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The Church

Sketches of the Past — No. 108

The summer of 1858 I spent in tent meetings in the state of Ohio. Brother T. J. Butler of Gilboa was associated with me in the preaching. Our first meeting was held at Bowling Green, near the Lovet's Grove church. In this meeting Brother Jesse Dorcas was our tent master. Several persons united with the Lovet's Grove church as the result of this meeting.

There was one peculiar circumstance connected with these meetings that may be worthy of notice. A man came to me requesting baptism while still using tobacco, although protesting against its use. He was also a member of an organization which he admitted did not carry out its profession of morality. He wished to be baptized and still use his tobacco, and retain his connection with said society. We told him we could baptize him only on condition of giving up

the bad habit, and severing his connection with the said society.

The next day he met me, saying: "I had a wonderful blessing yesterday. As I went home I said, 'Now I shall have to go to heaven alone, as they will not baptize me,' so I went into the grove to ask the Lord to bless me, and help me to live a Christian all alone. O! what a wonderful blessing I received." We replied, "What you call 'a blessing from the Lord' was the power of Satan given to hold you in that which you admit to be wrong. The Lord says when persons come to seek Him with idols in their hearts He will answer them according to their idols. Eze. 14:4. Again, with an upright man He will show Himself upright, but with the froward He will show Himself froward. Ps. 18:26. He tells His people to assemble together, and so much the more as they see the day approaching. Notwithstanding all of this you have asked to be sustained in going alone, and still clinging to your idols, even that which you declare to be wrong. Of course, what you call a blessing was simply the power of Satan given to hold you in your wrong."

The brother left us with a heavy heart. He had a son and his wife, and a daughter, convinced of the truth, but waiting before taking their stand to see what course the father would pursue. The time came when others were to be baptized. As the congregation assembled on the bank of the stream, who should we see coming but this man with a grip in his hand. He said he wanted to be baptized, and go with the Lord's people. He had said nothing to his children of his decision; but when they learned that father had taken his stand

for the right, they there secured a change of clothing, and father, son, and daughters with others were baptized. As they stood on the bank with faces lighted up with the blessing of the Lord, I said to the man, "Brother, which is the blessing of the Lord?" "O," said he, "this, for it has the blessed fruits with it."

Our second tent meeting that summer was held in East Townsend, Brother Butler caring for the tent, as well as taking part in the preaching services. As the result of that series of meetings seventeen took their stand for the truth.

From Townsend we went to Republic, a few miles from our Green Springs brethren. Our tent was erected before even a hint of our meetings had been announced in the town. There was great reasoning as to what that tent meant. Near to Townsend there was a noted Spiritualistic location of "Free Lovers." As they learned that the tent had come from East Townsend, they at once circulated the report that it was the "Free Lovers'" tent that had come to town. We circulated our bills, but when the hour arrived for our first meeting, not a soul was in the tent, but scores of people outside, watching, and "ogling" each other.

We sang and prayed, all the same as though we had a tent full. By the end of our second hymn there were probably one hundred people in the tent. As we opened the Bible, and began to tell them that we were there for the study of the Scriptures, they very rapidly changed their minds. Before that first service closed, our tent was well filled. Suffice it to say our meeting continued some six weeks, and resulted in several substantial souls accepting the truth.

There was in the place an academy for boys. The teacher advised his students to "attend the meetings, as they would get much light on the Scriptures." The students bought the books, studied them, and then the professor said he had got to do something to ward off the doctrine from these students. He wished an evening to present his rebuttal of the 2300 days, as applied by us. He said to me, "This theory of the three messages which you have presented is based on the termination of the 2300 days in 1844. The whole thing fits together like clock work. If I can not defeat your proposition on the 2300 days, the whole thing must stand." He spoke about twenty minutes, trying to disprove the "year day theory" of interpreting prophecy. I followed with a half hour's talk on the same. He made no reply. Brother and Sister White were in that meeting. We were to go with the tent to a general meeting of our people in Ohio.

J. N. Loughborough.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

Thirty-Ninth Annual California-Nevada Conference

On Sunday, December 11, our conference committee met and decided some very important questions. One was the time and place of our next annual conference.

In view of certain considerations that were brought before the committee, the members were unanimous in thinking that Fresno would be the best place to hold the next conference.

This will be an unusually important conference, and there will be many important questions that will come before the delegates. One will be, Has the time come for the division of the conference? And if so, into how many divisions shall it be divided, and where shall be the dividing line? This is a question in which all of our brethren and sisters from one end of the conference to the other will be especially interested; and there is no doubt that there will be the largest attendance of delegates that there has yet been in California.

