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The Church

Sketches of the Past.—No. 103

In the meetings held at Waukon by Brother and Sister White, the evening of December 30 was the most remarkable. It was an occasion of demonstrations and manifestations of the power of God, not soon to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. While many were asserting their liberty, and receiving the blessing of God, there was one person who seemed to be held back from freedom. While prayer was being offered, the mighty power of God came upon us. That power placed Sister White in vision. The same blessing prostrated a sister in one part of the room. In another part lay Elder Andrews, his body being limp as a piece of cloth. When Sister White related what she had seen, the above-mentioned sister said to one by her, "While thus prostrated by the power of God, I saw the same thing."

One special point in the vision was a special message to the sister who was held back from freedom. Sister White said to her, "You are looking back upon something in your past life, not realizing that God has accepted your confession, and forgiven it. Satan is trying to hold you back with the thought that the Lord has not accepted your repentance. I was told to say to you, Take your stand for the Lord, that He has forgiven that offense, and you never need to look back to it again."

The sister arose, took her stand in harmony with the instruction given, and happy in the Lord she passed from one to another in the room exhorting them to "rejoice in the infinite mercy of the Lord." Brother White, speaking afterward of that exhortation, said, "The sister seemed to talk with the power of an angel."

While that blessing was resting upon the sister, Sister White was again taken in a vision that lasted not more than two minutes. Here were two visions in the same evening, not more than half an hour apart. What she gave us of the second vision was all for the last mentioned sister—that "the Lord has accepted the stand you have taken. He has forgiven the past. You need never to look back at that offense any more. Be faithful to your vows, and all will be well."

In the first vision of the evening there was a testimony for one of the brethren from Illinois to this effect: "You have claimed that you wanted to do something to advance the cause. Contrary to instruction given to brethren coming from the East to the West—not to involve themselves by purchasing largely

of land,—you have involved yourself. The Lord has shown me that here is a chance for you. Take Brother Loughborough back with you to labor in Illinois, and care for him."

He responded, "I will do it."

So plans were immediately laid for me to go back with them to Illinois.

On the first day of January, 1857, we bade good-by to our people in Waukon, and I started with them on this trip. When we reached the Mississippi River, the ice was again thoroughly frozen so that we passed safely over. At Dubuque the said brother purchased a fine buffalo robe, and flannel cloth, and said that Sister Lockwood, of Illinois, would make of them a buffalo robe overcoat for me. When we arrived at Galena, Illinois, Brother and Sister White took the train for their home in Battle Creek, while I went on with the brethren to Round Grove, and soon after our arrival I began a series of meetings in the Hickory Grove schoolhouse, some three miles from the residence of Brother Josiah Hart.

His home was on what was then called the "Antediluvian-Well Farm." It was so named because the parties who dug their well, previous to his purchase of the place, while digging, after descending twenty or more feet, struck a well that was cemented around the circle with a cement that was as hard as a stone. Soon after striking this well they came to water so that they could dig no further. But on thrusting down an iron rod, it would still scratch the cement. The cement well was not exactly true with the one dug from the surface, but came into the well. In stoning up the well, they placed a long,

flat stone on the side projecting under their digging. In the time of low water, in a clear day, I have moved the bucket suspended in the water, and seen the bucket go under the projecting side of the well.

Brother Hart was so much troubled with visitors coming to see the well, and wanting to be let down in the water bucket astride of a board, that it became a nuisance. And as the well was just where he wished to build an addition to his house, he filled up the well, and bored another where he needed it for his accommodation. It was a well authenticated fact that, anywhere in that locality, in digging their wells, twenty to thirty feet below the surface they would come to signs that this lower soil had once, probably before the flood, been the surface soil of all that region of prairie country.

J. N. Loughborough.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

Pacific Press Items

Last week brought us an order from Chile for six hundred "Home and Health," Spanish, President Montt, of that republic, to whom one of our workers recently sold a copy of the *Signs of the Times*, Spanish, died last week on board steamer on his way to Europe. He was a strong executive, and will be greatly missed by his country.

