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"Why grieve o'er the errors of the past?
Need such our future sway?
The past doesn't make us right or wrong,
'Tis what we are to-day!"

What if It Were You?

Look at this picture of conditions existing at our mission station at Chang-Sha, China, as presented in a letter from Elder R. F. Cottrell, one of the missionaries there:

"Chang-Sha is not a little, insignificant village in some out-of-the-way corner. It is the proud capital of the province of Hunan; has paved streets, magnificent temples, large government schools with tens of thousands of students; has nearly as many inhabitants as Buffalo, New York; and here are to be found thirteen missionary societies carrying forward their work, the most of whom have from five to fifty thousand dollars invested in land, buildings, and equipment.

"And what have Seventh-day Adventists in this city? They have a rented compound about thirty by seventy feet in size. A compound is an enclosure for

dwelling purposes, surrounded by high walls. Inside our compound are several small Chinese houses very cheaply built. In the front about twenty Chinese make their home. These include our evangelist and family, canvassers, and helpers. Next comes our little chapel, which, because of its peculiar construction, is impossible to enclose on one side. It is what would naturally be called a *shed*. As we have winter weather here, with snow-storms, you can imagine our little congregation does considerable shivering during four or five months of the year.

"To one side of the chapel is the Chinese guest room, and on the other side is a room used as a schoolroom for the children of the believers. Both of these are very dark. We are sure no American parent would desire to have his children sent to such a place to study. Above these rooms are three others occupied by Brother and Sister Cush Sparks, who came from Nebraska a year ago. Ten feet back of this stands a little three-roomed house that we call home.

"A part of the windows are glass, and part of them are paper. The houses are enclosed by one thickness of cheap Chinese boards, which were nailed on in an upright position when the lumber was green. At present there are wide cracks between the boards. As the houses in our compound are huddled so near together, the sun has little chance to shine in and dry things, hence we find the quarters to be very damp and moldy. A physician says we run great risks in living here.

"Is it a wonder, then, that we are interested in the \$300,000 Fund? We had hoped to receive ere this sufficient on this fund to purchase land and begin

building operations. But the word that comes to us is in no way assuring, and the money seems to be coming in very slowly. In order to purchase land, build suitably for school and chapel purposes, and erect dwellings for two families, we should have from three thousand five hundred to four thousand dollars. This is our situation, though in common with photographs sent from China, the dirt and odor are omitted."

Can we wonder that our missionaries in China and other countries are interested in the \$300,000 Fund? What would we expect them to do if *they* lived in the houses *we* occupy, and we were living in China? Think of several houses, a chapel, a schoolroom, and twenty-four people on ground the size of a very small city lot! Think of the narrow, rented, crowded, insanitary quarters! Think of holding meetings in a shed which we would not think fit to shelter our animals! Think of that little congregation shivering with cold, trying to protect themselves from drifting snow for several months of the year! Think of the home consisting of three small, damp, musty, dark rooms enclosed with thin boards with wide cracks between, the only light entering through part glass, part paper, windows!

Brother and Sister Cottrell are young, educated, refined people. They were graduated from our colleges, and called as teachers to one of our academies. They were comfortably situated in a pleasant home when they heard the call from China. They actually "forsook all" to go. They laid their lives on the altar of China's need. What obligation rested upon them that does not rest upon us? Why should *they* do without

the comforts and necessities that even the very poor may enjoy in this favored land?

While our missionaries live thus, we go on buying property, laying up money in banks or investments, and provide ourselves with comforts, and even luxuries, of which we might deprive ourselves without suffering. In so doing we withhold our money from the Lord, hoard our treasure on earth. We buy things we could well do without, and leave our missionaries to wonder if their brethren and sisters who sent them over the seas have forgotten and forsaken them.

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Our affections may be centered in the work of God on earth, or they may be entwined about farms, buildings, money, dress, pleasures, and things of this life. There are many in California that could give all that is necessary to erect buildings in Chang-Sha or some other mission station, and it would thaw out their hearts, the bands of worldliness would be broken, and their spiritual horizon would be far clearer than it is at present.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." What is our record in heaven with reference to supplying the needs of our Master in the person of His suffering servants on earth?

Please read Elder Cottrell's statement once more as quoted above. Picture yourself in his place, then say what you would like to have him do if in California, and you in China.