The time of the conference will be from the 9th to the 19th of February, beginning on Thursday night. It was thought best to recommend that Friday, the 10th of February, be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, that God's presence may be made manifest in the important questions that will come before the delegates. It is hoped that all our brethren and sisters in the conference will remember this meeting in their prayers, that God will preside over us, and that such steps be taken as will further the interests of the cause in this conference.

S. N. Haskell,
Pres. Cal. Conf.

California Conference Current

Elder Andrew Brorsen spent a part of this week with the church at Santa Rosa.

Elder J. H. Behrens spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Woodland.

Several of the office workers are this week attending the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention at Mountain View.

Word comes from Chico that their school there, under the direction of Brother C. D. Stone, is making good progress.

Elder T. H. Watson, of Lodi, has just returned from British Columbia, whither he went to bring their daughter, who is ill, to California.

The following of encouragement comes from Elder F. C. Gilbert in a letter dated Concord, Massachusetts, December 7: "I am glad to tell you that we are working here on the Book of Hebrews, and we hope by January, by the help of the Lord, to have the book done and the edition off the press. I assure you it will make us feel very happy despite the fact that it has been a hard problem and a difficult one to get under way."

A meeting of the board of the old Pacific Sabbatarian Association was held in the conference office at Oakland Thursday evening of last week for the purpose of passing on some technicalities relative to the transfer of the Pomona church property, which was for-

merly held by that body. The members present were C. H. Jones, J. J. Ireland, H. H. Hall, T. A. Kilgore, and E. E. Parlin. L. M. Bowen was absent, and Claude Conard was elected to fill the vacancy on the board made by the death of E. A. Chapman, as this was the first time the board had been called together since that time.

Under date of December 16, Elder Israel writes from Sacramento with reference to his work with the petitions: "Day before yesterday I got one hundred names. Yesterday I visited the capitol. Secured thirty-four names of state dignitaries and their secretaries. Had a visit with the Attorney-General. He read the heading of the blank, and said it was all right—that the Legislature had no right to pass religious laws. He also stated his views on the Senate of the United States passing a Sunday bill. I had a very interesting time in the Secretary of State department. All—about ten—took a lively interest, and I secured most of their names."

Claude Conard.

December 18.

Santa Cruz and San Jose

I was with the church at San Jose the first three days of the week of prayer. The presence of the Lord's Spirit was realized at this time to a degree that promised good results. We trust they were fully realized.

The remainder of the time was spent in Santa Cruz in the week of prayer services, and in finishing up the work which we have been carrying on in the past few weeks. The week of prayer services were marked by a good degree of the Spirit of the Lord, and a liberal offering is promised.

The visible results of the work in Santa Cruz are, a marked increase in the spiritual liberty and courage of many, which is testified to with tears of gratitude, and in the addition of six adult members to the church. Three of these are newly come to the faith, and all are numerical additions. We pray that the church may hold its advance ground and gain new victories, which it is the privilege of all to do.

If no changes are necessary, I shall hold quarterly meetings as follows: San Jose, December 24; Monterey, December

31; Sacramento, January 7, and be at each place during the respective weeks.

D. T. Fero.

December 18.

California Conference Seventh-Day Adventists

Tithes and Offerings from the Churches, November 30, 1910

	Tithes	Offerings
Alameda	\$1,141.05	\$233.87
Arbuckle	93.65	30.84
Arcata	477.96	76.44
Armona	2,412.11	444.19
Arroyo Grande	288.84	123.20
Atwater	127.64	145.74
Bakersfield	287.95	63.81
Barstow Colony	237.45	47.87
Berkeley	487.91	267.83
Bishop	431.95	272.53
Buckeye	24.70	2.90
Burrough	197.45	79.82
Calistoga	161.60	49.63
Chico	1,390.09	333.65
Corning	137.65	56.67
Dinuba	478.62	225.45
Dinuba — German		1.35
Dos Palos	239.85	56.77
Eureka	487.76	154.10
Exeter	313.00	313.80
Fallon (Nevada)	145.03	95.13
Ferndale	207.95	18.10
Fortuna	434.53	25.06
Fowler	908.56	27.23
Fresno	2,306.25	504.73
Galt	17.05	21.18
Glenburn	1.95	1.00
Glennville	230.46	19.74
Goldfield (Nevada)	74.50	88.22
Grass Valley	97.00	17.50
Guerneville	70.80	27.22
Hanford	983.27	123.51
Hayward	154.50	51.09
Healdsburg	1,349.08	293.78
Hughson	266.92	60.64
Island	531.79	80.65
Kelseyville	345.05	43.21
Laguna	318.14	93.21
Laton	25.00	14.85
LeGrand	282.05	86.75
Lemoore	727.38	160.88
Lerdo	86.77	83.93
Lindsay		6.56
Lockwood	831.09	5.49
Lodi	3,795.01	1,320.61
Lodi — German	132.00	324.27
Lompoc	162.95	32.05
Los Gatos	345.97	102.00

