, which will fit them for aggressive service for the Master, and they at the same time be enabled to earn something during all their training period.

Our training school has a capacity of seventy-five. Thus we have an annual output of twenty-five to swell the ranks of our missionaries; and the expenses of these are paid by the world. Notwithstanding this, we have not for a number of years been able to secure a sufficient number to fill our classes; and the institution has suffered in its work, on account of this lack.

Doubtless you will be interested to know what the sanitarium is doing in

assisting the unfortunate and needy, since this is one of the principal objects of our existence. The average cost of board, room, and treatment per week for patients, as shown by carefully recorded computations, has gradually increased year by year until 1908, when it was \$23.32 for each guest. This does not include all the expense of operating such departments as the store, laundry, livery, and other subdivisions not directly engaged in contributing to the care and entertainment of our patrons. The various items under this expense are as follows:

Miscellaneous	\$ 2.32
Advertising61
Charity54
Grounds74
Depreciation and repairs	2.41
Salary provision	2.26
Taxes21
Interest62
Insurance21
Tithe78
Heat, light, and water	2.50
Culinary	5.96
Room and treatment	4.16

Average weekly expense \$23.32

Our regular rates for board, room, and treatment range from \$16 to \$30 per week. In all cases the board and treatment are the same. Thus, those who take advantage of the lowest rates are securing the benefits of the institution at less than cost. We are therefore obliged, in securing guests, to seek for those who will pay more than the average for their entertainment and care. To these, and others who require surgical work and nursing attendance, we must therefore look to meet our obligations and expenses.

In reporting our charitable work, we do not include any bad accounts, though failure to meet these is often due to the financial embarrassment of the debtor. Only such allowances as are made because of financial stress are charged to this account. This shows that \$1,563.87 has been expended during the past year; and at the rates charged, the amount is equivalent to the full care of four patients, including board, room, and treatment.

Another special account represents reductions in weekly rates for board, room, and treatment (not surgery) to workers

of our own and other institutions, Seventh-day Adventists, missionaries, physicians, and nurses, who are usually charged for board and room only, medical attention and treatment being furnished free. This account shows an expenditure of \$3,016.30, and represents 570 weeks of free attention, or an average cost of eleven patients. Aside from this there are concessions in nursing charges, free surgical operations, etc., of which we have no record. Thus it is very evident that a large part of our income is expended on those who are in need of our assistance.

In harmony with resolutions passed at our last meeting, this association has extended its credit to the Sanitarium Food Company in the form of endorsements for its obligations, in return for which a mortgage is being prepared, covering the plant, its real estate, machinery and other equipment, for a term of five years from January 1, 1910. A lease is also being negotiated, covering the plant and business for the same length of time, the plan being to operate the factory as a department of the sanitarium, and as nearly as possible upon the same basis as all its other departments.

In view of the prosperity attending our sanitarium work, possibly some are disappointed at the progress made during the last two years in paying off obligations. A partial explanation of this may be found in our repairs account. Our buildings are many of them quite old, and we find it very expensive to keep them habitable. Another heavy draft upon our finances has been our improvement expenditure occasioned by the increased accommodations required to care for our extending patronage.

Besides this, one year ago your board was authorized to revive an expired obligation against the Rural Health Association, amounting to \$15,000, which has been given proper attention. Then, too, the addition to our water resource demanded a large outlay, amounting to \$22,110; but we feel it is worth every dollar invested, as we have now an ample supply of pure mountain water from springs on our own property. A large concrete reservoir with a capacity of 130,000 gallons has been constructed at an elevation above our buildings sufficient to provide a good pressure for

fire service. That portion of our Liparita Rancho not necessary to the water supply has been subdivided, and a number of lots sold. This will decrease the investment considerably.

Your board of directors have also felt it necessary, during the last few years, to purchase a number of private holdings located near the sanitarium, lest they should pass into the hands of objectionable persons, and so prove a serious detriment to our sanitarium work. These investments have required an outlay of about \$10,000. This purchase includes 123 acres of timber land.

