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dent of the conference, and Elder Healey was asked to go to Santa Ana with Elder Cardey and investigate the situation; and if it was found that Mr. Love was supported by a sufficient number of the citizens of Santa Ana to justify the holding of a public discussion, all arrangements were to be made for the same.

In the meantime I received a communication from the elder of our church in Santa Ana, who is a prominent physician, having a large practise there, as follows:

"Eld. E. E. Andross, Los Angeles, Cal.

"Dear Brother Andross:

"After having consulted freely with the more active members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church here in Santa Ana, and also talking with a number of people belonging to other churches, we feel that there is very little demand for a public discussion of the question mentioned in the circular issued by Elder Cardey. As far as I can learn, the Rev. Mr. Love is endorsed by a very considerable number of the church-going people of this city. If the ministerial association of Santa Ana are willing to endorse him as their champion in the question mentioned, then I could see light in considering the debate."

That the facts might be fully known, the following letter was addressed to Elder Healey, of San Diego, Cal.:

"Dear Brother Healey:

"In the *Daily Evening Blade*, published in Santa Ana, and bearing date of April 10, 1911, I find the following statement in an article entitled 'A Correction,' signed by Geo. W. Pattison, committeeman for the Church of God,

and Dr. U. G. Littell, committeeman for the Church of Christ:

"We recognize the fact that the Seventh-day Adventists have no part in this discussion, as they completely backed down from their own challenge."

"Since you conducted a meeting that was largely attended by the citizens of Santa Ana where Mr. Love arose and stated that he accepted the challenge, will you kindly give me the facts regarding this matter, that I may place them before the people of Santa Ana?"

"(Signed) E. E. Andross."

Elder Healey's Reply

"Dear Brother Andross:

"I have read your favor of the 13th inst. We should be pleased that the 'committeemen' are making it known that Seventh-day Adventists 'have no part in this discussion.' If others choose to pick up what we throw away, and feed on what we reject, we can afford to grant them all the pleasure they derive from it. Agreeable to your request, I made a careful investigation of this proposed discussion, fully intending to hold it if it was the proper thing to do.

"I think I have held more public discussions than any other Adventist minister living. The results have given me no cause to fear or to 'back down.' I have never held a religious debate for personal glory, neither do I propose to be 'dared' into one by those whose principal stock is an ambition to get into the 'lime-light' of notoriety.

"We were in no way bound to debate with Elder Love, because of the 'challenge' of Elder Cardey. It read as follows:

That Debate*

Repeatedly the assertion has been publicly made that Seventh-day Adventists have "backed down," because both Elder Cardey and Elder Healey, ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, refused to enter into a public debate with Ernest C. Love, an evangelist of the Church of Christ. A number of inquiries have come to me regarding this matter, and I desire to place before the public the facts viewed from the standpoint of Seventh-day Adventists.

The challenge Elder Cardey issued was to the people of Santa Ana. So far as we have been able to ascertain, Mr. Love represents but a very small fraction of the people of Santa Ana. No considerable number of the people of Santa Ana were ready to endorse him as their representative in a public debate on the question of the Sabbath.

After Mr. Love had signified his desire to debate the question at issue, Elder Cardey sought counsel from the presi-

*Exchanges please copy.

“A CHALLENGE TO THE PEOPLE
OF SANTA ANA

“(1) The Bible teaches that you must keep the Seventh-day Sabbath, which is Saturday.

“(2) Sunday-keeping came from the Papacy, and is the mark of the beast. Rev. 14:9-11. God holds you responsible to understand this question.”

“Our objection was not to the challenge nor the questions proposed, but to the fact that Elder Love did not represent ‘the people of Santa Ana.’ He has a score or so of adherents to his faith, in the city. Beyond that he had practically no recognition in the city. Not a single representative of any other church advised the discussion, except the ‘Church of God,’ represented by Geo. W. Pattison, the ‘committeeman.’ This church was probably unanimous, because Mr. Pattison is practically all there is of it in the city.

