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

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## The Church

### Sketches of the Past — No. 97

At the time of Brother White's visit to Wisconsin in the spring of 1854, he became acquainted with the situation in that state, and wished to see earnest efforts made to build up the cause in that new and promising field. He also became acquainted with Elders Stephenson and Hall, who had been efficient ministers among the First-day Adventists, but had now accepted present truth. He encouraged them to come East and labor during the winter, and become more fully acquainted with the work. They accordingly came, and after holding a series of meetings in Hayfield, Pennsylvania, attended a general meeting of our people in Rochester, N. Y. While they were in that city they, especially Stephenson, were anxious to learn the standing of the Review office and the publishing work, which Brother White was conducting. So the whole situation was freely told him.

The Eastern brethren were invited by Brother White, through the *Review*, to raise means to purchase a tent for the feeble cause in Wisconsin, so that Stephenson and Hall could more effectively reach the people, and advance the work in that state. The tent was purchased, and for the most part, the money for the same was raised outside of Wisconsin. They returned with their tent, professing to be in full harmony with the cause.

What did they do? By midsummer we learned that in their meetings they

were seeking to prejudice the brethren who would attend against the *Review* and Brother and Sister White. Stephenson was using the information he had obtained from Brother White as proof that Elder White was seeking to build himself up, when the facts were that those who knew him best knew that his earnest and self-sacrificing labors were not selfish, but for the sole object of extending the cause of truth. While he was the legal owner of the *Review* and publishing work, he never claimed that it was his, but that it was the property of the church. This claim, we will here state, he fully carried out by turning the whole over freely to the legal publishing association, as soon as such an one was formed by the Seventh-day Adventists.

So it appeared that in the very tent which had been procured through the movement made for its purchase by Brother White, these men were seeking to defame his character, and to turn the minds of our people in Wisconsin against the *Review*. The situation finally developed in this form: When these two men were First-day Adventists, they had accepted the theory of an "Age to Come," in which probation would still continue for sinners. Now they thought to advocate that theory, raise up a company to sympathize with them, and Stephenson be the leader of the same. In the latter part of the summer of 1855, they had meetings in which they called upon the believers to vote to withdraw their support from the *Review*. This only resulted in a few persons stopping papers for which they never paid, but were paid for by donations from others.

At that time the paper before men-

tioned — *The Messenger of Truth* — whose principal stock in trade was opposing the Testimonies of Sister White, was at its full height. And although Stephenson had declared he would never unite his interest with such an infamous sheet, he did soon unite with that people. Just then appeared the following Testimony concerning the case.

Speaking of these men, Sister White said: "While on their journey East last spring, they both were wrong and designing. They have stumbled over the Age-to-Come theory, and they are ready to take any course to injure the *Review*. Its friends must be awake, and do what they can to save the children of God from deception. These men are uniting with a lying and corrupt people. They have had ample evidence of this. And while they were professing sympathy and union with my husband, they (especially Stephenson) were biting like an adder behind his back. While their words were smooth with him, they were inflaming Wisconsin against the *Review* and its conductors. Especially was Stephenson active in this matter. Their object has been to have the *Review* publish the Age-to-Come theory, or to destroy its influence. And while my husband was open hearted and unsuspecting, seeking ways to remove their jealousy, and frankly opening to them the affairs of the office, and trying to help them, they were watching for evil, and observing everything with a jealous eye. Said the angel as I beheld them, 'Think ye, feeble men, that ye can stay the work of God? Feeble men, one touch of His finger can lay thee prostrate. He will suffer thee but a little while.' — "Testimony for the Church," Vol. I, pp. 116, 117.

As to how this matter came out with Stephenson and Hall, we will note in our next article.

J. N. Loughborough.

## The Field

### CALIFORNIA

#### Pacific Press Items

While in Southern California, I had the pleasure of meeting the Carr Street church (Los Angeles) in a stereopticon lecture on our Spanish book work and workers. Brethren J. R. Ferren and Ernest Lloyd are carrying forward a strong campaign in behalf of missionary work among the churches. I believe the practical way these brethren are going about this campaign is recommending itself to our people generally. Certainly the time has come when every Seventh-day Adventist should have some definite part in spreading a knowledge of this message.

While at the Western Canadian Union Conference and bookmen's convention, the question of selling our books in cities was given considerable attention. It was hardly thought possible to do very much in this matter, but one sister decided to attempt it. Brother Sample just writes me as follows:

"Sister Wood, who is working Calgary for 'Bible Readings,' did well last week—thirty hours, eleven cloth, five sheep, two morocco; total value \$77.85."