In view of the importance of our work, and the greatly increasing interest involved, this institution should select a suitable person to devote his time to the development of its general interests.

Respectfully submitted.

L. M. Bowen.

The treasurer's report was presented by H. E. Randall, showing in detail the losses and gains for the year. The value of the real estate and improvements was stated to be \$143,887.58; of the furnishings, \$44,306.49; and of the supplies on hand, \$21,619.17. This was followed by the certificate of the auditor, J. J. Ireland, testifying to the correctness of the accounts, and of the report presented.

On motion of H. W. Cottrell, duly seconded, the report of the treasurer, as certified by the auditor, was adopted.

The report of the medical superintendent and chairman of the training school for nurses was then presented by Dr. H. F. Rand. He stated that the greatest question with the sanitarium to-day is the help question. In view of the grand opportunity given to our young people to do missionary work, he felt that all our young people would be glad to take advantage of the course as given here at the sanitarium. He stated that never in his experience had he found the people so anxious to learn our methods of treatment and health reform. He spoke of the great opportunity afforded to those who would take up this line of work, and closed with an appeal to all present to use their influence in persuading our young people to go to our sanitariums for training.

The chaplain's report was then presented by Elder C. L. Taylor, in which he stated that he was very much encouraged by the spiritual condition of

the family. He also stated that he was sure we have as fine a family here as can be found anywhere, and that they are all willing to put in long hours and their best interests in the work. He then spoke of our need of more help in his line of work, so as to give the patients more aid in a spiritual way. He felt that only about one fourth of what we might do is being done in that work.

Upon motion of J. O. Corliss, seconded by C. H. Jones, the chair was authorized to appoint the usual committees, which were as follows:

Plans.—H. W. Cottrell, J. O. Corliss, H. F. Rand, E. E. Parlin, J. J. Ireland, H. G. Childs, L. M. Bowen.

Nominations.—H. Shultz, C. H. Jones, H. McDowell, W. E. Whalin, H. E. Randall.

Credentials.—W. C. White, F. F. Abbott, M. L. Edwards.

It was moved, duly seconded, and carried, that we adjourn until 4:30 P.M.

Meeting reassembled at 4:30 P.M., the hour appointed, with L. M. Bowen in the chair. Prayer was offered by Elder H. W. Cottrell.

Dr. M. L. Edwards was called upon to speak of the educational phase of our work. She said in part as follows:

"The work consists of two general divisions: First, that here in the institution; second, that in the field at large. The first may be subdivided into two classes; namely, our patients and our helpers, or family. This work is carried on by lectures, demonstrations, and class work. The work among our patients is very encouraging, as they are so anxious to learn. I have met people who, ten or fifteen years ago, had been patients at one of our sanitariums, and who are to-day their own physicians, and are living up to the principles they learned at the sanitarium. I tell you, this kind of work well pays for the effort put forth."

With reference to the field work, she stated that it was the plan of the management to do a greater work than ever before. There are great opportunities at our camp-meetings, at our schools, in the churches, and right in the homes of people, for this kind of work. She then spoke of the work that has been carried on at our camp-meetings; and the report was very encouraging.

Brother A. C. Giddings, foreman of the factory here, occupied a little time in telling of their work in manufacturing the foods. He closed with saying, that he prayed that the day would soon come when those connected with the food work will be those only who are in it on a missionary basis.

The San Francisco dispensary was mentioned by Dr. H. F. Rand and Brethren E. E. Parlin and L. M. Bowen. Each had a very encouraging report.

Along the line of the sanitarium work in general, different men spoke, among whom were Dr. A. J. Sanderson, of Berkeley; Dr. F. F. Abbott; Elder J. O. Corliss, an old sanitarium worker; and W. H. Covell.

The committee on plans then presented their report; and after being read and discussed, it was adopted as follows:

In view of the manifest prosperity of God in the operation of our sanitarium work the past year, we hereby express to Him our deepest gratitude for the strength given the physicians, nurses, and other helpers to carry forward the parts assigned them; and

We also renew the consecration of our God-given powers to this branch of His work.