Madera	81.74	11.19
McKinleyville	32.25	12.21
Melrose	1,638.49	426.73
Merced	766.76	165.12
Modesto	308.62	21.35
Monterey	77.90	36.65
Morgan Hill	441.59	101.93
Mountain View	3,974.50	636.16
Napa	612.86	160.11
North San Juan	10.50	7.70
Oakdale	194.32	301.99
Oakland	3,320.29	870.80
Oroville	341.45	76.67
Pacific College	823.78	223.74
Paradise	264.99	41.77
Pepperwood	99.35	28.63
Petaluma	191.17	82.75
Placerville	228.98	33.46
Redding	277.46	52.05
Red Bluff	230.05	27.82
Reno (Nevada)	590.95	166.26
Richmond	304.61	41.45
Sacramento	475.20	30.25
San Francisco	3,225.60	903.62
Sanitarium	4,945.92	713.81
San Jose	1,540.39	266.79
San Luis Obispo	158.03	69.81
Santa Cruz	444.21	92.60
Santa Rosa	335.35	66.60
Sebastopol	748.09	80.58
Selma	567.53	221.86
Smith River	24.00	.20
Sonoma		7.91
Soquel	63.30	18.45
St. Helena	1,178.53	332.42
Stockton	1,125.24	248.09
Susanville	13.10	7.40
Turlock	1,330.27	362.32
Ukiah	527.65	106.21
Vacaville	20.53	4.10
Vallejo	143.65	46.35
Visalia		2.00
Wallace District	161.60	23.89
Watsonville	168.16	62.06
Woodland	680.80	623.06
Personal	1,707.08	2,416.24
	\$58,645.12	\$16,942.21

The amounts in the "offerings" column given above are made up of the following funds received from the churches:

Annual	\$481.09
Blind Paper	769.17
California Religious Liberty	370.01
Free Literature	114.88
Jewish	207.50
Midsummer	1,366.37
Miscellaneous, Foreign	819.71

Miscellaneous, Home	367.09
Missions	2,749.23
Mohammedan Fund	137.06
Orphans	138.67
Sabbath-school Offerings	6,544.68
Sanitarium Relief Fund	30.30
Southern Field	177.90
Thanksgiving Ingathering	854.21
\$300,000 Fund	1,814.34
	\$16,942.21
Claude Conard,	
Treasurer.	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
W. C. T. U. Work**

Brother Edmund C. Jaeger, one of our church school teachers, has recently been appointed as state lecturer and organizer of the young people's branch of the W. C. T. U.

At the invitation of Jas. D. Graham, superintendent of the Long Beach schools, Brother Jaeger will give an address on December 21 before the Southern California State Teachers' Association on "The Role of the Teacher in the Field of Morals," in which will be presented the principles of Christian education and their power to regenerate society as proven by Brother Jaeger's successful work among the young men and boys in the Riverside schools.

Dr. J. H. Hoare, who now has charge of the Glendale Sanitarium treatment rooms in Los Angeles, will follow with an address on "Ignorance and Its Toll."

The sessions of the institute were appointed to be held in Los Angeles at the Polytechnic High School, December 19 to 24. * *

Week of Prayer

The week of prayer has begun in good earnest here. We have an early morning meeting at six o'clock for sanitarium workers, another at three P.M. for those on duty at the early hour, and then comes the general church gathering at 7:30 P.M.

We had a glorious time on Sabbath and to-day, Sunday. All are anxious to draw nearer to the Lord, realizing the shortness of time and the great work there is for us to do. May the Lord help us.

J. J. Wessels,
Elder-Glendale Church.

December 11,

EDUCATION

and Young People's Work

Conducted by C. C. Lewis

Educational Secretary Pacific Union
Conference

[We cordially invite correspondence from teachers and young people's workers throughout the Pacific Union Conference. Short, pithy paragraphs from experience, and interesting items from the reading of those who are working for our children and young people, are desired, to make this department a source of inspiration and real help to our readers. Matter should generally be sent to the Educational Secretary, St. Helena, Cal., care of College; but reports and notices for quick publication may be addressed to the RECORDER at Mountain View, Cal., as in the past.]