Brother E. M. Oberg, formerly of Healdsburg College, then field agent of Western Oregon, and now in charge of the book work in Nebraska, has also been trying city work. In his first six exhibitions for "Heralds of the Morning," he secured four orders in Omaha. Many other experiences are indicating a strong movement toward city work this season. We believe the Lord will richly bless such efforts, as they are certainly in line with the counsel of His Spirit.

Brother Max Trummer, who went from our Kansas City district to take charge of the book work in Argentina, writes as follows: "We have made out another order for books. Among this order are one thousand 'Patriarchs,' Spanish,

and a quantity in English and German. As soon as possible we shall make out our order for our next summer's campaign (from November to March), which will be another thousand each of 'Patriarchs' and 'Home and Health,' Spanish. The boys are doing real well with 'Patriarchs.' I was out with one brother on 'good Friday,' and we received fifteen orders. I took eighteen orders to-day all by myself, and that in a town of less than two thousand people. How is that for South America? It is much better than I did in the states."

When we appreciate the fact that Brother Trummer has been there less than six months, and therefore uses the language very brokenly indeed, his results are all the more remarkable.

The following extract from a letter written by Brother J. B. Stuyvesant, of San Jose, Costa Rica, will be of interest:

"You will be pleased to know, I am sure, that since receiving the five copies of 'Salud y Hogar' ('Home and Health') ordered for trial, my wife has had some excellent success in taking orders for it. I sold two of them for cash in one hour, having made four exhibitions; and then my wife, who has always insisted that she could not sell books, took the morocco book for a trial, and making two calls secured an order for one morocco, and a list of six names to whom she later sold also. The following is her report:

Hrs.	Orders	Value
1	1	\$ 12.00
5	11	47.00
10	32	127.00
6	13	53.00
7	13	45.00
10	14	49.00
10	16	52.00
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49	100	\$385.00

"The dear Lord surely helped her, for she speaks Spanish poorly, and though she has always sold papers with great success, would not heretofore attempt to sell books. As these orders are nearly all from the very leading people of the capital here, we hope to deliver them without trouble."

As transportation facilities to Costa Rica are poor, we are having to send this entire shipment, weighing something

over three hundred pounds, by registered mail. It makes 101 packages. Certainly this Gospel of the kingdom is reaching the darkest recesses of the earth's surface.

H. H. Hall.

May 2.

#### California-Nevada Conference

The work in this conference seems to be progressing all along the line. Several families have embraced the truth in the vicinity of Elliott and Galt; also some at Vallejo where Brethren J. R. Patterson, T. H. Watson, and M. C. Israel are laboring with a tent.

The way has opened for two companies of workers to enter San Francisco, and we are in hopes of locating one or two more companies in other parts of that city this season.

The work in Chico and vicinity received an impetus when Brethren B. E. Beddoe and W. H. Covell were there. Encouraging reports come from Brother G. A. Snyder, who is laboring with a tent in San Luis Obispo. Brother C. L. Taggart and company are preparing to pitch a tent in Madera. Our German brethren are pitching a tent in the vicinity of Fresno, and will hold meetings for the German-speaking people.

The brethren and sisters have taken hold to distribute our literature on an advanced scale this year, and this has awakened an interest and a call for laborers far beyond our ability to supply. We need laborers; but we want those who have gained an experience in canvassing either for books or papers. Such workers can win souls. Those who have no interest along this line of work, will not be as successful soul-winners as those who have had an experience in canvassing.

Our Fresno institute was a very successful one. The first morning our meeting was held in the two rooms in the rear of the main auditorium; but the second morning the rooms were too small, and we had to go into the auditorium, where our meetings were held until the close. Over five hundred dollars' worth of publications were sold, and two souls took their stand for the truth.

Several who had thought they could not canvass, found they could do well selling books and papers, and expressed their determination to continue in the work.

The spiritual condition of the Fresno church seems good. While Elder Taggart is not located as the permanent pastor of the church, yet his influence there and in that vicinity has been most excellent. Wherever he has labored there seems to be a desire on the part of the members to work.

Brother E. S. Horsman sends in encouraging reports from the book canvassing work. He trained a class of canvassers at both the Oakland and Fresno institutes, and has organized a large canvassing class in each of our conference schools at Lodi and Armona.

We trust that much more will be accomplished throughout the conference this season than last, both in the scattering of literature and in the salvation of souls.

S. N. Haskell,

April 27.

Pres. Cal. Conf.

### Western Normal Institute

The young men of the ministerial class have been occupying the hour in the church for Sunday evening service the past few weeks. The meetings are well attended, and these young men are gaining a foothold in their profession.