E. W. Farnsworth.

The Field

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Stockton Camp-Meeting

By the time these lines are read, our camp-meeting at Stockton will be in progress. Some of our brethren and sisters have had to remain at home. Many prayers at this gathering will be offered in behalf of these loved ones. We trust, in like manner, petitions will ascend from these homes that God will bless His children here assembled, and

that many sinners may be converted to Christ.

A few words of praise might be written in care of the Seventh-day Adventist camp grounds, and the same will be read at the social meetings. If it is not possible for you to be in attendance, let us hear from you. We shall try to keep our churches posted as to how the meeting is progressing. Every day and every service of the day will be of great importance. Especially let us all pray that the Sabbaths of this annual feast may witness the outpouring of God's Spirit, that His children may be better prepared for service, and that others may experience for the first time the saving power of God.

From the orders already received for tents, we are assured of a large attendance at the camp-meeting.

Several of our people having musical instruments have reported that they will bring them and join Prof. Wm. Wallace's orchestra. This feature of the meeting bids fair to surpass anything in these parts in previous years. Arrangements have been made with the street-car company for a car with which to advertise. The orchestra, with a band of singers, will tour the city. Large streamers will decorate the car, announcing the meeting.

C. L. Taggart.

Conference Items

Brother Boehm gives the following report from the tent effort at Farmington: "It may be of interest to you to learn that we are still enjoying the blessing of the Lord here in Farmington. God is still at work with His Holy Spirit, and we are more than glad that He has convinced some of the people of their sins. We meet good friends every day as we go out to visit the people, and find that some at least are hungry for the real Bible truths, and will permit us to hold Bible readings with them. Of course the enemy is hard at work, and he seems to gain the victory over a great many. While we know this, we feel that we must work harder with the hand of God, and we find that He always keeps His promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The canvassers' institute closed the first of the week, and a number of our young people are preparing for the sum-

mer's campaign. The determined spirit exhibited by these young friends is very encouraging. Pray for them, brethren, that their efforts may not be in vain.

We have just received our shipment of the June *Life and Health*, and a number have already been sold. Some of our normal girls purchased 150 with which to begin work.

Verah MacPherson.

CALIFORNIA

Pointers from the Bay Cities Sabbath-School Convention

It would be futile to try to set forth all of the good thoughts developed in six hours' session, or to give the names of all those who took part; so we will omit all names, and jot down only those points that respond most readily to memory's call.

The object of conventions is to unify the work, and exchange ideas that will be helpful to each other in overcoming difficulties. As we compare experiences, we can see how other people overcome our difficulties; and what they can do, we can do also, if we are willing to learn how they did it. Conventions enable us to see the needs of the work, and stimulate us to labor and pray for wisdom to train rightly the young plants in the Sabbath-school nursery, so that they shall bring forth fruit that shall be true to the nursery label in the years to come.

The influence and importance of the Sabbath-school work can never be measured, because it shapes the plastic minds of children in molds that will affect their whole future career. In this great work of heart culture fine machinery and faultless form are powerless for good without the vitalizing spark of spiritual energy. The cannon, the cannon-ball, and the powder are all so powerless that even a child can play with them. It is only when a spark of fire touches the powder inside the canon that thiugs begin to happen.

Teachers should bear in mind that as the Lord's stewards it is required that they be found faithful. Attendance at teachers' meetings, for the purpose of imparting and receiving gems of thought dug from the mine of Scripture, is no small part of this stewardship. To obtain the best results, the

teachers' meeting should be held in mid-week, thus giving opportunity for study and arrangement of thought both before the meeting and afterward.

The value of the secretary's report depends to a large extent upon accuracy, brevity, and distinctness of utterance. A good report may be entirely eclipsed by awkwardness or timidity, and even by the character of the clothing, or a hat that monopolizes attention. The report should not be read while the stragglers are coming in. It would be better for the secretary to sit on the rostrum and jot down the names of the tardy ones as they arrive, and then read them into her report at a time when all can hear and give attention to the reader.

The missionary spirit should be encouraged in the Sabbath-school in every possible way. Let the teachers and division leaders bring before the pupils every Sabbath interesting items of the progress and needs of the work in far-off lands. The use of maps is a great help in such work. Let parents supply their children with extra copies of Sabbath-school papers to pass on to the neighbors' children. Encourage the youth to sell the *Youth's Instructor*, and thus not only be sowing seeds of truth in the home field, but also securing means to help the foreign work. Unless we fashion the habits of our children in a missionary mold during the formative period of their young lives in the home and the Sabbath-school, we will continue to have hard work to get them as young people to engage actively in missionary work, even though we may appoint special secretaries to look after them. Children who merely enjoy fluent teaching, will grow up to enjoy merely fluent preaching; but they are not apt to enjoy real self-sacrificing missionary work.