We Recommend, That the incoming board of directors take immediate steps to enlarge the chapel building; and

Whereas, The Sanitarium church proposes to share in such expense, and requests time in which to raise money for that purpose;

We Recommend, That the request of the Sanitarium church for time be granted.

Whereas, The St. Helena Sanitarium has undertaken a large amount of missionary work, in both home and foreign fields, and is greatly in need of consecrated young people to assist in these important lines of work; therefore,

We Request, That the executive committee of the California Conference, and other field workers, be invited to assist us in encouraging suitable young people to take up work at the St. Helena Sanitarium.

Whereas, Favorable action has heretofore been taken for leasing from the Sanitarium Food Company its entire plant and property for the term of five years, as detailed in the proposed lease; therefore,

Resolved. That we hereby reaffirm our approval of the leasing of said plant and property, and authorize, empower, and direct the incoming board of directors to make and enter into said leasehold proposition for and in behalf of this association.

We Recommend. That we donate to the Pacific Union College all the proceeds from the Relief Movement that may come to the St. Helena Sanitarium for the year 1910.

We Recommend. That one tenth of our net earnings for the year 1909 be remitted to the Pacific Union Conference, with the request that it be devoted, after deducting one thousand dollars for the support of the medical secretary, to foreign missions, preferably China.

We Recommend. That for the present year we devote a sum not to exceed twenty per cent of our net earnings to charitable uses, and that we invite our conferences, churches, institutions, and brethren to cooperate with us in caring for their members or friends at the sanitarium, sharing the expense upon a basis of cost, equally, arrangements therefor to be made in advance.

We Recommend. That in view of the broad scope of our work, and the large and varied interests involved, our board of directors be authorized to employ a suitable person to devote his time to the general interests of this association.

The report of the committee on nominations was then presented. By motion, the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the nominees mentioned.

Thereupon the secretary cast the ballot as directed, and announced, "In harmony with the vote of the members of the association, I hereby cast a ballot of one hundred votes for each of the nominees; namely, L. M. Bowen, Dr. H. F. Rand, E. E. Parlin, and W. C. White." The president thereupon declared the election of the persons named as directors for the ensuing two years.

The committee on credentials then presented its report, recommending that credentials be issued to the following:

Missionary Physicians

F. F. Abbott, Effie A. Brown, C. Bush, Maria L. Edwards, S. P. S. Edwards, M. Kawasaki, H. F. Rand, Jeanette B. Rand.

Missionary Nurses

Grace Adams, Irene Adams, Elizabeth

Boyle, Miss C. Chapman, G. R. Close, Mrs. G. R. Close, F. E. Cornwell, Etta Dehn, Miss K. Gorden, A. P. Guyton, Chan. S. Harris, Bertha Haub, Ava Hubbard, Geitrude Hildebrand, Laura Jensen, Geo. A. Kuhns, Mrs. Geo. A. Kuhns, N. O. Lantz, Mrs. N. O. Lantz, Clyde Lowry, Mrs. Clyde Lowry, C. E. Moon, Miss Rose Paulus, Louise Peterson, Helen Rice, T. D. Sanford, Mrs. T. D. Sanford, E. F. Stow, C. S. Thatcher, Mrs. C. S. Thatcher, May Walling, S. J. Whitney, Mrs. S. J. Whitney.

Missionary Nurses

(Subject to Graduation in April)

Miss A. Bedell, Miss M. Hunt, Mr. Alex. McCracken, Miss M. Stanley, Miss L. Ulvick, Miss F. Webster, Mr. Yen Chin.

Moved, seconded, and carried, that credentials be issued to the persons as designated.

There being no further business, it was moved, duly seconded, and carried, that we adjourn.

L. M. Bowen, *President.*
H. E. Randall, *Secretary.*

California Conference Clippings

Mrs. E. G. White and her assistants spent Sabbath and several days this week in Oakland helping in the Bible institute.

Elder Isaac Morrison, who is at the present time laboring in Petaluma and vicinity, is finding some interested tract readers. He has hopes that some with whom he is now working may accept the truth.