Raising a Crop of Young Farmers

The following article by F. G. Moorhead in the *Technical World* magazine of October, contains so many good suggestions for the teachers and patrons of our church schools, that we are copying it verbatim for the RECORDER:

"When Martin was nine he swore like a steamboat mate, smoked like a 'why-pay-rent' instalment house furnace, and prided himself on the fact that he could expectorate a stream of tobacco juice further and with greater precision than his father. His garb consisted of an old pair of his father's trousers,—one leg reaching to the ankle, the other stopping short at the knee,—precariously hitched up over his ragged shirt by means of 'galluses,' his freckled face topped by a weather-beaten hat the chief feature of which was a jagged rent through which the tousled hair jabbed its perpendicular way. His sole occupation consisted in warning the men at the still of the approach of officers.

"When Martin was fifteen he ranked fifth in a class of eighty farm boys entered in a corn judging contest. He could plow a straight furrow, make a germination box, test the seed corn, calibrate the planter, and plant a field of corn as well as any boy in the country. Socially he was eligible to attend the neighborhood 'sociables' and 'parties' and receive letters at those rapturous games of 'post-office' which determined the social standing and personal popularity of the boys and girls of the neighborhood. Sartorially, he was still deficient a 'boiled' shirt and patent leathers, but

he was able to hold up his head in the school photograph and not be conspicuous by any sins of omission or commission.

"What brought about the change?

"At the age of nine Martin quit the Tennessee mountains, which had been his home, and accompanied his parents to the Promised Land in southern Iowa. For two years he helped his father work out for the prosperous farmers of Page County and pack the household goods and gods on the decrepit and creaking old wagon on their frequent hegiras from one place to another. As a rule, father and son hesitated about a month and then moved on. Twice they essayed tilling rented land for themselves; twice they failed. When there were no jobs to be had Martin attended the country schools. He learned his letters and gradually came to have a hazy, indistinct sort of knowledge concerning the chief products of Baluchistan and the principal occupations of the people of Bulgaria.

"There is no denying that Martin made life miserable for his teachers in those early days. And yet before the first year of the Iowa residence had passed, he expressed a willingness to be corrected in his misdeeds and made over into at least a semblance of a civilized country boy.

"It was the flowers, however, which began the making of the new Martin. He had never seen such beautiful things in all his life; he had not imagined they existed. He scoffed that day when the county superintendent drove up in her buggy and told them the news. It didn't seem to him to call for the excitement which was visible in the superintendent's manner and quickly spread to the teacher and scholars. Somebody had given the superintendent 6,000 tulip bulbs and she proposed to distribute them among the 3,000 rural school children of the county, letting every boy and every girl plant two, tend them, and have the plants and blossoms all for their own. Her eyes sparkled when she described the scene with all the bulbs blooming and the place about the hitching rail in the front yard turned into a blaze of floral beauty. Martin didn't take much stock in the plans, but he took the two bulbs, having been brought up to accept everything that was free.

"Now, this is the wonder of the tulip

bed, told by the county superintendent who distributed the bulbs: 'The boy who appreciated the tulips most was Martin. When I visited that school some time later, down on his knees by the flower bed he dropped, his straw hat by his side, and touching almost reverently a great crimson blossom as he said: 'See, this one is mine. Isn't it the prettiest one of them all?'' I was not surprised when his teacher said to me, very quietly so that he might not overhear, 'Martin does not swear or use tobacco any more.' There was the secret: the boy who learns to love one beautiful thing has no longer any room in his heart or soul for impurity or vice. The picture of that boy, in his blue overalls, with his straw hat at his side, the morning sun touching with gold his tousled hair, as he bent lovingly over those bright flowers and touched them so gently with his brown hands, will be with me always.'

"It had remained for this superintendent of schools in Page County, Iowa, Jessie Field by name, to reclaim that boy through the medium of a tulip bulb. It has been given to her to start a great work with many another Martin and many a Martha who might otherwise have been tempted to the great white way of the city,—a work which has been so eminently successful that it stands as an object lesson and an example to every other worker seeking to solve that most important problem: how to keep the boy and the girl on the farm.

"I'll admit I am partial to my boys,' confesses Miss Field. 'Somehow it has been that way all the time. I have thought out plans to keep them on the farm, to interest them in farming, to make real country schools for the country boys so that they would not need to go off to town or city and be lured away from the farm which needs them so badly. I like the girls all right, but I love my boys. And, O, they meet me so grandly, always more than half way; eager faced, anxious to learn, just hungering for somebody to make schooling practical and attractive to them. We have had too much in the past of the products of Baluchistan and the industries of Bulgaria; I have set myself to making real country schools which shall meet the needs of real country people and teach them how better to do the

work that lies ready to their hands.'