The book and tract sales of the Pacific Press and its branches for the past seven months have been as follows:

Subscription books	\$119,991.40
Trade books	13,029.65
Educational books	2,139.75
Tracts	7,966.11
Total	\$143,126.91

For the same time last year our sales were \$120,467.44. This registers a gain for the time of \$22,659.47.

By working extra hours this week, we hope to close the office from Thursday night until Monday morning, thus giving our employees an opportunity to at-

tend the Berkeley camp-meeting. With every press busy, and every department filled with our own work, even this necessitates very careful planning. How different is this condition from what it was a few years ago when we called our workers together at the camp-ground and informed them that scarcity of work made it necessary to reduce our force during the rest of the season. And those were the days of commercial work, too.

Brother W. R. Beatty writes us that the orders taken in the North Pacific Union during July were valued at \$7,476. This is an average of \$1.65 an hour.

Over in the Northern Union—Minnesota, Iowa, and the Dakotas—where the long-continued drought has worked great injury to crops, the hourly average has advanced from 84 cents last year to \$1.03 during the past three months. How such averages can be made in the face of such difficulties is shown by the following extract from a letter just received from Brother Spencer, secretary of North Dakota:

"I have just received a letter from one of our canvassers in which he states that he had to drive 350 miles to get to territory in which he could work. Many times he says he was tempted to go home; but he asked the Lord to guide and keep him true to his work. In the midst of these conditions he sent the conference treasurer twenty dollars tithes, all his ready cash. His first week's record is ninety-six dollars' worth of orders in forty-six hours."

We take the following from the Southwestern bookmen's news-letter, gotten out by the Forth Worth branch of the Southern Publishing Association:

"Sometime since we made inquiry of the railroad companies as to their carload rate on books. The officials to whom the question was addressed replied, with no little amusement, that there was no such rate, and that they had never heard of books being shipped in carload lots. However, the matter was finally taken up with the State Railroad Commission, who granted a carload rate; and, last week, we received a carload shipment from our factory in Nashville, at a considerable saving in the transportation charges. The car con-

tained eighty cases (boxes), weighing nearly thirteen tons, and yet it lacked 4,380 books of filling our order. So far as we have been able to ascertain, this is the first carload of books ever shipped into Texas."

As large as is the foregoing order, it is only twice as large as our recent shipment of fifty-six shipping cases, weighing six and a quarter tons, to Argentine, South America.

H. H. Hall.

August 21.

Galt

In November, 1909, every house in Galt was visited with the Missions number of the *Review*. The following week a portion of the town was canvassed with the "Family Bible Teacher." Thirty odd families were induced to take up the readings, and were visited each week through the winter.

March 9, Brother W. S. Holbrook went with us from Elliott, where meetings were being conducted in the Christian church, and canvassed the remainder of the town for readings, securing some twenty families.

May 12, a tent effort was begun. Moderate attendance and a splendid interest continued from the first.

June 1, Brother W. A. Johnson, from the Lodi Normal, joined us. With his aid 73,514 pages of literature have been placed in this field; twenty-nine different forms comprising 2,605 books, pamphlets, papers, and tracts, the retail value of which amounts to \$113.80. The profits from this cover all tent expenses. No collections have been taken. The company planned from the first to let the people pay expenses by placing in their hands that which would be a blessing to them after the tent was moved away. The Lord has blessed in this method.

Sabbath, July 9, Brother A. Brorsen organized a church of thirteen members, —ten by letter, one by profession of faith, and two by baptism. The following Sabbath, when these were to be baptized, two others came forward to unite in the same way, and a dear sister from the Methodist Episcopal Church, who had been immersed, desired to become one of us by profession of faith. Sabbath, August 13, one other sister was baptized, and a brother and sister received by

letter, making the company at present nineteen. Several others are convinced, some of whom are keeping the Sabbath.

One member of the tent company meets with the church each Sabbath, holding services at 11 A.M. and 8 P.M. A good attendance of those who have not taken their stand continues.

Will our brethren and sisters pray for the standard that is raised in Galt?
August 16. J. D. Alder.

Tuolumne

We started a series of meetings here August 5, and have held a meeting every evening since. The attendance is quite encouraging. A number of persons who came out the first evening have hardly missed a service. The meetings are beginning to advertise themselves, and more have attended the last few nights than during the first week.