Brother R. S. Fries was in Mountain View early last week shipping a tent outfit to Livermore, where Brother J. A. Stevens and he are to begin a tent effort as soon as they can make the necessary arrangements.

Brother E. S. Horsman, formerly canvassing agent in Southern California, has accepted the position of field missionary director in the California Conference, and is putting in faithful time becoming acquainted with the field, and rounding up the book workers for a good summer's campaign.

Several of the younger conference workers have been attending the work-

ers' institute at Oakland the past week. Among those who have spent more or less time there are R. S. Fries, G. A. Hamilton, L. L. Hutchinson, J. R. Patterson, Brother and Sister W. B. Taylor, and Brother and Sister G. A. Kuhns.

The Bible and workers' institute in Oakland, March 11 to 23, was quite well attended by our younger workers and others desiring to engage actively in regular missionary work. The morning sessions were given to Bible studies by Elder and Mrs. Haskell, Elder Loughborough, and others, and the afternoons to class instruction and practical work in the city. Most of the evenings were occupied by Dr. M. L. Edwards in instructive lectures on health topics.

The California Conference and tract society officers are now nicely located at the corner of Twenty-second Street and Telegraph Avenue. This is an excellent location as a distributing center, being within half a block of the Oakland terminal of the Key Route electric line from San Francisco, and on the direct street-car line between Oakland and Berkeley. These street-car lines connect by direct transfer with Richmond, Alameda, Fruitvale, Melrose, San Leandro, and Hayward.

Under date of March 18, Brother J. D. Alder writes of the work in the north San Joaquin Valley: "We are encouraged with outlooks in Elliott, where Brother Holbrook and I are now holding meetings. One family and one person of another family are making preparations to-day to keep the Sabbath. Several others are very much interested, some, however strange it may seem, having acknowledged the truth, before we have yet touched the Sabbath question." Claude Conard.

Missionary Volunteer Notes

Where Are They?

The young people of the California Conference—where are they? We are making an effort to obtain this information by sending to church clerks, young people's society secretaries, and others, requests for lists of the youth. Can we not have the hearty cooperation of our brethren in all parts of the conference?

Do you know of isolated young people? If so, please send us their names and addresses; or better, send to the conference office for some blanks prepared for this purpose.

Pacific Union College

It was the privilege of the writer to visit this college in the hills March 7 and 8. It has never been my privilege to visit one of our schools the resources of which were greater, surroundings more beautiful, or environments better. Found the students there to be quiet, studious, industrious, and cooperating with the faculty to make the first school year a success. There should be at least one hundred more students in this school next fall than are there at present.

Chico Young People's Convention

We have a large number of young people in this section. Can we not come together in Chico for a few days to study the possibilities of our young people to-day? We are told "the youth are the objects of Satan's special attack;" then he knows something of their possibilities, consequently is endeavoring, in every way possible, to side-track them.

The time for this meeting is Sabbath and Sunday, April 2 and 3. We trust there will be a good attendance from the neighboring churches. The Chico brethren are planning to entertain those who come in from the near-by churches.

B. E. Beddoe,

Sec. Cal. Missionary Volunteers.

UTAH

Items

After considerable effort, Utah has at last secured a man to take the field as our general missionary secretary. He will enter upon his duties early in April.

The conference title for February was very good, quite above the average. This is good, brethren, and may each succeeding month prove better than the preceding one along this line.

Elder Hare and Brother Gjording report good meetings at Brigham City, where they have been laboring for two weeks. It was the writer's privilege to visit these brethren on last Thursday evening.

There was an addition to the Salt Lake City church a week ago. Two or three others are keeping the Sabbath, whom we expect to unite with us soon. The ordinance of baptism will be celebrated the 26th inst.

Elder W. L. Sims, of Eureka, California, writes us that in harmony with recent recommendations he will join the force of laborers in Utah soon. Utah is glad for this good news, and extends to Brother Sims a most cordial welcome.