“At the close of one of my meetings, I gave Elder Love an opportunity to tell the people about the ‘backdown’ of Elder Cardey and the Adventists; then informed him, and the audience, which numbered several hundred, that I had been unable to find any demand for the discussion, worthy of our attention. I recognized the fact that a man may be right, although he stands alone, and offered to give my time to talk these things over with Elder Love or any member of his faith. But to hold a public discussion, I must ask for some one who represents a reasonable per cent of the thinking public, not those who take delight in seeing professed Christians wrangle, thereby seeking an excuse for their own wrong-doing. I promised them that whenever a reasonable number of persons desiring to know ‘what is truth’ should ask for a discussion, and furnish the man, I would see that they should have all the discussion they desired.

“I think this is sufficient to give you an idea of the kind of ‘backdown’ we had in Santa Ana.

“(Signed) W. M. Healey.”

After some delay, arrangements were made by a lay member of the Seventh-day Baptist denomination for Mr. A. T. Jones to stand in defense of the down-trodden truth of God in the presence of the *great and expectant crowd* of the people of Santa Ana. Having secured

a large hall in the center of the city, and extensively advertised the “great debate,” they held the first session Monday evening, May 1, with an attendance of about 100. I am informed that the average attendance during the three weeks’ discussion was about 60. It may be of interest to state here that the meeting above referred to, which Elders Healey and Cardey held in the same hall, after a brief notice, was attended by between 400 and 500 people.

That the people of Santa Ana were not calling for this debate, is further demonstrated from the fact that during the first part of the debate a revival effort was in progress, with a nightly attendance, according to reports, of from 3,000 to 3,500 people. However, this closed about one week before the close of the debate, and yet the attendance at the debate was not perceptibly increased.

Thinking, possibly, that the noise of “the Seventh-day Adventist backdown” had gone abroad, it was arranged for the discussion to be repeated in other cities in California; hence a hall was secured and the debate was repeated in the great tourist resort, Pasadena. I am informed by some who were in quite regular attendance that the audiences ranged from 29 to about 50, with an average of possibly 35.

The discussion is now being held in a store building near the central part of the city of Los Angeles, with an attendance the second night of from 60 to 80. Two of our brethren are holding a tent meeting out in the suburbs of this city, on 42d Street and Central Avenue, with an attendance of from 250 to 550. Another tent effort is in progress at Long Beach with a nightly attendance of from 500 to 700. This does not look as if the Lord had forsaken those who are preaching the third angel’s message as represented in the organized work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in Southern California.

We have no disposition whatever to boast over the attendance in our various efforts, which is uniformly good, or over the success that is attending this work; but after so much has been said about “the Seventh-day Adventist backdown,” about “that changed position,” with the assertion that it “is the manifestation of evident bewilderment,” etc., we believe that it is time the people should

know some of the facts that gave rise to this debate, that they may know whether or not Seventh-day Adventists have allowed “any man in most public defiance to ride all over the truth of God in the questions of the Sabbath and the mark of the beast, and they only take to cover;” whether or not it has been necessary because of their “persistent refusal” for “a private member of another denomination” or for *any man of no denomination* “to seek to save the Sabbath cause from *their* discredit.” From the actual facts in this case does it not seem as if this circumstance was seized upon as an occasion for casting discredit upon the very people who are to-day standing as they have ever stood, in defense of the truth of God as represented in the third angel’s message; who, instead of going about the country *debating*, are actually carrying out the injunction of the Saviour, “Go ye into all the world, and *preach* the gospel to every creature”? Is it not being actually demonstrated in the very field where it is claimed Seventh-day Adventists were allowing a man “in most public defiance to ride all over the truth of God,” that they have chosen the wiser course? Hundreds are each evening listening to the *very same message* that was brought to me twenty-six years ago, and that, too, without being compelled to see that same blessed truth ruthlessly dragged in the mire and dirt as it is each evening in the debate now in progress. Scores are at this writing in the valley of decision, while quite a number have already taken their stand to keep all the commandments of God, and this, too, in the field where the debates are being held, and since they began; but let me assure you this result is *not in any sense* due to the debates, but to the old, tried methods of the denomination followed by “little men handling great subjects.” Now, candidly, who are the “so bewildered” parties? Who is it for whom the prayer should now be made—“O Lord God, turn the hearts of this people back again to Thee”?

E. E. Andross,
Pres. S. Cal. Conf.

“It is the continual dropping that creates an interest and arouses the thinker.”