Being alone here, our time is more than full keeping up the necessary visiting, studying, meetings, caring for the tent, and other duties. But we have only courage to report, and feel that the Lord is blessing us abundantly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Leavett.
August 18.

**Missionary
Volunteers**

**Missionary Volunteer Reading
Course**

Senior Course Number 4

Ambitious young men and women are always seizing every opportunity they see for self-improvement, and these young people will be glad to learn that another such opportunity will make its first appearance in the *Youth's Instructor* of October 4, in the form of the **Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses**. A word to those who have been taking one of these courses in the past will be sufficient, for what one conference secretary says is quite generally true: "Those who have taken the course are always ready to take it again."

There is a seat reserved in our spare minute circle for you. Do not leave it vacant. You can not afford to miss the

good books we shall read this year. First we will spend about ten weeks with fifty eminent men and women. We will learn something of their youth, the hardships they met, and how they finally attained to success. Through the winter evenings for about two months, we shall hear John G. Paton tell the story of the gospel in the New Hebrides. You almost forget that the book lies between you and the real event, as Mr. Paton relates his amusing, his sorrowful, and his terribly perilous experiences. Then when spring comes that wonderful book, "Christ's Object Lessons," will teach us anew the beautiful parables that Jesus gave on the hills of Judea and Galilee.

But we can not tell you the good things of the feast, to which the reading courses invite you. You must taste them for yourself. Come, and be one of the two thousand young people in the United States and Canada who will join the spare minute circle! Fifteen minutes a day will do the work; and \$1.25 will buy the books, if you have "Christ's Object Lessons." Every book in the course contains information which will be valuable to you in Christian service. The *Instructors* of August 23 and 30 and September 6 will tell you more about the course.

Junior Course Number 3

Every boy and girl who would like to visit a cotton mill or a silk factory; take a trip through a diamond mine; or walk through a large shoe factory, and see how shoes or rubbers are made, should join the Junior Reading Course this year; for "How the World Is Clothed," the first book in that course, is brimful of intensely interesting information along this line. It also contains many good illustrations.

"Those Bible Readings" is the second book in the course. This will be especially well adapted for the winter evenings, when parents can find time to talk over with the children the many Bible truths which the book discusses. The boys and girls who read it carefully will be able to give a reason for the Christian's hope.

Then in the spring we shall read the "Story of Pitcairn." The reading and the pictures are fascinating to both young and old. The story is told by a native daughter of the island who either witnessed the incidents of which she

speaks, or heard them rehearsed over and over again. This little island, which was settled by mutineers who burned their ship in order to conceal their identity, finally received the Gospel, and all its inhabitants became Sabbath-keepers. It is another evidence of the transforming power of God. There is also in the book a brief history of the mission ship "Pitcairn."

Urge the boys and girls to take this course. The three books cost \$1.85. That is money, but a small sum considering the value the reading will be to the children.

Matilda Erickson.

Missionary Work

**Report of Book Sales in California
Conference for Week Ending
August 19, 1910**

"Practical Guide to Health"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Oscar Johnson	39	20	\$80.00
J. W. Rich *	29	15	57.50
W. B. Findley	32	16	55.60
L. E. Westermeyer	11	4	15.00
J. W. Hunting	10	1	4.50

Miscellaneous

Tressa Belvail	42	52	127.05
Total			\$339.65

* Delivered \$11.50 worth of books.

The Penalty of Greed

The coarse, brutal instincts, when developed, stifle all the finer sentiments of the mind. They dull the ideal, harden the life, and crush out the gentler and finer qualities which unite the human with the divine.

The business man who becomes grasping and greedy loses his sense of the beautiful and the true. The coarse side of his nature becomes abnormally developed; the beastly passions which he should have strangled at the outset, have been pandered to until they have grown so voracious and strong that all that is best and noblest in his nature has shriveled up under their blighting breath. Avarice, with him, has killed aspiration. — *Selected.*

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1910

Every young person in this conference should, if possible, become a member of one of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses which begin in October.