The Salt Lake City church is enjoying splendid attendance at all meetings. It is said that the prayer meetings are the most largely attended and the best interest is taken in them that was ever known in the history of the church. This is indeed an encouraging omen. The president of the conference will soon begin a series of meetings in a hall in the down-town district.

March 17.

S. G. H.

The Church

Sketches of the Past — No. 92

Now as to how the matter was arranged for the purchase of the first Seventh-day Adventist tent for meetings: When we arrived at Brother C. S. Glover's, in Sylvan, as mentioned in our last article, Brother White reported to him the new feature of the great crowd that came to the meeting at Locke, and this token that we had reached the time when public interest was arousing to hear the message. He also reported some of our counsel on the way with reference to securing a tent for meetings, if money could be obtained for the purchase of the same.

Brother Glover was not asked even to donate for the purchase, but requested us to excuse him for a short time. He left us for some ten or fifteen minutes. When he returned, he said to Brother White, "You asked me what I thought of the matter of securing a tent." Handing Brother White thirty-five dollars, he said, "I give that much toward the purchase of the tent. That is what I think of the enterprise."

The next morning we drove on to Jack-

son, where resided Brethren Kellogg, Palmer, and Smith. We first met Brother Kellogg. Brother White reported to him our wonderful meetings, and what we had been talking about the tent, and what Brother Glover had done. Brother Kellogg wanted to know about how much we would need to get the tent. He was told, "To get the tent and outfit will probably cost about two hundred dollars." He had been told how Brother Glover expressed his mind on the subject and that we had decided to settle the matter by the action of Brethren Glover, Kellogg, Palmer, and Smith.

On hearing this, he wished to be excused for a few minutes. When he returned he also handed Brother White thirty-five dollars, and said, "That is what I think about it, and more than that, you see what Brethren Palmer and Smith say and do. If you lack anything on the two hundred, I will advance what they do not give, and wait for my pay until others make up the two hundred. You need not let them (Palmer and Smith) know that I have promised what is lacking after they give. Besides that, you will need a wagon and horses to draw the tent from place to place. There are a span of horses and a farm wagon, and my son Albert, who can care for the tent. You can have the use of all for the summer free."

We called on Brethren Palmer and Smith, and reported how the Lord had wrought for us at Locke, and the standing thus far of the tent purchase. They each gave thirty-five dollars. We now had in hand one hundred and forty dollars, and a promise of the rest of the two hundred on call. Then Brethren White, Cornell, and myself retired to a grove to pray over the subject. O, the heavenly peace that came into our hearts as we laid the matter before the Lord! It was as evident to us that this move was approved of God as though we had heard His voice speaking.

At noon the next day, May 23, 1854, Elder Cornell, with the two hundred dollars in hand, was ready to start out to purchase a tent. He said the First-day Adventists of Detroit, a year or two before tried tent meetings, but did not make a success of them, and had laid the tent aside. He said, "That tent was for sale. I know where it was. It may be I can get that. If not, I will go on to

Rochester, N. Y., and get a tent from E. C. Williams, who is an earnest First-day Adventist." At noon Brother Cornell boarded the train in Jackson in the interest of the tent purchase.

In the evening of that day Brother and Sister White were to take the train in Jackson for Wisconsin, where they had appointments for meetings. After seeing Brother Cornell off on the train, we spent the afternoon at Brother Palmer's, near the railroad station. As it neared the time to take the train, Brother White began to walk the floor in a solemn mood. He said to Sister White, "I feel strangely in regard to this trip. If we had not an appointment, I would not take the train." He proposed to have a prayer season with reference to it. Several prayed, and we were led to pray that the Lord would preserve them from all dangers on the journey. When we arose from prayer, Brother White said, "We will go, trusting in the Lord."

At 9 P.M. I went onto the train with them to assist with their hand luggage. We went into a car with high-backed seats, which was all the sleeping-car they had in those days. As Sister White took her seat, she said, "I can not stay in this car;" but that was usually the kind of car she chose. I assisted them in getting into the last car on the train. As Sister White took her seat in that car, she said, "I do not feel right on this train." She did not even put up her handbag in the rack for such parcels. The car bell rang. I bade them good-by, and leaving the train, went to Brother Smith's in West Jackson for the night.