The Field

ARIZONA

Cottonwood

Wednesday, June 7, ten were baptized at Cottonwood, Verde Valley, Arizona. Nine of these united with the Flagstaff church. We expect that at least six more at and near Cottonwood will soon be baptized. These are already keeping the Sabbath. Some of this company began keeping the Sabbath nearly two years ago through the labors of Elder Sims; but these have fully accepted the message, and others have taken their stand, as a result of work done by Brother E. C. Boger and wife. Other places in that part of the conference are calling for meetings, and it has been arranged for Elder Sims and wife to locate in that part, and follow up the interest. Brother Eugene A. Brown will follow up Elder Sims's interest near Bisbee.

Phoenix

Two were baptized in the Phoenix church June 11. These were largely results of the work in Prescott last summer.

A solemn and impressive service was held in our Phoenix church Sabbath, the 17th. Brother E. C. Boger was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, Elder F. W. Wheeler offering the prayer, and the president of the conference giving the charge. At this service many hearts were touched, and some newly come to the faith were greatly moved. Tears flowed freely as these workers were commended to God and the word of His grace. Owing to climatic and other conditions, the field—British Guiana, South America—to which they go is difficult. Let us often bear these missionaries up before the throne of God. They sail from New York City for Georgetown, British Guiana, June 29.

We hope to report several more additions to our Phoenix church by baptism in the near future.

H. G. Thurston.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

I am sure the brethren and sisters of the RECORDER family will be glad to hear of the progress of the work in Southern California.

Colton

For several weeks, Elders Paap and Booth, assisted by several Bible workers, have been holding a series of tent meetings at Colton. The interest has been very good from the first, several have taken their stand for the truth, and quite a large number are deeply interested. From a letter just received from Brother Paap, I learn that a good corner lot has been donated for a church building, and they are now raising money to erect a suitable memorial for the truth in that town.

Los Angeles

Elders J. W. McCord and M. H. St. John have been holding a series of tent meetings at 42d Street and Central Avenue, Los Angeles. From the first they have had an excellent attendance, ranging from two hundred to five hundred and fifty.

Later it seemed necessary for Brother St. John to unite with Elder Hibbard in a series of tent meetings in Long Beach; hence we called Elder Booth to unite with Brother McCord in Los Angeles.

Long Beach

The attendance at the tent meeting at Long Beach has been very good indeed, from the first, ranging from five hundred to seven hundred. The audience is made up of an excellent class of people, and we are very hopeful of good results from the work there.

Redondo Beach

Elder E. M. Adams and Brother W. F. Hills began a series of meetings in Redondo Beach June 16. They have a central location, and are hopeful that a good interest may be manifested there.

Work for the Spanish

Brethren Blunt and Accosta are holding a series of tent meetings at Boyle Heights in the Spanish language. We are hoping that this may result in strengthening the Spanish church organized a few weeks ago, in this city.

San Diego

Elder Christiansen is conducting a series of tent meetings in San Diego, and the interest in the meetings is very good indeed.

Bible Work

With most of the tent efforts, we have Bible workers assisting; and I regard this as a source of strength to our work. I have long felt that we were losing much by not making more of the Bible work. I believe we ought to train more Bible workers, and associate them with our ministers; and that by so doing, we would greatly strengthen our field work. This is certainly proving true in our work in Southern California. We should be as careful in the selection of Bible workers, as in the selection of our ministers; for faithful, consecrated women can do a great work in the homes of the people.

Sanitariums

Our sanitariums are continuing to prosper. They have enjoyed the best patronage this year that they have had in their history; and we believe that the results of the year's work will prove to be very much better from a financial standpoint than during any previous year. We can report as favorably of the spiritual standing of the institutions, as of the financial. While there is much to be done in that line, there is certainly great improvement over the past; and the blessing of the Lord is manifest in bringing some of the patrons into the full light of this truth.

We are very much encouraged with the medical work in the city of Los Angeles.

Cafeterias

The Lord is blessing the work of Brother Fulton and his corps of faithful workers in the cafeterias in Los Angeles; also that of Brother Hollister and his family in San Diego.

E. E. Andross.

“Thoughtlessness is never an excuse for wrong-doing. Our hasty actions disclose as does nothing else our habitual feelings.”