The training and development of teachers were set forth as a work demanding more attention than it has hitherto received. And while we can hardly expect to rival the public school system in this respect, still the teachers can do much to improve their work by zealous application to study, and prayer for wisdom and the love of God in their hearts. The study of the Bible stands out above everything else; then good books on the art of teaching, on the art of questioning, and on the art of disci-

pline. These, with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which will surely come to those who seek for it, will transform even a novice into a skillful workman.

Among the little ones in the school, the teachers should maintain the same dignity and grace of manner as among the older pupils, being careful always to use words and phrases within the comprehension of the children, but not to disgust them by being babyish. It is a fine accomplishment to be able to be simple, and yet not to be silly. Good teaching includes not only the impartation of knowledge, but more especially the drawing out of knowledge, and also the maintenance of good discipline in the class. The best way to keep children out of mischief is to keep them busy thinking about the lesson.

The home department is a division of the Sabbath-school bearing the same relation to it as the primary, intermediate, junior, or other departments of the school. This department is composed of members who can not regularly attend the session of the Sabbath-school, although they are encouraged to do so whenever they have opportunity. By the formation of this department, the isolated, the feeble, the aged, those who are confined at home in attendance upon the sick or by the care of young children, or those who for any reason are unable to attend the school, may become members of the school and share its blessings. The Sabbath-school should go to those who can not come to it. Each Sabbath-school should establish a home department, for there is urgent need of a connecting link between each school and the believers who can not attend the school.

The advancement of the interests of the primary and kindergarten work by the employment of appropriate illustrations, either of the word picture kind or the visible kind, such as real objects or pictorial representations, was shown to be a valuable means of keeping the children so engrossed that they forget to be mischievous. Several interesting demonstrations of the ability of small children to quote Scripture verses by being shown picture cards illustrating the same were much appreciated. The possibilities open to this line of work are worthy of earnest consideration. While there is danger of making a wrong use of such things, a consecrated teacher is not likely

to cross the danger line very often. It requires tact and a knowledge of human nature to be able to attract rather than to compel attention.

A word picture personifying the family Slothful getting up late Sabbath morning, and finding that the lesson pamphlet had been left at the church the week before, and the family Wakeful, that not only did not leave their lesson pamphlet at the church, but began on Sabbath afternoon to study the lesson for the next Sabbath, was very true to life, and left all free to decide to which family they belong in fact.

G. A. Snyder.

General Camp-Meeting

Location has been made of the location for the general camp-meeting in the California Conference in Oakland, at the corner of Alcatraz Avenue and Racine Street. This is a central place for those coming from Oakland, Berkeley, and San Francisco, and easily accessible from all other points around the bay.

The date set is July 6 to 16, the camp-meeting to be preceded by a workers' meeting beginning June 26. At this workers' meeting it is expected that all of the conference laborers who can leave their interests will be present to assist in the preparation of the camp and to get the benefit of the instruction that will be given.

A restaurant tent and food store will be conducted on the camp ground for the benefit of those desiring this service. Also there will be a book tent. Plans are being laid for good meetings for the young people and children.

We shall announce soon with reference to the rates on the railroads. We trust that every one who can do so will plan at once to attend this camp-meeting.

Eureka Camp-Meeting

Grounds have been selected for the camp-meeting in Eureka at the corner of E and Grant Streets, which is only a short distance from the business center of the town.

The dates of this meeting have already been announced, June 8 to 18. It is expected that several of the conference workers will be present. Our members in Humboldt should all take advantage of this meeting.

Claude Conard.

Pepperwood

Work was commenced here January 7. I preached every evening for more than two months, except three or four evenings, when Brethren Hutchinson, Patterson, and Hare filled the pulpit. The outside attendance was from fifty to one hundred. This was good when the rainy weather and muddy roads we have in Humboldt County at this season of the year are taken into consideration.

Our Sabbath-school quarterly report showed a membership of seven at the beginning of the meetings, and a membership of thirty-one at the close of the quarter. It is encouraging to see the good Lord make bare His holy arm in behalf of perishing souls, as He did at this place. Even the saloon men and bartenders closed up their business and came to hear the word of God. One man told me he had not been inside a church before for twenty years. People came through blinding storms and over roads so muddy that they had to wear rubber boots.