Brother W. A. Yarnell presented in chapel recently the dire needs of the Mexican field. By incidents related and the display of curios and garments, the manners and customs of the people were clearly set forth; and the great need of these souls pressed itself home to the hearts of many. Especially strong was the appeal to the Spanish classes.

Friday, April 15, was set apart as the second paper rally of the Missionary Volunteer Society to be conducted in Stockton. A number of the students and junior members of the society disposed of three hundred and seventy-five copies of *Life and Health* in a few hours, gained many interesting experiences, and report a direct interest aroused in a number of instances.

With four large wagons, one surrey, and several bicycles, the students and teachers of the Western Normal Institute left April 21 for Paloma, a small mountain town thirty-five miles distant, for a few days' recreation among the beauties of nature.

The camping place was on the beautiful farm of Brother and Sister Siele-

mann, who liberally gave every privilege to make the stay enjoyable.

The Sabbath-school and young people's meeting held among God's created works were never-to-be-forgotten occasions. Many spiritual lessons were drawn, the impressions sinking deep into the hearts of the hearers.

All came back with a healthy glow, having received much benefit from the short sojourn in the woods, and have set to work with a determination to close the year's record creditably.

The trip was made the occasion for canvassing the small towns along the way, and many copies of *Life and Health* were left to do their appointed work.

E. D. Sharpe.

### California Conference Current

Brother E. E. Parlin and wife, of San Francisco, were callers at the office the first of the week.

Several of the brethren from this field are attending the general council over the medical work, which is just beginning at Loma Linda.

A hall has been secured in the Sunset district of San Francisco, and Elder J. A. Stevens and Brother R. S. Fries are opening up meetings at once.

Elder A. Brorsen was in Sacramento last week looking for a camp-meeting location. He found good prospects, and a definite ground will be chosen at once.

A local educational convention was held in the Oakland church last Sabbath. Prof. I. C. Colcord was present, and lead out in the exercises. He left in the evening for Lodi.

Elder G. A. Irwin was a caller at the Oakland office the first of the week. He has recently returned from the East, and has been spending a few days at the Pacific Union College.

The California Conference Association's legal board met in executive session on Wednesday, May 4, at 1:30 P. M., at the office at Mountain View. A number of important matters were considered.

Among other callers at the Oakland office the past week was Elder M. C.

Israel. Elder Israel has been assisting Brother Patterson in Vallejo in his meetings for several weeks. He has now gone to the Chico district.

The managing board of the Western Normal Institute at Lodi held a meeting on Monday of this week, May 2. Elder G. A. Irwin and Brother J. J. Ireland, of the Pacific Union Conference, also met with them and gave valuable counsel.

Arrangements are being made with the St. Helena Sanitarium and Sanitarium Food Company to operate the restaurant and store at the camp-meetings which will be held in the California Conference this season. First-class service will be assured if they undertake this department of the work.

Among those who attended the Lodi young people's convention last Sabbath and Sunday and participated in the exercises were Elder B. E. Beddoe and Brother S. G. White from Oakland, Prof. I. C. Colcord from Healdsburg, Elder A. O. Tait from the college, and Elder J. O. Corliss from Mountain View. A very good meeting is reported.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee of the California Conference was held in Oakland on Sunday of this week, May 1. The members present were Elders S. N. Haskell, H. Shultz, A. Brorsen, C. L. Taggart, and Brethren H. H. Hall and C. W. Irwin. Elder G. A. Irwin, of the Pacific Union Conference, and the conference secretary were also in attendance.

Claude Conard.

### Elliott

March 6, 1910, we began meetings at Elliott, in San Joaquin County. Our average attendance was about twenty-five.

We continued our public effort for four weeks. The interested families were separated to such an extent that we closed our meetings, and have been visiting them. We stay sometimes two or three days at one place, and study the truth with them during the day, and often until late at night.

At the present writing there are ten who are keeping the Sabbath, and two other families are deeply interested.

We have made our literature a strong factor in our work. This literature was furnished us by the tract and missionary society of Lodi. We expect to continue our work until the people are well established in all points of the message.

We are truly thankful to the Lord for His manifold blessings and trust we may have your prayers.

W. S. Holbrook,  
J. D. Alder.

### Vallejo

After much difficulty in securing a lot on which to pitch our tent, the good Lord gave us a beautiful spot in a most favorable place in town, though not central. Besides being a splendid location, the Spirit of God moved upon the heart of a banker to furnish us all the ground we could ask for free of charge.