"When Miss Field took charge, four years ago, she found the country schools in what passed in those days for good condition, but she believed there was much she could do, and she set to work with a will. First of all, she made a trip through the county, inspecting its 130 rural schools. She found school grounds without trees and without fences, schoolhouses without paint, sometimes with holes in the foundation, dingy walls and other signs of neglect. Always she drove to the summit of the nearest hill and looked about her. As far as the eyes could distinguish she saw fields of waving grain, dotted here and there with feeding herds. She saw great, red-painted barns bulging with the harvest's yield. She heard the click and whirr of machinery and saw on every hand the material evidences of continued prosperity. She saw farmhouses which had been modernized to the extent of bathtubs and water-under-pressure systems, furnaces and lighting plants being installed. She saw new farmhouses costing \$5,000, even \$10,000, and in their rear the old, unpainted, and unsanitary homes which had sufficed until prosperity and progress had done their work. But seldom did she see new, modern, sanitary, and slightly schoolhouses supplanting the old buildings. As Miss Field drove slowly down from each hill summit she made a mental resolve, which gradually crystallized into a campaign slogan.

"The farm school must keep pace with the farm home."

"Her first step in the campaign was simple. She purchased a good camera, with which she took pictures of the school buildings, inside, outside. She believed the photographs would show contrasts which would open the people's eyes. She enlisted the co-operation of the local editors; and week after week there appeared, in the columns of the home newspapers, pictures of neat schoolhouses and run-down ones, schoolhouses with trees and without, coal houses well built and poorly built, school interiors which were attractive and elevating and those which degraded the minds and were in a fair way to stunt the growth of the bodies. The pleasing views invariably bore a label which identified them. Miss Field was gracious enough not to identify publicly the ones which showed

a run-down condition. She quickly observed, however, that the people recognized the different views. The patrons of the poor schoolhouses began to hang their heads. They did not show anger; they were rebuked and were sorry. The patrons of the good schoolhouses began to boast, and thus gradually the spirit of contest, of natural, healthy competition, grew up in the county. Tumble-down coal houses disappeared; hitching posts and rails in the front yard became conspicuous by their absence; flowers began to bloom where the horses had pawed the earth into holes in which the water greened and mosquitoes bred; daubs of fresh paint blotted out the obscene phrases, and because these daubs were conspicuous the entire building was repainted; trees were planted and gradually came to cast a shade, earnest of that greater shade which the years would bring; the schoolhouses, inside and out, began to keep pace with the farm homes."

C. C. L.

(To be continued)

Lodi Normal Academy Notes

Prof. J. L. Derby met with the Modesto church on Sabbath.

Classes in counterpoint, form, and history of music, are organized and doing well under the direction of Prof. Win. Wallace.

The Lodi Normal Academy orchestra, with Professor Wallace, director, plan to give an evening's entertainment December 20, under the auspices of the literary society, for the benefit of the library.

The latest move of the Volunteer Society is the organization of its Sabbath-school bands. The object of this department is to prepare better Sabbath-school lessons, and thereby increase attendance, punctuality, and interest in Sabbath-school work.

The Foreign Mission Band had an interesting study on the life of Moffat. An interesting feature this week was a pledge from each member to write a Christmas letter to some foreign missionary. They are planning to come in touch also with secretaries of foreign fields.

A circulating library is being started. About \$100 was raised the evening after last Sabbath to promote this enterprise. The work will be developed in much the same way as the tract work was last year. One young lady acting upon the suggestion of such a plan has purchased books to start a private circulating library in her own home town. Much of her work will necessarily be carried on through missionary correspondence. So the good word is passed from individual to individual.

Four of our young lady students, in company with one of the teachers, spent Thursday and Friday in Sacramento in the interests of the "Christ's Object Lessons" work. Elder B. E. Beddoe, who at the same time was on his way to the city, stopped over long enough to lend assistance to the workers in assigning each her territory. A total of eighty books has been left in Sacramento, fifteen of them being sold in the capitol building. At the same time three of the young men spent Thursday in Stockton. A Merchants' Protective Association exists and no member is supposed to buy unless the salesman has been authorized by the secretary of said association. These young men in the face of all this succeeded in leaving gems of truth behind. Truly God sends His angels ahead to prepare the way.

The Home Department Convention, conducted by Miss Katherine Hale and Mrs. Alma McKibbin, was a pronounced success. It was carried on in two sections. In the afternoon Miss Hale presented the gifts and occupations, and how to use them in the home to prepare the child to remain there for a longer period, and also prepare him to better meet the demands made upon him as he enters the schoolroom. The evening section was taken up in the presentation and discussion of papers. Some of the most important were:

Co-operation of Parents and Teachers; The Home School Course of Study; The Story Hour; Answering Little Children's Questions; (a) Danger Signals in Young Children; (b) Health Reform in the Home; Discipline in the Home; Play in the Home; Etiquette in the Home.