Many that came refused to obey, saying, "Some more convenient season I will hear you." Others gladly received the message, and are now rejoicing in the blessed hope. Two ladies were baptized some time ago. We expect to have baptism again, to-morrow. Others expect to be baptized later. Seven who had begun to keep the Sabbath have moved away. This we regret very much, as they were not fully established in the present truth.

I am now closing my work at this place. In the meantime I have held some meetings at Shively and Holmes. In both places there are interested ones, that would be glad to have help. Pray for the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

J. W. Bressie.

May 12.

The law of mutual dependence runs through all classes of society. The poor are not more dependent upon the rich than are the rich upon the poor. While the one class ask a share in the blessings which God has bestowed upon their wealthier neighbors, the other need the faithful service, the strength of brain and bone and muscle, that are the capital of the poor.—"*Patriarchs and Prophets.*"

San Francisco

Sunset District

Since conference three series of meetings have been held by the workers in San Francisco, and the fourth is just beginning. March 5 a series of meetings was begun in the Richmond district and continued till April 30. Four are keeping the Sabbath, and several are deeply interested, as a result of this effort. Brother and Sister G. A. Kuhns are following up the interest with Bible readings and literature.

April 26, Elder James Taphouse began a series of meetings in the Union Street church, and continued with an interested attendance for four weeks. He was assisted by Brother R. S. Fries and the writer. Several have recently taken a firm stand for the truth as a result of the work done there. Sister Laura Morrison and Sister Moore are busy with the interested ones in that neighborhood.

As a result of faithful work by Sister E. E. Parlin during the last two years in South San Francisco, a number have accepted the truth and united with the church. It was thought that this interest should be developed. Brother G. A. Hamilton has been asked to make that section his field of labor, and plans are being laid to hold a strong tent effort there immediately after camp-meeting. A short series of meetings conducted by Brother Hamilton and other of the city workers of Colma aroused some interest that will be followed up.

The Park church outgrew its original quarters, and has located in the Y. M. H. A. building annex, 1964 Page Street. Brother R. S. Fries and the writer are conducting a short series of meetings in this place at the present time. The attendance has not been as large as was expected, but it is hoped that some seed will fall in good soil and yield fruit for the harvest.

The interest in the Sunday evening studies at the Laguna Street church has been good. Professor Rine's exposition of the "Revelation" has drawn an increasing outside attendance. It is hoped that he will be enabled to return and complete the book. In his absence a series of sciopticon lectures are being given by Brother Fries and the writer.

Notwithstanding the constant attention demanded by their work at the hy-driatic dispensary, Brother and Sister

Clarence Moon take advantage of spare moments to scatter the printed page in Chinatown. The large foreign population of San Francisco and other bay cities offers an inviting field for fruitful effort.

Elder Reinhold has been asked to make San Francisco his field of labor, and will work among the Swedish people. He is planning to hold meetings in that language as soon as a place can be secured.

That the increasing interests of the work in San Francisco might receive the attention essential to the success of the work, a committee consisting of E. E. Parlin, Elder James Taphouse, Elder Reinhold, Brother E. K. Pearson, and I, was appointed by the conference committee to have oversight of the immediate needs of the field, the weightier matters to be decided by the conference committee.

Remember the city work and workers in your prayers. It seems that the enemy has well-nigh captured the hosts for which we have to work; but we know that here and there are honest souls who must be searched out. The others must have an opportunity to hear the message as a witness. Pray that the Lord will send forth laborers and means to finish the work. "The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth." Let us work while it is day; soon the night cometh, when no man can work.

J. Adams Stevens.

Eureka Camp-Meeting

Remember the Humboldt County camp-meeting at Eureka, June 8 to 18.

Elder Andrew Brorsen shipped the tents to Eureka last week for the camp-meeting. They should be there in ample time to make all needed preparations for the meeting.

It is expected that there will be a general attendance of all our people in Humboldt County at the Eureka camp-meeting. Such privileges do not come often, and it is expected that the Lord will meet with His people. Those who are there will receive the blessing. It may mean untold loss to those who remain away. We hope everybody will come.

E. W. Farnsworth.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ontario

Temperance Rally Successful

With Hon. C. G. H. Bennink, our well-known citizen, in the chair, the temperance rally held under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Society at the Masonic Temple, Monday evening, was a pronounced success. The interest ran high from the first, and the audience was large.