We began our meetings April 7 with a good attendance, about one hundred being present. This continued for about a week, when bad weather seemed to have diminished the attendance to some extent.

Elder M. C. Israel spent a few days with us. His fatherly counsel and assistance was much appreciated.

Elder T. H. Watson, of Lodi, joined our company the 20th inst., and has taken active part in the work for the salvation of souls. His labors have been greatly valued and much good is expected to accrue from the effort.

Since the Lord has favored us with good weather, the attendance has increased so that it has about reached the first mark.

We have already received precious fruit for our labor; but it is hard at this writing to give a detailed account in this line. It will be sufficient to say that several have decided to walk with us, and as many who attend are regular every night, we expect when we begin on the doctrinal subjects they will develop others who seem to be much interested.

Last Sabbath, at our eleven-o'clock meeting, the Spirit of God came in and filled the tent and also our hearts. Truly we had a shower of the latter rain. Hearts were subdued and made tender. The hearts of the fathers, mothers and children, husbands and wives were turned to each other insomuch that with hardly an exception every one asked

prayer for himself and loved ones. Truly the Lord was near.

The new house of worship is progressing nicely. The roof will soon be on. The Lord has blessed us wonderfully in buying the lumber, some of it having been secured for less than half price. At the present time there remains about \$400 to be raised in order to complete the building. We estimate that the house will seat about two hundred people.

Pray for the work here, that we may have a rich harvest of souls.

A. L. and J. R. Patterson,  
T. H. Watson,

April 25.

### Sacramento Camp-Meeting

The first camp-meeting of this season in the California-Nevada Conference will be held in Sacramento from May 26 to June 5.

This year is an important one for our work in Sacramento, and we trust there will be a large attendance of our brethren and sisters at this meeting.

Following the camp-meeting we expect to hold a workers' institute, during which time it is designed to thoroughly work Sacramento. Tent-meetings will be held in connection with the institute.

Brothers and sisters, plan to attend the Sacramento camp-meeting. Come praying that God will bless His people and convert sinners. We know that in the last days God will again pour out His Spirit upon His people as He did upon the day of Pentecost. *This will take place sometime, somewhere*, and the Spirit will be poured out upon those who are longing and praying for it. The Lord says, "I will pour water upon him that is *thirsty*, and *floods upon the dry ground*: I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring." Isa. 44:3.

Those who are "thirsty," and realize that they are "dry ground," in need of the Spirit of God, will be the ones who will receive it; while the self-sufficient ones who do not sense their great need will be passed by.

We hope none of our people, who can possibly arrange to be present, will fail to attend this camp-meeting. Our conference laborers who have important meetings in process will, of necessity, have to miss the camp-meeting; but we

hope all others will be present, especially those in the Sacramento district.

It is expected that Sister E. G. White will return from the Southern California Conference in time to attend the Sacramento camp-meeting. Elders G. A. Irwin, F. C. Gilbert, J. O. Corliss, and other efficient laborers are planning to attend this meeting. We also hope that Elder I. H. Evans will be able to spend a few days at the camp-meeting on his way to Japan. But what is best of all, we know the Lord will be present with rich blessings for each one who will humble his heart before Him, and seek His Holy Spirit. S. N. Haskell,  
April 29. Pres. Cal. Conf.

## Missionary Work

### March Trust Funds

The record of the offerings received and forwarded by the Pacific Union Conference for the general work for the month of March is as follows:

#### California

Sabbath-school Offerings	\$ 77.29
Annual Offerings	22.35
Foreign Missions	91.98
Thanksgiving Offerings	67.90
Southern Field	1.65
Special Offerings	109.71
\$300,000 Fund	679.50
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#### Southern California

Sabbath-school Offerings	\$168.77
Annual Offerings	91.44
Foreign Missions	151.71
Thanksgiving Offerings	38.07
Southern Field	23.39
Special Offerings	31.45
\$300,000 Fund	6.46
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	\$511.29

#### Utah

Sabbath-school Offerings	\$20.27
Foreign Missions	8.20
Special Offerings	1.00
Religious Liberty	1.00
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	\$30.47
Grand Total	\$1,592.14

J. J. Ireland,

Treas. Pacific Union Conf.

**"There Is a God." Dan. 2:28**

Yes, we admit it, but do we really believe it? Are we giving the heathen any chance to say, "Where is their God?"

In Matt. 1:23 we read, "They shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." That is one of the most precious texts for canvassers in all the Bible, isn't it? I am sure we all want God with us, but we learn in 2 Chron. 15:2 that He is with us while we are with Him; but when we forsake Him, He will not be with us.