The doctrines or principles of God's law are taught in the Bible in three

ways: by literal statements, by types, and by stories. For the past two weeks Mrs. McKibbin has been illustrating and teaching Bible doctrines by Bible stories, and thus verifying the truth of this statement found in "Education," page 185: "In these simple stories may be made plain the great principles of the law of God."

Lotta E. Bell.

Armona

Brethren B. E. Beldoe and W. H. Covell were welcome visitors at the Central California Intermediate School on Thursday, December 15.

The convention at Hanford was a success, many coming from a distance to attend. The addresses and papers were interesting and instructive.

Mr. Herman Van Busch has sold over a hundred of our denominational books since the Visalia camp-meeting. We are pleased to learn of his success, and his friends here wish him Godspeed.

Mrs. Thorley Cody, Mrs. James Black, and Mrs. Elmer Manning have charge of the Junior Society work. Miss Margaret Rudy was elected secretary and treasurer with Master Elmer Black as assistant.

"A Song of Life," by Mrs. Margaret Morley, has been presented to the Missionary Volunteer Society by Brother Joseph Clark, who is now in Sacramento. Mrs. Clark has just gone to spend a few weeks with her husband.

The Central California Intermediate School is taking a club of thirty *Signs*. These papers are wrapped and addressed by the pupils and sent to the teachers of Kings County. The pupils are planning to carry on a correspondence with the teachers.

On Sabbath afternoon, December 10, at the Armona young people's meeting, a Junior Society of twenty members was organized. A collection amounting to three dollars was taken to be used to purchase tracts for work among the Spanish and Mexicans.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rudy, of Dinuba; Mrs. A. M. Mann, of Lodi; Miss Rose Ginther, of Oakland; Mr. W. T. Roewe, of Madison, Tenn.; Mrs. S. E. Leoni, of Hanford; Mrs. D. C. Starrett, Mrs. Thorley Cody, Mrs. Frank Tilton, Mrs. Elmer Manning, and Mrs. Rich, of Armona, have visited the school this month.

The readings for the week of prayer are being conducted in the different rooms. In Mr. Howe's room several different pupils are called upon each day to assist in the work. This adds to the interest and profit of the readings. The Armona church meetings are held at two thirty P.M., and there is a good interest and attendance.

The first meeting of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle was held at the home of Brother and Sister John Johnson. The young men who led in the discussion of the various characters were as follows:

Messrs. Ivan Crowder, Harry Starrett, Glen Hawkins, Nels Johnson, Ivan Bond, Willard Buckridge, William McCluskey, Elmer Johnson, Will Winterberg, and Dan Winterberg. Misses Katherine Hansen and Margie Rudy added to the pleasure of the evening by their vocal and instrumental music.

A series of questions covering the first twenty chapters in "Successful Careers" had been prepared by the girls. These were written on cards, each card outlining the life of one character in "Successful Careers." The leader read one hundred forty of these questions. For the contest the girls were arrayed against the boys. Mrs. James Black and Mrs. John Johnson were chosen to keep a record of the number of questions answered by each side. Mr. Grant Hawkins acted as judge.

Miss Jennie Hansen and Mr. Nels Johnson acted as leaders for their respective sides. The girls were the victors in the contest, but the boys are planning to win next time, as they are to write the cards.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

December 15.

A Good Report

So cheering was the following letter that I thought the readers of the RECORDER should have the privilege of reading the same. It gives some excellent suggestions for next season.

"You remember some time ago I wrote you about the work our society was doing, and mentioned that over \$5 had been given out in 10 cent pieces to the children and young people for them to invest in missionary gardens, etc. Well, I wish you could have been present at our Ingathering Service, Sunday, November 27. I received such a blessing, and was so happy that I have not gotten over it yet.

"The church was decorated with palms and flowers, fruits, grains, and vegetables to represent the harvest of the year, and there were songs and recitations accordingly. The children's offering came near the close. Verses were written telling how the money was earned, and the amount.

"The children and young people recited their verses, and then gladly gave in their offering. I will give you a sample of the verses. A little girl four years old said:

'I have nine dimes for nine baby chickens,
And one more to make it even.
I gave them all to Jesus
To save the poor sick heathen.'

"Another:
'My folks all raised chickens
So I raised chickens too.
I only made two dollars,
But think of the good it may do.'

"Another:
'Five cents of seeds in the earth planted
Brought forth tomato plants a plenty,
And when marketed and sold,
Brought two and a half all told.'

"Some had chickens, one made book-marks, one match cases, another sold matches, and some had gardens. The most gained by any one was \$16.60 for watermelons. The one acre donated was put in watermelons.