About ten o'clock what was our surprise, as we had just gone to bed, to hear Brother White knocking at the door for admittance. We supposed he was on his way to Chicago. How it was that he was up to Brother Smith's instead of on the train for Chicago, we will see in our next article.

J. N. Loughborough.

"Come into Line"

[Portion of a talk before the Pacific Union Conference, Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 27, 1910.]

Last night I seemed to be standing before a large number of people who were not united. One would stand back while another desired to go forward. They were not standing in unity one

with another. I saw a heavenly being appear before them, and heard him say: "Come into line. No one is fighting a battle on his own charges. The Master of assemblies says, Come into line!"

After this, I did not go to sleep again. I wondered whether in this meeting our brethren were coming into line. It is often very difficult for a large group of workers to come into full harmony one with another; but every one is to come into line, and fill his appointed place. May God help His servants to do this, is my prayer.

Although some may have followed their own way for a time, it is possible for them to return, and get into line. The Lord sees that it is not best for His children to be allowed to do as they please, and refuse to unite with their brethren who view matters somewhat differently from the way in which they may view them. He invites those who claim to believe the truths of His word, to come into line while they still have opportunity to harmonize with their brethren. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

There are some who do not readily respond to the invitation to forsake their own way, and come into harmony with God's way. They prefer to follow a way of their own choosing. Those who wish to do so, have the privilege of continuing to walk in their own unconsecrated way, but the end of that way is sorrow and destruction.

The Lord has men of His appointment whom He will use in His work so long as they allow themselves to be used in accordance with His good pleasure. He can never use any one who is seeking to humble some one else. Humble yourselves, brethren. When you do this, it is possible for holy angels to communicate with you, and place you on vantage-ground. Then your experience, instead of being faulty, will be filled with happiness. Seek to relate yourselves in harmony with God's leadings, and then you will be susceptible to the movings of His Holy Spirit.

The Lord is coming. The end of all

things is at hand. There remains but little time in which to develop character. Our experience, our testimony, our daily conduct, is having an influence either for good or for evil. Which shall it be, henceforth? Shall we choose to humble our hearts before God? Those who constantly advance in Christian perfection, from grace to grace, are a mighty, moving force for good in this world.

Often in the silent watches of the night I think of the sufferings of Christ in our behalf. Behold the Redeemer in the garden of Gethsemane. The thought of being separated from His Father was the burden pressing so heavily upon His soul. He felt as if He might be unable to pass through such an experience. "If it be possible," He prayed, "let this cup pass from Me." So great was His agony, that "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." It was for the sake of ransoming a lost world, that He passed through this agony.

While the Saviour was in the garden, the cup trembled in His hand. Should He refuse to drink? Only through His sacrifice could the sinner be saved! Should the divine Sufferer refuse to drink of that cup trembling in His hand? It was then that a mighty angel came to strengthen Him, and He prayed, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

At times, when in great trial or pain I think, What is the use of continuing to work as I do? But I am ashamed of myself as soon as such a thought as this passes through my mind. I see Jesus, my Redeemer, suffering in Gethsemane; I see trembling in His hand the cup that is to separate Him for a time, as it were, from His Father; I see Him suffering at the hands of cruel men; I see Him smitten in the face, and suffering every indignity, and then mockingly commanded to show by a sign that He is the Saviour. O, what if He had refused to drink the cup of bitter agony He endured! What if His prayer had been answered! But God knew best, and strengthened His only begotten Son to endure the agony and the shame, and become a propitiation for the sins of a lost world.

In view of the infinite sacrifice made by the Son of God, what sacrifices are His followers making to-day? There must be more Christ-likeness revealed in the

daily life-practise. All are to be laborers together with God. There is a world to be warned, and all who name the name of Christ need to bring themselves into line with His divine purposes, that they may be prepared to cooperate with heavenly intelligences in giving the last warning message to the world.