If our forefathers read the Bible with smoking lamps and blurred vision, and nevertheless got some blessing, what a power of God it would be to us now, if in the light of the electric arc we should find it the storehouse of divine grace and truth, perfectly coördinated, and surpassing our highest ideals.—*Pastor Russell.*

CALIFORNIA

The Oakland Camp-Meeting

As previously announced on several occasions, the date of the Oakland camp-meeting will be July 6 to 16, 1911, and the location on Alcatraz Avenue between Telegraph Avenue and Racine Street.

The usual services will be held for the children and young people, and the various departments of the conference work will be represented. There will be a book stand well stocked with Bibles, denominational books, tracts, and periodicals; a food store where health and other wholesome foods may be secured; and a restaurant conducted by the St. Helena Sanitarium. Meals will be served on the cafeteria plan throughout the meetings except on the Sabbath, when the restaurant will not be opened. Arrangements will be made, however, so that cooked foods and fruit can be secured at the store on the preparation day, where each may provide for himself over Sabbath.

The customary tent rents will prevail: 12 x 17 tent, \$3.50; 12 x 17 fly, 75 cents; burlap, 75 cents; 10 x 12 tent, \$2.50; 10 x 12 fly and burlap, each 50 cents. Send orders to Elder A. Brorsen, 828 34th St., Oakland, or to the conference office. An effort will be made to have wire springs and mattresses for rent; but as these are becoming harder to procure every year, all those who can do so should bring straw ticks.

Rates have been secured over the railroads centering in Oakland upon the receipt-certificate plan. No reduction can be secured unless receipt is obtained. Checks for baggage may be left at the book stand, from which place arrangements will be made to have trunks delivered upon the grounds.

To reach the camp ground from Sixteenth Street Southern Pacific Station, take either Sixteenth or Twelfth Street car, transferring at Broadway to Telegraph Avenue car going north; get off at Alcatraz Avenue. From First and Broadway Southern Pacific Station or the Western Pacific Station at Third and Washington Streets take Telegraph Avenue car going north on Broadway to Alcatraz Avenue. From the Santa Fe Station at Fortieth and San Pablo Avenue take Berkeley Key Route trailer, and transfer to Alcatraz Avenue car, which runs by the camp ground. Those coming from San Francisco should take

the Key Route Berkeley train to Alcatraz Station, and there take Alcatraz Avenue car to camp ground, or walk east on Alcatraz Avenue about five blocks to camp.

Railroad Rates

When buying a ticket, the purchaser should state that he is attending the Seventh-day Adventist camp-meeting at Oakland, and ask for a receipt for amount paid. This receipt, when signed upon the camp ground by the secretary of the meeting, will serve as a certificate, upon presentation of which, the railroad agent at Oakland will sell a return ticket at one third the fare paid in coming. No reduced rates can be secured unless party takes receipt for fare paid in coming when ticket is purchased.

Stopover privileges will be allowed on the going trip provided the same are arranged for when ticket is purchased. Tickets for attendance on these conditions may be secured at any time from June 16 to July 16, and are good for return from July 6 to 18.

The rates here granted are good from all stations in California on the principal railway lines, and as far as Reno, Nevada, provided fifty or more persons who have paid full fare in coming are in attendance at the meeting.

Claude Conard,
Sec. Cal. Conf.

Conference Current

Elder E. W. Farnsworth spent Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday at Pacific Union College, St. Helena, assisting in the closing exercises of the school.

Brethren Ferren and Fleming met with the San Jose church last Sabbath in the interests of home missionary work. They report a profitable occasion.

The workers' meeting began last Monday, June 26, upon the Oakland camp ground. A goodly number of the workers around the bay were present at that time.

Elder C. L. Taylor, from the St. Helena Sanitarium, is spending this week in Oakland, assisting in the workers' meeting, and planning for the young people's work at the camp-meeting.

Prof. I. C. Colcord, principal of the Lodi Normal Institute, was a caller at the Oakland office early last week. He reports plans for progressive work in that school for another year.

A number of the workers from Oakland and San Francisco gathered on the camp ground last Friday, and pitched the pavilion for use in meetings to be held before the camp-meeting opens. Other tents had not then arrived.

The St. Helena Sanitarium is already operating a restaurant upon the Oakland camp ground for the workers who are preparing the camp. The sixty-foot tent, with splice, will be used for a dining tent this year.

Quite a number of the church school teachers in California have written in, stating that they will be in attendance at the educational convention to be held on the Oakland camp ground, beginning next Sunday, July 2.