It brought	\$55.00
49 dimes returned	99.63

	\$154.63
Children donated who did not receive talents	9.34

Children's donations	\$163.97

“Some of the people became worked up and added \$8.00, making \$171.97. Surely the Lord blessed the dear children and young people in their efforts. After the meeting some of the children and I gathered around the dish, and one said, ‘If I had more I would put it in.’ I suggested we make it \$200 next year.

One said \$300. To the Lord be all the praise.”

This talent of \$5 increased wonderfully. This letter comes to us from Mrs. E. H. Osborne, the leader of the Young People’s Society at Turlock.

B. E. Beddoe,
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that a rich harvest of souls will be gathered from both higher and lower classes by this plan of work.

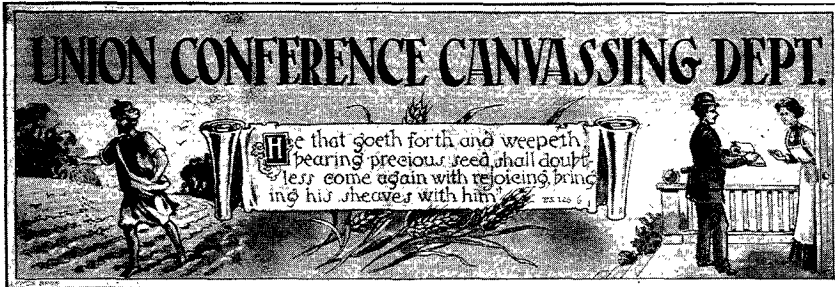
The question asked in one testimony is, “Why the shepherds of Israel and the laity do not awake to the situation.”

Many of our dear young people especially, should rally around the banner and go to work in earnest in little companies—a nurse, a canvasser or two, a Bible worker, a minister, a health lecturer,—all together they are to go from home to home in these cities with our various books selling and giving, praying and working, with the people.

Is it not even so? Then come with us. There is a call from this Macedonian field. Who will help us?

If you could be with our dear canvassers and workers every Sunday afternoon, 2:30 to 6:30, for drill on the various books and counsel, testimony and prayer-meeting, you would discover the source of their courage.

E. S. Horsman.



Report of Book Sales in Southern California

Week Ending December 9, 1910

“Practical Guide”

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Chas. Parrett	29	17	\$67.50
Alex Martin	32	12	53.00
Chas. M. Cottrell	21	7	38.00
* Leslie Ackerman	5		

“Heralds”

Joe Lane	18	8	16.00
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“Ministry of Healing”

H. C. VonKlitzing a	14	13	28.00
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Small Books

Mrs. Jennie Davis	15		8.15
Mrs. B. W. Easley			15.00
** Miscellaneous	14		3.00

29 \$26.15

Totals	148	57	\$228.65
a Helps			\$5.00

*Delivery, \$42.50.

**Delivery, \$1.00.

C. C. Morlan,
Field Agent.

Report of Book Sales in California Conference

For Week Ending Dec. 16, 1910

“Practical Guide”

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence	40		\$48.50
Sadie Scott	2		9.00

“Daniel and Revelation”

* H. S. Carter	11	8	23.45
W. D. Fleming	22	8	12.25

“Bible Readings”

O. L. Nash	18	1	2.20
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Total \$95.40

* Delivery, \$25.65.

To the King’s Messengers

The dear workers in the cities around the bay are struggling against odds. Still you will hear no word of discouragement or unbelief, no desire to slacken.

Brethren Carter and Boehne have fought faithfully since the Berkeley camp-meeting with the precious book “Daniel and Revelation.” Brother and Sister Fleming are closing a strong work with “Daniel and Revelation” and the magazine *Liberty*. Brother Hazelton, with the health book, is just getting started. We have just welcomed Sister Scott from the Press and Sister Alsborge from Napa. Professor D. M. and Helen Lawrence with the “Practical Guide” are rejoicing in the work; and their desire, while selling the health book, is to follow the plan laid out in Volume 9, praying with and for the sick and discouraged, giving short Bible readings. Sister Lawrence often stops to give a treatment to those that need it. This is as the Lord would have it.

Our company is earnestly praying the Lord to send earnest nurses who may join us, working in the manner above described. The same testimony assures

Obituary

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they started a Sabbath-school which resulted in the organization of a small church.

Upon their return to Battle Creek they were employed by the sanitarium, he as nurse and she as matron. His wife’s failing health made it necessary for them to seek a warmer climate, hence they came to Oakland, Cal. For a number of years he was employed by the Pacific Press, and at the same time conducted a boarding house for the benefit of the employees. The last three years of his life were spent in Pomona, Cal., where September 12 he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus.