After the opening preliminaries, consisting of a prayer, and a duet by Milton St. John and Ernest Lloyd, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Clara Sheldon, president of the Ontario W. C. T. U., was introduced, and read a most able paper, outlining the great work done by her organization in creating temperance sentiments and in educating the children. Following this, Dr. W. W. Chapman read a selection, and Miss Imogene Morrison of Riverside sang a beautiful solo.

The next speaker introduced was Edmund C. Jaeger, State lecturer for the W. C. T. U. and secretary of the department of scientific temperance of the Loma Linda Medical College. By a series of well-put illustrations, Mr. Jaeger sought to show the necessity of getting back at first causes and stopping those habits which predispose to drunkenness. "Insanity," he said, "is increasing by leaps and bounds, while suicides and sickness have just about doubled in the last few decades. We must look these facts in the face. As long as parents feed their children veritable mustard plasters in the shape of highly spiced foods, an abundance of meat and tea and coffee, we are going to reap a harvest of sickness and intemperance. The reform must begin in the home. Dr. Wiley, chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, urges parents to quit the use of tea and coffee, because they produce Bright's disease, and as mild stimulants, cover up the danger signals of fatigue and pain, and predispose to shortening of life."

Two most excellent recitations were then given by Miss Clara Bristow and Miss Hannah Johnson. Elder Milton St. John, whose singing was so much appreciated, and who is State president of the organization, spoke most eloquently on the relation of intemperance and morals.

Mr. Bennink, the chairman, at the sug-

gestion of Ernest Lloyd, asked the congregation to put themselves on record for temperance, which they did by rising and singing America.—*Ontario Daily Republican, Tuesday, May 16.*

Book Work

Report of Book Sales in California Conference

For Week Ending May 19, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
Mrs. E. D. Mills	25	7	\$27.00
D. M. Lawrence	15	8	28.50
"Ministry of Healing"			
Jos. Stouter	10	3	11.00
"Heralds of the Morning"			
H. S. Carter	31	13	26.00
"Bible Readings"			
J. B. Goffar*	25	6	16.00
	106	37	\$108.50

*Helps, \$8.00.

Periodical Report

	Hrs.	Papers	Value
Ruth Crane	20	125	\$12.50

Report of Book Sales in Southern California

For Week Ending May 19, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Bible Readings"			
D. W. Frazier*	40	12	\$47.00
"Practical Guide"			
J. G. Smith and			
C. N. Young	50	19	65.00
Mrs. L. J. Burrows	19	5	20.50
	109	36	\$132.50

*Mark reached again.

Report of Book Sales in Arizona Conference

For Week Ending May 19, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Bible Readings"			
J. A. Kindsman	15	2	\$ 6.00
"Home and Health"			
W. O. James	18	34	102.00
	33	36	\$108.00

Canvassing Field Notes

We are glad to see Brother Frazier's name listed with the canvassers again. He is one of our old canvassers who realizes that "the Lord is calling the canvassers back to their work," so we believe he has come to stay. In Brother Frazier's first report he writes: "I am making a thorough canvass, and am of good courage. I met one lady who, after looking at the book, said she did not care for it at all. After talking to her a little while, our conversation drifted into the subject of baptism. She believed in nothing but sprinkling. I told her that the Lord said we were to be 'buried in baptism,' and she told me that I could not find it in the Bible. For some reason I could not find it at once, but I told her I would find it and report to her the next day. That night I took my 'Bible Readings' and found it. I called on her, and told her how I found it, and she said that she had learned something she never knew before, and said that she wanted one of the books."

Such experiences as these prove that there are many honest hearts who are willing to accept light when it is brought to them. I trust that all of our canvassers who are soon to take up the sale of our truth-laden books will begin as Brother Frazier has—working forty hours a week, and using spiritual canvasses.

Our student canvassers, some of whom will begin work next week, have been drilling on their printed canvasses, and this is one requisite for success in this work. Just one incident to illustrate the enthusiasm manifested by the students: While at Fernando a few days ago I overheard what I thought to be a conversation between two young men, and one of them seemed to do most of the talking. As I was interested in the subject conversed upon, I walked around to the other side of the little building whence I had heard the voice. To my great surprise, I found one young man standing there with his prospectus, canvassing a tree.

C. C. Morlan,
Field Agent, S. Cal.

Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to lost humanity.—"Steps to Christ."

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Conducted by C. C. Lewis

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Church School Items

Miss Hazel Baldwin, of Fernando Academy, has taken Miss Wagner's place in the San Diego church school. On account of sickness, Miss Wagner had to resign.