As the believers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church come into line, laboring faithfully in neighboring towns and in country districts, and bearing a decided message in the great cities, they will see fruit of their labors. The truth will go forth "as a lamp that burneth." Many will unite with them in seeking diligently to do those things that are in accordance with the eternal purposes of God. They will move in harmony with His opening providences, and will labor unitedly for the advancement of His precious cause in the earth. Soon, if faithful, they will see the gates of the city of our God swing back on their glittering hinges, that the nations who have kept the truth may enter in to their eternal inheritance.

Mrs. E. G. White.

Missionary Work

BOOK WORK — ARIZONA

For Two Weeks Ending March 11

"Home and Health"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
W. O. James	22	17	\$54.60
"Great Controversy"			
O. S. Emblem	26	19	\$2.90

For Month of February

"Heralds of the Morning"

B. F. Swan	15	10	25.75
Totals	63	46	\$163.25

OBITUARIES

MILLS.—Mrs. Sarah Margaret Mills, *nee* Hatfield, was born August 7, 1850, in Bloomington, Macon Co., Missouri. With her parents she crossed the plains by ox team to California in 1859, arriving at Healdsburg in October of the same year. She was married to Geo. W. Mills

on October 4, 1866. He crossed the plains in the same ox train. There were five children born to this family, two of whom are still living. Brother and Sister Mills had both become members of the Baptist church in 1860. In 1869 in a tent meeting in Healdsburg, conducted by Elders Bourdeau and Loughborough, Brother and Sister Mills accepted the Adventist faith, and were charter members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church organized in that place in December, 1869.

In 1906 they removed to Hanford, Kings Co., and united with the Armona church. For the last year Sister Mills has been in failing health; but her last sickness, resulting in death, has been of seven weeks' duration. She felt from the first that it would result in her death, but said her "peace was made with God, and it would be all right, come life or death." She quietly and peacefully passed away on March 8, 1910, at the age of fifty-nine years and seven months. A large concourse of friends attended the funeral services in Healdsburg on March 11, conducted by the writer, and she was placed to rest in the Healdsburg cemetery. A profusion of flowers were tokens of regard for her unselfish life of care for the afflicted and needy.

J. N. Loughborough.

CHRISTIAN.—Henry Herbert Christian died at Hanford, Cal., after an illness of about twenty months.

Brother Christian was a native of Pitcairn Island. At the age of nineteen, he came to Healdsburg, Cal., to attend school. September 4, 1901, he was married to Miss L. Grace Bagby. Her father, Elder J. W. Bagby, is well known as one of our oldest ministers. He says he never saw such triumphs of grace as his son-in-law experienced during his last sickness.

Brother Christian was in his thirty-sixth year at the time of his death.

There is no question in the minds of those who were with him during his last illness, but that his peace was made with God.

At his request made before his death, Rev. 14:13 formed the basis for some remarks at his funeral.

B. L. Howe.

BLACKBURN.—Willis B. Blackburn died at Exeter, Cal., February 24, 1910.

Brother Blackburn was born at Le-moore, Cal., August 8, 1880. He has always been honest and industrious.

He was a consistent Christian, and always responded cheerfully to any responsibility laid upon him by his church relations.

Funeral services were conducted at the Armona church, Sabbath, February 26, 1910.

B. L. Howe.

April "Signs of the Times Monthly"

Now, while the public mind is so absorbingly interested in the subject of Easter and its celebration, is an excellent time to teach the truth about this festival, and to know its meaning in connection with the history of the great falling away of the early church. In the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for April, Elder Charles L. Taylor writes an article on the Easter festival. You need yourself to have the information which it contains, and it will be an excellent missionary work to get as many Christian people as possible to read it. This is an easy means of presenting the truth to your neighbors and acquaintances.

Notice.

Those knowing the address of any of the following named persons will confer a favor by sending the same to the clerk of the Healdsburg church. Address, Mrs. H. Cook, Box 93, Healdsburg, Cal.