During all the years of his connection with Seventh-day Adventists he was faithful and true to his convictions, a loved and honored member of the church, and highly respected by all his acquaintances. For several years, in addition to his other duties, he gave a home to nine orphan children. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. H. E. S. Hopkins, who has lived in his home since he came to Pomona. We are sure that the blessing of Rev. 14: 13 is his, and that soon he will awake to receive the crown of life laid up for those that love His appearing. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. E. E. Andross.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1910

The first and leading article of the January, 1911, *Signs of the Times Monthly* is "Great Events of 1910," which is a résumé of the principal events of the year just closing. It is very graphically written and well illustrated. Other articles are: "Portugal and Spain," "Prophecies of the Christ," "Knowing the Time," "Luther in the Friendly Wartburg," "China," "The Evil Effects of Intoxicating Liquors," "The Healing of the Sick," and others. All of these are well-written articles, and to the point. They give truth that is needed at this time. An attractive winter scene in the Yosemite Valley adorns the front page. Price of the paper: 10 cents per single copy; 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each; 50 or more of any single number, 4 cents. Order of your tract society.

The following words of cheer from Brother E. G. Fulton, manager of the Los Angeles cafeteria work, are of special interest: "For some time there has been an attorney taking his meals with us. A few mornings ago he asked me to sit at the table with him, and he said, 'I want to be a Christian.' He said he had attended our meetings, had watched our work here, and had about decided, after going to the other churches, that we are the people with whom he would like to connect. I talked with a young man last evening who told me that he had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists before. We are having many opportunities of telling people of the truth for the first time. There are many who

are interested in the truth who never heard of Adventists until they came to the cafeteria. We are seeing greater results now than ever before in our vegetarian work, and we sincerely trust the Lord will continue to bless the efforts put forth in this department."

For Sale

One of Mountain View's prettiest and most modern houses. Consists of nine rooms, two baths, three toilets (sewer connection), presses, closets, and basement, electric lighted. House erected since the earthquake. Lot 100 by 150 feet. Iron fence in front. Fruit of a variety of kinds. ^{Good property in some} Fine lawn. Price, forty-five hundred dollars. Will sell furnishings with house if desired. Called to Washington, D. C. Address H. W. Cottrell, Mountain View, Cal.

California Conference Seventh-Day Adventist Annual Meeting

The fortieth annual meeting of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Fresno, California, February 9 to 19, 1911, for the purpose of electing the officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it for consideration. The first business meeting of the conference session will be held at 9 A.M., Friday, February 10.

The following sections from the constitution of the California Conference give the basis of representation for the churches:

"Each local church shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every twenty church members.

"Unorganized companies of Sabbath-keepers shall be represented by the delegates at large."

S. N. Haskell, *President.*
Claude Conard, *Secretary.*

ARIZONA

Items

Some new canvassers are beginning their work. We trust they will succeed and stay with it.

We hear good reports from our gathering work, and we believe our an-

nual offerings will considerably exceed those of last year.

Brother E. C. Boger reports quite a number in Verde Valley who request baptism, and still a good interest on the outside, and calls for labor in several new places adjacent to Verde Valley.

Elder H. G. Thurston left on Saturday night for Mountain View, and Brother W. O. James left the night following. A Pacific Union Conference Committee council and a bookmen's convention called these brethren to the coast.

Some excellent reports have come to our office of the week of prayer meetings. A determined effort to give up all to God and for the advancement of our work, seems to be taking possession of our people throughout the conference. This means more work for God in every line.

December 20.

"I do not forbid you to preach," said a bishop to a young clergyman, "but nature does." "The age has no aversion to preaching," said Phillips Brooks to a young aspirant, "but it may not listen to your preaching." Lowell said, "It is the vain endeavor to make ourselves what we are not, that has strewn history with so many broken purposes and left so many lives in the rough."

Obituary

SAWYER.—Died of carcinoma brought on as the result of a fall, Robert Sawyer, at the ripe age of eighty years and two months. Brother Sawyer was born in Port Byron, Cayuga Co., N. Y. In 1855 he was married to Mary A. Mapes of Wadsport, N. Y., with whom he lived four years when she died.

Brother Sawyer lived one mile from Auburn City, N. Y., when the first paper published by Seventh-day Adventists was carried to that post-office in a small hand satchel. He became interested in the third angel's message through the reading of a small tract placed in his hands about that time, and soon embraced the truth. Not long after this he moved to Battle Creek, Mich., where he became connected with the Review and Herald publishing office. In 1863 he was married to Mrs. Mary J. Mead. Later they removed to Potterville, Mich., where

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