Most all our teachers expect to remain in the work next year. We hope all our schools will continue. There will be two or three new schools, if not more. Fernando graduates eight new teachers, and several from the East have applied for positions.

The May Festival of the Los Angeles city schools was held May 15 to 19, 1911. Mrs. B. B. Davis, the primary teacher of Fernando, attended last Tuesday. The teachers of the Edendale school attended Thursday. There was a good exhibit of drawings and manual arts.

The Sabbath-school convention at San Diego was attended by the following church school teachers: Ida Shirley, of San Pasqual; V. Pearl Stone, Delilah Davis, D. D. Voth, of Escondido; Ora Faddis, of Paradise Valley; Hazel Baldwin and Mabel Swanson, of San Diego.

Miss Stone had a paper entitled "Discipline and Punctuality;" D. D. Voth, "Value of Music in Our Sabbath-school;" and Miss Shirley, "What May I Do to Make the Sabbath-school a Success?" Every teacher took part either by writing a paper, or in the music or discussion. Five of these teachers are planning to attend the convention at Oakland.

Pomona, Loma Linda, Imperial, Garden Grove, and Long Beach have had very successful school gardens this year. The Pomona school was unable to supply the demand of the neighbors that came right to the school for the produce. Besides the vegetable garden, many beau-

tiful flowers adorned the school yard.

Each pupil of the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades at Loma Linda has a garden. Not a weed was to be seen in the gardens. I was there the day they pulled their first radishes, and was glad to note the readiness of the pupils to dispose of them. There were not enough bunches to supply the demand of the hands that were ready to market them.

The Imperial school has given five dollars, which was received from garden produce, toward the building of a new church about eighteen miles north of them, and have started another five for a church building south of them. This school is doing home missionary work.

The school at Long Beach has had two gardens. From their first garden and the amount obtained with the *Missionary Review*, they had about ten dollars for foreign missions.

Garden Grove has a very large, well-kept garden. A sister near the church gave the children the privilege of using her garden this year. The threefold training that the children have received in this school this year will make a lasting impression.

The girls have the flower gardens, and the boys the vegetable gardens, at Santa Ana. This is a new school, and a school garden was quite an unusual thing, as the public schools of that place have not taken up that work. Let us be at the head, and not the tail.

The school at Rivera tried three times to have a garden, but the neighbors' children and chickens, together with other hindering causes, made it impossible for the success they desired. They did not become discouraged, however, and succeeded in raising some vegetables and flowers. Teacher and pupils have had a very enjoyable year.

Ada C. Somerset.

Pomona Church School

Another school year has passed into eternity; and for the little school in Pomona it has been a year filled with rich blessings from our merciful heavenly Father.

It hardly seems possible that nine months have passed since we began school with an enrolment of seventeen pupils, representing seven grades. Our total enrolment for the year was twenty-one.

With little exception, all worked faith-

fully and well, and very creditably finished the work allotted in each grade.

From our little school garden we found at the end of the year that we had \$6.30. This we sent to the mission station at Pemba, South Africa. Even though a small sum, we hope, with the blessing of God, it may be used in some way to help in this last closing message.

It was with feelings of sadness that we at last bade farewell after the months of pleasant association together. We all hope to be so faithful that we may be enrolled as pupils in the school above, where Jesus Himself will be the Teacher.

Mrs. R. P. Robinson.

May 23.

CALIFORNIA

The Church Schools of Sonoma County

Sebastopol

The pupils in the Sebastopol school have christened their church school "Meadowdell," and have recently placed in the cupola of their building a clear-toned bell. As the new name indicates, this school is "away from the city," surrounded by the green of rolling meadows and well-kept, leafy orchards. The two rooms are well filled with bright, industrious children and youth, and the work in Sebastopol is certainly encouraging.

When children join their teachers in working for their school, placing in their rooms new desks, new maps, and other schoolroom facilities, to say nothing of having previously provided the room with new wall-paper and new window shades, and, last of all, having presented the school with a new bell, do you not think the boys and girls of such a school deserve much credit?

Sonoma

A little group of eight pupils was organized as a church school last fall at Sonoma; and a comfortable little building provided by a kind friend and neatly furnished by the brethren and interested parties, became the home of the first Seventh-day Adventist church school in Sonoma. Are you surprised to hear that the little school has grown? There were fifteen children in attendance last Monday morning, and we were not surprised to find them industrious and well-behaved, for we are told that

"in retired places, where we are farthest from the corrupting maxims, customs, and excitements of the world, and nearest to the heart of nature, Christ makes His presence real to us, and speaks to our souls His peace and love."—*Special Testimonies on Education, pages 46, 47.* We are glad to see this statement verified in Sonoma, and it is encouraging to know that there are parents who appreciate finding just the opportunity this little church school in the country affords.