To be with God, is to walk in His way, or in the way of His commandments. He said, "Go work to-day in My vineyard," and if we refuse to do so, we are forsaking Him, and then He will forsake us.

Sometimes we feel that the Lord has forsaken us when He is really very near. When Jacob left home, and was wondering in that desolate, mountainous country, he felt lonely; but that night when he slept, the Lord showed him that he was not alone. He felt that the Lord had deserted him, and he was so surprised when he found that He had not that he exclaimed, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not"! The canvasser should remember the experience of Jacob when he comes to a place where he feels that he is all alone.

In the greatest trial God draws the nearest. "There IS a God," and there is a restfulness in knowing that He will not leave us nor forsake us when trials come.

When all that trouble came to Job he did not say, Satan has done this, but he said, "The hand of God hath touched me." When we see the hand of God in the trials and perplexities that come to us in the field, we will come nearer to Him.

Some things which we can see clearly in the bright sunlight, we can not see at all when it is dark, and yet they are there just the same. When we get to where it is dark we must "endure as seeing Him who is invisible" as Moses did. We must have an experience that makes us know that the Lord is there, whether we can see Him or not.

I had rather be in the fiery furnace with the form of the Fourth close by, than to be out in the world without Him, hadn't you?

If we walk in His way, "Underneath us are the everlasting arms;" over us are His wings. "The Lord goes before

us, and the God of Israel is our rearward." The angel of the Lord encampeth round about us and delivereth us, and in the time of trouble we will be hidden in His pavilion.

We may sometimes feel like the psalmist did when he wrote the first two verses of Psalm 69; but in Isa. 43:1, 2 is a promise that should buoy us up through any of those things, and make us glad that there *really is a God*, and that He is with us even unto the end.

A. A. Cone.

**BOOK WORK — ARIZONA**

**For Two Weeks Ending April 15**

"Home and Health"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
W. O. James	20	25	\$79.40
E. H. Heppner	13	6	18.60

"Great Controversy"

Mrs. O. S. Emblem	24	5	21.55
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**For Four Weeks Ending April 15**

"Great Controversy"

O. S. Emblem	87	34	162.70
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Total	144	70	\$282.25
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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**Home Missionary Work**

"If the forces of the enemy gain the victory now, it will be because the churches neglect their God-given work."

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

"Those who labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work."

These three quotations from Volume 9 have been on my mind constantly since taking the work of missionary secretary in this union. In our work with the churches in Southern California (I am still working with Brother Ernest Lloyd, missionary secretary here), we are outlining plans of work, and helping to organize so the work will be directed and continued. It is encouraging to find that the leaders and the members of the churches appreciate the efforts put forth to this end, and they are taking hold in earnest in reviving the home missionary work.

At Loma Linda we had the privilege of meeting some who are spending time in the field with literature. These are among the students, and thoroughly enjoy the field feature of their training for medical missionary work. One young lady told of how, on calling at a beautiful home in Pomona, she had been invited in, and urged to make her home there while in the city. In the evening the lady invited in some neighbors for a Bible study. This home is open for further studies and lessons on health. It was their first acquaintance with Adventists or their belief.

These workers who are going out with tracts, magazines, etc., are getting a rich experience, and opening the way for the truth to enter homes which they visit. On Friday evening we studied missionary correspondence with the Loma Linda society. The plan of following up former patients with literature, *Liberty* and the *Signs*, appealed to them. A committee was appointed to take this work in hand, and a club of sixty-four copies of the weekly *Signs* was ordered with which to begin the work.

At Redlands we met just a few of our people in a midweek service, but had a splendid time. One sister told how she had been giving the *Signs* to a neighbor lady during the past six months, and that now the family are accepting the truth. We studied with those present how to carry on systematic work with "Family Bible Teacher." They took a number of magazines and small books, and renewed their *Signs* club, which has since been increased to forty-four copies. A portion of these will be used in missionary correspondence work.

"We are all poor here, but we are working," was the remark of one brother at the close of our meeting with the society at San Bernardino. "Almost all the members here have come into the truth through house-to-house work," was stated by another. Our meeting that evening was informal but enthusiastic, as these people know the value of home missionary effort, and the efficiency of the printed page. In fact, the brother first referred to, with his family, had come into the truth because Sister Stevens, a Bible worker, while crossing the country recently gave them tracts and papers on the train. She had prayed that the Lord would enable her

to be a help to some one on that train. By doing her part, the prayer was answered.

One member there had just begun selling *Life and Health*. Had sold ten copies the first hour, and was encouraged to use at least 150 copies of the April number, and will continue. While this society is working, they feel that much more may be done, and more than doubled their *Signs* club, and planned an *Instructor* campaign.