Brother J. J. Ireland, secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference, returned from the southern part of the state to Northern California the latter part of last week. Brother Ireland was in Southern California for about three months on this trip.

Replying to a question asked him relative to the San Diego camp-meeting, one of our faithful laborers, who has grown gray in the message, said: "It was one of the best meetings I have ever attended in the state." This is the way it should be, and we believe our meetings will continue to grow better to the end.

Elders Geo. A. Irwin and J. O. Corliss returned to Northern California last week, each having gone to Southern California a short time before the San Diego camp-meeting. Elder Irwin went direct to the Berkeley camp-ground, while Elder Corliss came to his home in Mountain View, and remained a day or so prior to his going to the camp-meeting.

Mrs. W. T. Knox is enjoying a visit with relatives and many friends in Mountain View, having returned some over two weeks ago, after an absence of about seven months. She brings words of good cheer from Washington, D. C. Elder Knox is kept busy this summer with office duties and attending camp-

meetings in the East, but is happy as usual, and of good courage.

Brother I. P. Dillon, who has been a laborer for some time in the Arizona Conference, writes as follows under date of July 29, Phoenix, Ariz.: "We sail for Cuba from New Orleans August 6 under direction of the Mission Board to connect with the West Indian Conference. Besides my wife and family, Brother Harry Bond joins us, to engage in canvassing work in that field."

May the Lord go with these missionaries and give them souls for their hire.

Fernando Academy begins its coming year's work September 14, 1910; Lodi Normal Academy, September 20; Pacific Union College, September 27. Any one who is interested, and desires information relative to courses, etc., should write for a calendar, which will be furnished free for the asking. Parties interested in the Fernando Academy should address H. G. Lucas, San Fernando, Cal.; those desiring information relative to Lodi Normal Academy should write O. O. Osborne, Lodi, Cal.; while any who are interested in Pacific Union College may correspond with C. W. Irwin, St. Helena, care of Pacific Union College, Cal.

"Knowledge Shall Be Increased"

One of the leading themes of the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for September, will be the wonderful increase of knowledge in both the secular and the religious world during the last half century, showing that this is a fulfillment of Dan. 12:4. The articles are all strong and to the point.

Following are the titles of some of them:

Increase of Knowledge—Its Significance. A. O. Tait.

One Hundred Years of Bible. M. C. Wilcox.

Fifty Years of Naval Progress.

Preparing for Armageddon.

The Culmination of the Ages.

This last article is a striking portrayal of events and advancements for the past five hundred years. It reads like a fairy tale, but it is all true, and well illustrated.

In addition to the above, the regular departments of the magazine will be

filled with timely and interesting matter, including notes on Current Topics, etc. The cover design is an autumn scene in colors, and is very attractive. Send your orders to your tract society at once.

5 to 40 copies, 5 cents per copy.

50 copies and over, 4 cents per copy.

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Single copy, one year, \$1.00.

Single copy, six months, 50 cents.

"Make Hay While the Sun Shines"

"Making hay while the sun shines" is the slogan of the September number of *Life and Health*. The front cover of this issue is a hay making scene in three colors, which is intended to represent the spirit of the number rather than the season of the year. The month of September is the greatest "hay making" month of the year. It is the month in which the people come back to business after their vacation period. It is the month when the shops are reopened, and the stores have their fall openings; when the farm products are marketed, and the usual summer season lethargy is shaken off. It is also the great month for health building—the greatest and most important of all interests. The September number of *Life and Health* is filled from cover to cover with matter that is in keeping with this season of the year, and such as the general public will appreciate. It will be one of the best sellers ever produced, and an excellent number with which to begin work.

A number of cheering letters have been received at the office from parties distributing the Liberty number of the RECORDER and those securing signatures to the petition blanks. We feel sure that the Lord is blessing the efforts of those who are doing faithful work in these lines. Let not one paper be left unused, because information is contained therein which should be received by every family in California. And be sure to return the petition blanks as soon as they are filled, and ask for more. The religious liberty campaign demands the untiring efforts of all who can possibly engage in it, for now is the time to work; and let each one aid in this endeavor by his prayer. Remember, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."