May others heed the warning: "Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God." "Get out of the cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools." And again, "If they could be educated in the country, amid the beauty, peace, and purity of nature, it would seem to them the spot nearest heaven."

Brother G. Ritz, at present a patron of the Mountain View church school, but owning property in Sonoma, expects to move his family to the Sonoma property this summer. He plans to donate one acre of his land as a site for a new school building that he will erect before fall. Any families looking for location in the country where church school privileges may be secured will do well to correspond with Brother Ritz, of Sonoma. With the blessing of the Lord upon the consecrated efforts of the few brethren in this place, we may hope for good things of the school at Sonoma. Read what is said about the erection of school buildings in Volume 6, page 203, "Testimonies for the Church."

Santa Rosa

Here is a school that has been carried by the faith and persevering effort of those who did not "move away." But here the Lord has been working to "increase His forces;" and although at no time this year have the numbers in the school been large, yet it is a happy little school, and an encouraging work has been moving forward. Here "those newly come to the faith" have been "helping with willing hands," and those who have means have been "assisting with their means."

Had it not been for one family "newly come to the faith," it almost seems that the school could not have continued. The four little children from this one family, however, have brought to the

work in Santa Rosa a new nucleus, and the members of the Santa Rosa church now plan to provide for the school a new and permanent building. It is the character of the work done in our schools that counts; and in supporting a good church school the Santa Rosa church are publishing the truth in an important educational center.

Healdsburg

The school at Healdsburg has enjoyed a year of good work; and the fact that the school board have early arranged for the continuance of the same teachers for another year, is an evidence that we may look for the work in this place to move encouragingly and enthusiastically forward. It is to be hoped that all of our churches will begin at once to lay plans for the coming school year; and we are told that "the Lord will move upon those to whom He has entrusted means and ability for the carrying forward of this work," and we are exhorted to "seek the Lord with intense earnestness that we may not be stumbling-blocks in the way of the children."

One of the important things to remember is that "very much of the success of a church school depends upon the teacher chosen" and that "the very best talent that can be secured is needed to educate and mold the minds of the young, and to carry on successfully the many lines of work that need to be done by the teachers in our church schools."

May we not be backward in planning for this work. Plan for it liberally. Lift for it financially. According as we sow we shall also reap. We most earnestly request the prayers of all who carry upon their hearts any burden for this work, and we shall be glad to correspond with those churches in the coast conference planning for schools.

Katherine B. Hale,
Ed. Sec. Cal. Conf.

Glendale Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses

We desire at least twenty-five young people for our nurses' class beginning June 1, 1911. Applicants will be admitted to class any time during May and June, but it will be well for each one to enter as early as possible.

We are able now to offer a very strong course, one in which an exceptionally large amount of valuable, practical experience can be obtained. Our proximity

to Los Angeles enables us to give our nurses thorough training along all lines, each nurse spending some time in visiting nurses' work in this city.

We desire to put at least twelve nurses into the city during the next few months to help do the work in Los Angeles that we are called to do in all of our large cities. We can do this and more, if our young people will respond to this call. The training that we can offer is one that many, if not all, of our young people, should have to prepare them for active missionary service, whether as nurses, messengers, or Bible workers.

We are just about to open a surgical ward in our sanitarium, which will greatly increase our surgical and obstetrical work.

Those desiring to enter, apply as early as possible to Belle Wood-Comstock, Superintendent Training School, Glendale, California.

July "Signs Monthly"

The July number of the *Signs* magazine will, we are promised, be ready for circulation July 8. "The Rights of the Individual" is an article all liberty-loving people will enjoy. "All Past Time" is the title of an article by the editor, which establishes the exact day of creation. In his article "Creation or Evolution," George McCready Price, who has made a life study of how to meet these evolutionary ideas, which strike at the very foundation of the truth, brings out points that are vital in directing minds away from error. These leading articles, together with others on the subject of liberty and points of faith, and something of value from the pen of Dr. D. H. Kress relative to health, make this number one that spares no effort in teaching the truth in an interesting and forcible way. Do you not wish to use fifty copies this month? If you have not tried the work before, begin now. You will enjoy the effort, and it may start some one's interest in the truth. Fifty cost \$2.00. Your tract society has them.