At Riverside the librarian came to the truth through reading "Daniel and the Revelation," and since has distributed thousands of pages of reading-matter. We met one family there who were a part of the company who came into the truth as a result of the one tract circulated in Missouri a number of years ago. A history of this tract has appeared in the *RECORDER* before. This society, however, had become somewhat discouraged in their work. They seemed glad, nevertheless, to take hold anew, and planned for a continuous work with periodicals, adding forty-six copies to their *Signs* club. Orders were taken for five Volume 9, and some small books while some magazine work will be done.

Before the meeting with the church at Ontario, we went out about three miles to visit one member, a dear old lady and faithful worker who had been deprived of going to meeting for several weeks. She was glad we came, and asked that we would see that she was sent fifty cents' worth of tracts to use with some who are interested in the truth. We found the church at Ontario working unitedly, and anxious to increase their efforts. Some tract work was planned, and twenty-six copies were added to their present *Signs* club.

At Pomona the leaders felt that much more should be done than is being done, and in the meeting the members pledged to renew their activity in missionary lines. They felt that the old-time method of mailing papers and distributing tracts should be returned to, and ordered twenty-six more *Signs* and other supplies.

The little church at Edendale was filled on Wednesday evening for their regular missionary meeting. We were glad to learn on inquiry that that meeting is usually well attended. The secretary's report showed that the Edendale members are working. It contained

report of one Bible-reading experience which is interesting. A member had given readings to a lady up to the subject of the Sabbath, when she had received a letter asking her not to come any more. A few days later, however, she received a second letter with apology, and request that she come and give the rest of the readings, as this lady expected to follow her convictions whatever the cost.

Blanks were passed for individual reports of work done through the week. The members are pushing a tract campaign. The librarian had been away when the club of *Signs* was renewed, so it was smaller than she desired. Eighteen copies were added that evening. One hundred and fifty copies of the *Temperance Instructor* were ordered.

Edendale is to be congratulated on having a librarian of long experience in tract and missionary work, and one who has much confidence in the work our publications are to do. Recently she sent her little girl out with *Life and Health*, directing her to one home where she knew its suggestions were needed. Some weeks later she met the lady of this home at the Glendale Sanitarium as a patient there. In a casual way she inquired how she happened to be there. "Why, one day a dear little curly-haired girl brought me a small magazine called *Life and Health*, and in it I saw this place advertised." She was surprised to learn that her little benefactress is the daughter of the one to whom she was speaking. She is much pleased with Glendale and the treatment there received.

Sabbath, the 23d, was spent with the Santa Ana church. Meetings extended till Sunday noon. A church missionary organization was perfected, a supply of literature provided, and new impetus given the work there. Their regular periodical work will begin with sixty *Signs*. Tract work will be pushed by the missionary committee, and a regular missionary meeting on Wednesday evening, before the prayer meeting, will be planned for.

Another Sabbath was spent with the society at Glendale. It was not possible to study the magazine work with the nurses in the sanitarium, owing to their heavy work. The society as a whole, however, gladly planned for greater

work, adding sixty copies to their regular *Signs* club.

This gives something of the small start we have made among the larger churches in this conference. This week will be spent among the city churches, and Sabbath and Sunday with the largest—Carr Street, in Los Angeles.

While the work seems small in contrast to the great work our church-members are to do in warning these cities with their thousands, yet there is much to encourage. Brother Lloyd will carefully follow up this first acquaintance, giving his entire time to the development and revival of the home missionary work.

J. R. Ferren,

*Mis. Sec. Pac. Union Conf.*

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## CALIFORNIA

### Watsonville

It was my privilege to have a few days' visit with the brethren at Watsonville. Arrived there April the 22d, and held meetings Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday. The last day three of the young people were baptized. This made an addition of two members to the church, one being rebaptized.

The present organization at Watsonville is quite new, having been effected but last December by Elder G. A. Snyder. They had then a membership of fourteen. Brother W. E. Frisbie was chosen as elder. The attendance at the Sabbath-school runs from twenty-five to thirty.

Their young people are determined in their efforts to serve God. Some of them plan to earn scholarships this summer. One of the great blessings enjoyed by this earnest company is harmony, oneness of mind. May they continue in the sweet fellowship which now exists.

B. E. Beddoe,

*Sec. Cal. Missionary Volunteers.*

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### The Fresno Bible and Missionary Institute

A very profitable ten days were spent last month at Fresno in seeking the Lord, searching the Scriptures, and engaging in missionary effort. The meetings were largely attended, and it was necessary for us to hold the same in the large auditorium each morning and evening.