Leland Gibbs,
Ethel Gautereau Davis,
Ferry Gilbert,
Minnie Holland,
Luella Harmon Wright,
Walter Hamillon,
Willis Lewis,
Flora E. Young,
W. A. Young,
Herbert Young,
Lillian Cary,
Ella Warren,
John Frost,
Mrs. S. B. Taft,
Sagaro Tokata,
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John C. Williams.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1910

Elder H. W. Cottrell has taken up permanent work with the St. Helena Sanitarium.

It is expected that a religious liberty institute will be conducted in San Francisco by Elder J. O. Corliss in April. A more definite announcement will be given later.

The president of the Pacific Union Conference, Elder G. A. Irwin, will not be able to return to the Pacific Coast until after the spring council of the General Conference, which is to be held in April.

At the annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association recently held at Sanitarium, California, the following named persons were elected as officers of the corporation: H. W. Cottrell, president; L. M. Bowen, business manager; H. E. Randall, secretary and treasurer. Other members of the board remain as formerly.

This is an age for specialists. We find them at work in almost every line in the business world. Our missionary workers with our subscription books and rapidly selling monthly periodicals are also becoming specialists. Let those new recruits who desire to know how to labor more efficiently, or to become specialists in carrying the message of truth to the world, plan to attend the missionary conventions that are held in your neighborhood.

The missionary institute that was conducted in Oakland March 11 to 23, by Elder and Mrs. Haskell, was quite well attended. In connection with it Brother E. S. Horsman, the state agent of the California Conference, had a very interesting class of prospective book canvassers; and Brother W. H. Covell, who is the field agent for the periodical work, had a good-sized class taking instruction in the more proficient ways of introducing these soul-winning publications.

Brother J. R. Ferreu, who has been connected with the periodical department of the Pacific Press Publishing Association for a number of years, and has had much experience in planning for and working out improved methods of missionary labor, has accepted an invitation to become the missionary secretary of the Pacific Union Conference. We believe that Brother Ferreu's labors in this line of work will be much appreciated by the several conferences in this union.

A Wise Precaution

There is an old fable of a fox who found an old boar sharpening his teeth. The fox said to him: "What are you doing that for? there is no hunter around." "O, well" said the other, "when the hunter is around, I'll be having other things to do."

Wise old head! How much better to prepare for emergencies before they come. By using present opportunities, one becomes strong and skilled in the time of sharpest struggle. Why should not all our churches learn a lesson from the fable of the boar? Why should we wait until the forces of the enemy have their plans fully matured and in operation before we are stirred to action?

Will every loyal member in California not get to work at once, and educate his neighbors regarding the great issue before our people? Send at once to the office of the Pacific Religious Liberty Association, in Mountain View, and secure a good supply of the religious liberty leaflets for distribution, and then canvass the neighborhood for signatures against a Sunday law. We must roll up at least 100,000 names against the time of the next winter's legislature. Hurry up the work.

J. O. C.

For Sale

Eight acres of land, three of which are in vineyard, and the balance in timber and cleared land. Stone fence; on the county road; water near. Convenient to the Pacific Union College and St. Helena Sanitarium. Price, \$325.00 if sold at once.

Also well-equipped treatment rooms in Palo Alto for sale or lease. Expenses low. Price, \$250.00. Act quickly. Address, G. W. Mann, Palo Alto, Cal.

Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The seventh annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Phoenix, Arizona, in the Seventh-day Adventist church, April 5, 1910 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

The first meeting will be held at 10 A.M. April 6, 1910.

H. G. Thurston, *Pres.*

Mrs. M. T. Poston, *Sec'y.*

Evangelistic Canvassing

In view of the urgent testimonies to carry the message to the cities, a special institute was held for book workers, in connection with the Bible institute at Oakland, March 11 to 23. "Practical Guide" and "Coming King" were the leading books studied. We enjoyed a most blessed time.

Institutes will be held at Fresno and Sacramento later.

Surely there are many who will respond to the call of the Lord, "Whom shall I send?"

All those in the California Conference interested in this call should correspond with E. S. Horsman for definite word as to institutes, books, territory, etc.

E. S. Horsman,

Field Missionary Director.

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