A beautiful behavior is better than a beautiful form; it gives a higher pleasure than statues and pictures; it is the finest of the fine arts.—*Emerson.*

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1911

Last Sabbath a church of seventeen members was organized at Manteca in the Northern California-Nevada Conference.

Of the series of tent meetings being held at Colton in Southern California, Elder F. W. Paap reports a good attendance and interest. There is a strong company of workers there, and thorough work is being done.

The first edition of 25,000 copies of the first or Bible Number of the Message for To-Day Series of the weekly *Signs of the Times* has been exhausted, and the forms will go on the press again in a few days for the second edition. This valuable paper is appreciated. Subscribers can still secure the first number. This series is going ahead of the last. Pass the good news on.

While in San José a week ago last Saturday night Brother S. A. Wright, a Pacific Press employee, asked of the proprietor of a store permission to sell the Temperance *Instructor*. This was given, and a conversation on points of truth followed, which has since been followed by a Bible study, and the sale of "Great Controversy" to this gentleman. He seems deeply interested, and is anxious to study.

There has just been received a beautifully illustrated calendar of the Fernando Academy, in which is given outline of work for the coming school year, as well as names of faculty, and general description of the school, with its advantages. We appreciate this, and are glad to hear that Fernando Academy has just closed its most successful year.

Personally, and through the RECORDER, we want to urge the young people within reach of Fernando to plan to avail themselves of its splendid educational advantages. Write Prof. H. G. Lucas, San Fernando, California, for a calendar, and for any information you may desire concerning the school.

Notice to Conference Presidents and Other Officials in the Pacific Union Conference

Inasmuch as I am to leave California, June 1, enroute to Europe to attend the biennial session of the General Conference Committee and other meetings connected therewith, and will be gone until the second week in August, Elder E. E. Andross was appointed by a quorum of the union conference committee present at the Tulare camp-meeting to act as president during my absence. Hence all matters of business pertaining to the work of the union should be addressed to Elder E. E. Andross, Room 1018, 424 So. Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.

Geo. A. Irwin,

President Pacific Union Conf.

Help Wanted

A man to wash dishes, and a neat appearing, energetic young man to carry trays, can find employment at the Vegetarian Cafeteria, 43 Geary Street, San Francisco. Address as above for further particulars.

An Offer to Our Young People

An opportunity for you to secure a professional training including all expenses, uniforms, etc., with monthly cash payments the second and third years, only nine hours per day, overtime extra, at the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital Training School for Missionary Nurses.

The course is especially strong because of the large number of patients, providing ample experience in both medical and surgical practise. Our San Francisco dispensary provides opportunity for experience in city missionary work. Consecrated graduate nurses readily find employment in institutions and mission fields at home and abroad. Just now we

desire to secure ten or more at good salaries.

It is not yet too late to join the spring class. Mention these offers to your friends that may be interested. Write immediately for particulars and full information, addressing —

Dr. H. F. Rand, or Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Sanitarium, Napa County, California.

If You Were Asked?

The Bible.—"Which is inspired, the original Greek of the New Testament or the English translation, or both?"

Christ.—"Was it no special advantage to Christ that He was of divine origin, 'the only-begotten Son of God'?"

Nature of Man.—"Why is it said that the wicked shall be punished with everlasting destruction, if they are resurrected after Christ's second coming?"

Prophecy.—"When did the Day of Atonement occur in 1844?"

The Law.—"Please explain 2 Corinthians 3. What was done away?"

The Sabbath.—"In a trip around the world, is it possible to observe the Sabbath?"

If you enter into conversations in any way whatsoever on religious topics with those not of our faith, you must meet dozens of questions. On your ability to answer these may depend the decision of the questioner for truth. As a ready help, the book "Questions and Answers" is filling a need on the part of ministers, Christian workers, laymen. Arranged under headings suggested by the above list, and covering all points of faith, almost three hundred questions — those that have been asked by persons not of our faith in many instances — are carefully answered. This book, being a development of the Question Corner in the *Signs*, and issued by Elder M. C. Wilcox, its editor, may be secured only as a premium with the *Signs of the Times* weekly. A yearly subscription for the paper — new or renewal — and the book, \$2.00. Any person subscribing in a club for the year at club rate, \$1.25, may secure the book by sending 75 cents. Subjects are carefully classified. It contains full Scriptural and topical indexes, and is a work that you will prize very highly. Order through your tract society.