A greater interest was manifested in

the study of the Scriptures this year than last, and we are glad to say that the Fresno church is in a growing condition. Elder and Sister S. N. Haskell's lessons on the book of Revelation were greatly appreciated. Prof. I. C. Colcord, Brethren W. H. Covell and E. S. Horsman, and Sister Carrie R. King also took part in the meeting, along with the writer.

Over five hundred dollars' worth of literature was sold at this institute, a large quantity of which was disposed of by the church-members before we left Fresno. One sister, who has had very little experience in the paper work, sold during her first day's experience, 37 papers; second day, 60; third, 50; fourth, 60; and the evening after Sabbath, 25—or just as many papers as her faith encouraged her to take out each day. Another sister was successful in selling a number of copies of the book "His Glorious Appearing." Two consecutive days she sold seven copies each after the meetings were over.

The blessing of the Lord attended this effort, and we feel that it was one of the best institutes held in this conference during the past few years.

S. G. White,

April 28. Mis. Sec. Cal. Conf.

### Canvassing Notes

No more inspiring sight could be witnessed than to watch twenty-five children and youth at the Armona intermediate school practise canvassing from half past seven to nine in the morning. A number come four or five miles to attend the class. Not many in these days will arise before sun up to go miles to a canvassing class, but it is the kind of material needed to make genuine missionaries in these closing days of probation. The Lord says, "Let canvassers rise early, and work industriously."

We hope to have a large number of the class in the field this year; and I can assure you that the way Professor Howe instructs his scholars, something will be done.

Brother H. C. Hiserman, working at Salinas, writes as follows, under date of April 20:

"Have visited seven houses to-day, took four good orders, receiving the cash for two of them, and am to deliver the others to-morrow."

Brother H. P. Rue is also working at

Salinas, and on April 26 writes: "Was out fourteen hours yesterday and eleven to-day. Sold three books yesterday, one cloth and two half leather; sold three again to-day, all half leather."

Pray God to bless all our faithful canvasser evangelists, and help them to hold the banner high.

E. S. Horsman,

Field Missionary Instructor.

## Teachers' Exchange

### Atwater

Our schoolhouse is situated in a new colony, and there are few houses of reading people near enough for us to think of any line of missionary work while school is in progress. But we felt we must do something with the new Temperance Instructor, so we set aside one day and made a trip to Merced.

Our people there had given away this paper, just before an election was held in behalf of closing the saloons, but the town is still "wet." Our territory was limited yet a few had good experiences.

At the next young people's meeting, the leader called for reports, and the following were given:

A girl of twelve: "I sold seven papers."

Another girl of twelve: "I sold papers on the way, at the courthouse, and to the merchant of whom I bought my shoes. Not all took papers. I sold five."

A girl of sixteen: "I sold to the first five men I asked, and had no more papers."

A girl of thirteen: "I sold five copies."

Two other little girls sold five.

It was a long drive, and all did not put in full time; but altogether the children sold twenty-seven papers, and most of them enjoyed the work. We have more papers, and as soon as the rush of spring work is over, we intend to try to dispose of these.

Farm work is crowding, so school closed Friday, April 22. Manual training is now occupying the time of both children and teacher.

W. E. Whitmore.

## OBITUARIES

TAYLOR.—Died in Fresno, Cal., April 26, 1910, Leslie H. Taylor. He was born at Washington Court House, Ohio, June 3, 1872, his early life being spent at that place. He was always of a quiet and religious disposition, being rarely absent from church services when it was at all possible for him to be present. At the age of twenty-four he married Carolyn M. Schott, of Rochester, N. Y. Their married life was one of unbroken happiness. They came to San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15, 1908, where they accepted the third angel's message.

He was a great sufferer for many years, but hid it under that pleasant, quiet disposition which made friends of all. He leaves a wife and one child. The sweet little daughter of about six years was much comforted when told that papa was being laid to rest till Jesus comes. While this was a great loss to Sister Taylor, we seldom see any one more self-composed, with such a firm trust in the Lord. Her faith was certainly "anchored within the veil." After the service at the parlor, a long procession followed the remains to the cemetery, where we laid our brother to rest to await the voice of the Life-giver.

C. L. Taggart.

OLSON.—Brother Swan Olson died in Fresno, Cal., on March 17, 1910. He was born in Sweden. At the time of his death he was sixty-seven years of age. Brother Olson had a remarkable dream a short time before his death. He was in the presence of a company who were dressed in robes of white, with crowns on their heads. As they smiled at him, indescribable joy filled his heart. Seeing they had crowns on their heads, he raised his hand to his forehead, and to his delight he also had a crown.

While not a relative followed him to his last resting place, a large crowd of his brethren in Christ were present. The profusion of flowers showed they loved him. We expect to see him wear a crown of life when the Saviour comes to reward His people. Words of comfort and admonition were spoken by the writer.

C. L. Taggart.

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THURSDAY MAY 5, 1910.

Sabbath, March 26, Elder C. L. Taggart baptized one sister, and on April 3, he administered this rite to eleven children and young people, largely from the church school. These twelve souls are all of Fresno, Cal.

## Rates to the Sacramento Camp-Meeting

Word has been received from the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroad companies assuring us of the usual reduced rates to the camp-meeting which will be held in Sacramento May 26 to June 5, and including the two weeks Bible and workers' institute which will follow the camp-meeting.

As usual, those attending will purchase a full fare ticket to Sacramento, at the same time taking from the ticket agent a receipt for the fare paid. This receipt, when signed by the secretary of the meeting, will serve as a certificate which will entitle the holder to purchase return ticket at one third the regular rate.

Stopover privileges may be secured on the going trip by asking the agent when the ticket is purchased for a stopover ticket. No stopovers will be allowed on the return trip.

If, through neglect or fault of the one attending, a receipt is not obtained at the time the ticket is purchased, no claims for refund of fare will be considered by the railroad company.

The rates above mentioned will not be granted unless fifty or more full-fare

tickets are purchased to the meeting, and certified to by the secretary.

Claude Conard,  
Sec. Cal. Conf.

## California Camp-Meetings for 1910

At the meeting of the California Conference Committee Sunday, May 1, the following schedule of camp-meetings was prepared for the summer. Of course, it is understood that any of these dates, with the exception of the first-named, which has already been definitely announced, may be changed to suit circumstances.

Sacramento	May 26 to June 5.
Napa	June 23 to July 3.
Humboldt County	July 21 to 31.
(Camp-meeting or general meeting)	
General camp-meeting	Aug. 18 to 28.
(Somewhere about the Bay)	
Visalia	Sept. 29 to Oct. 9.
Claude Conard, Secretary.	

## An Interesting Study

A verse-by-verse study of that most interesting of all the books in the Bible—"The Revelation"—will soon be begun in the *Signs of the Times* weekly. These studies will cover almost every phase of the Gospel message, and will be of special interest to Bible students and those interested in prophecy.

That the *Signs* is appreciated by our brethren in the field is evidenced by the many letters that come to the office. Here is what one subscriber has to say about it:

"I have read this dear old paper (the *Signs of the Times*) for twenty years. It has always borne witness to the Advent message in all its fullness, and is still doing its work nobly. I have sold and am selling it from house to house, and taking subscriptions for it continually. In my ministerial work I would hardly know how to work without it. A young business man, who has just made up his mind to keep all the commandments of God, and who has been reading the *Signs*, said to me as I handed him a copy last week, 'How much is this paper?' I told him, and he answered, 'Have it sent to me for one year. It is the very best paper I ever saw. It is clean.' This man has made a success in business, and is a leader in the First

Baptist Church. He has now decided to obey and walk more fully in the light. The *Signs* has helped me to teach him the truth. This is simply one of many experiences I am continually enjoying."

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## Fresno Young People's Convention

Of interest to the young people in the Armona, Hanford, Fresno, Lemoore, Merced, and other of our churches in this section, is the gathering of our young people in Fresno, May 20, 21, and 22. This meeting will commence Friday evening and continue to and include Sunday evening.

Quite an interest is being taken in our young people's gatherings. We have been having good meetings, with splendid attendance. With the number of young people that reside in the lower San Joaquin Valley, we should have one of the best meetings we have had anywhere.

We shall have good help in making the meetings profitable. Pray that we may have God's help in making the meetings a blessing.

B. E. Beddoe,  
Sec. Cal. Missionary Volunteers.

"There is a royal road to happiness; it lies in Consecration, Concentration, Conquest, and Conscience."

"Simplicity in act is the outward expression of simplicity in thought."

"The man who stands above his fellows must expect to be the target for the envious arrows of their inferiority."

"If we do not have the pleasures of this life, we may still be joyful in looking to the life beyond."

A teacher asked her class how old a child should be to give his heart to God. One little girl said, "He should be thirteen years old;" another, "ten;" another, "six." Then the youngest child in the class gave the true answer, "Just as soon as we know who God is."  
—Sabbath School Worker.