During the absence of Elder C. L. Taylor from the chaplain's work at the sanitarium, Elder H. W. Cottrell, of Mountain View, is filling that place. Elder Taylor is attending the camp-meetings in the interest of the young people's work.

The conference and tract society office, at 601 Telegraph Avenue, will be closed most of the time during camp-meeting week, July 6 to 16, as our base of supplies will be upon the camp ground. All mail, however, will be received at the usual address.

Especially should the young people plan in every way possible to be at the Oakland camp-meeting. They should camp on the ground, as the best meeting of the day will be held in the early morning. Experienced workers will be at the meeting to help those who are seeking for a deeper experience in the things of God. Come, and let us seek the Lord together for the blessing that is awaiting our demand and reception.

Claude Conard.

June 25.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

The conference president and secretary spent a portion of Wednesday, June 21, in Sacramento, arranging the organization of the Northern California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Our readers will doubtless be somewhat surprised to learn that Brother and Sister L. E. Leavett have connected with the Utah Conference, and will labor in that field in the future. May the Lord go with them to their new territory, and bless them in their labors there, is our prayer.

Our conference workers are much encouraged over the reports which have come in from the various churches as to the spiritual blessing received by those in attendance at the camp-meeting at Stockton. We trust this is only a beginning of a revival that will last throughout the year.

The conference office at Lodi has keenly felt the loss of the services of its stenographer, Mrs. P. S. Horton, during the past week, she having suffered an acute attack of appendicitis. We are glad to report, however, that her condition is much improved, and the present prospects are that she will be able to resume her accustomed duties this coming week.

When in Sacramento last Wednesday, Sister J. Scriver turned in a subscription for fifty copies of the "Message for To-day" series of the *Signs*, to be used in her missionary work. Sister Scriver's missionary reports are most interesting, and we trust that others may likewise feel a burden for this kind of work.

We are also glad to notice that the Lodi Missionary Society has increased its club of *Signs* twenty copies.

Brethren J. D. Alder, W. A. Johnson, and J. H. Boehm, who have been holding meetings in Farmington for several weeks, send us the following report: "Last Sabbath, June 17, President C. L. Taggart met with our little company at the house of Brother J. N. Webb, of Peters, and organized the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Peters, with nine-

teen members. Twelve of these were baptized a few weeks ago, and seven were received into the church by letter. The following officers were elected: elder, J. N. Webb; deacon, James Webb; treasurer, L. H. Crumb; clerk, Sister Rose Lorch; deaconesses, Sisters James Webb and Julia Lorch; librarian, Archie Webb."

The Lord has certainly blessed these young gospel workers in their efforts there at Farmington and Peters; and let us pray that this new church which has just been organized may grow, and become a power for good in the world, and that God may use it in His service.

Verah MacPherson, *Secretary*.

Missionary Work

Experiences

In a missionary service at San Jose Sabbath, when experiences from the audience were asked for, there was a most cheering response.

The first report was given by a sister who said that she had not been able to go out to get any one interested, but that in her home she had at present a man and wife, cultured people, who have traveled extensively, and that she has been giving them the *Signs*. They have become much interested in it, stating that it is the most wonderful reading they have ever seen. Later she introduced the *Review* to them, and they are delighted with it.

Another member reported that while working a certain district near her home she met a woman who said: "No, I think I do not care for the tracts. I am satisfied with the way I understand the Bible. A lady came to my home in Oregon and studied with me, and I am convinced that she is right, and really do not care to investigate anything else." On inquiry as to the denomination of that worker, the lady replied, "She was a Seventh-day Adventist."

Brother Johnson told of a touching experience he had just the day before in praying with a man in trouble, and getting him turned from the study of Mrs. Eddy's "Key to the Scriptures," to the Bible.

Brother Kates stated that he made it a practise never to let a day go by with-

out bringing in something on the truth in conversation with others. This has given him many precious experiences.

Sister Barraclough stated that she is giving tracts to families near her, and that some are interested.

Sister Bollman said that her neighbors are Catholics, but that she has made their acquaintance, and is having some opportunity to talk with them on Bible subjects.

Others took part in this meeting, and it seemed most inspiring and in harmony with the instructions in the Testimonies to devote more time in Sabbath service to exchange of actual experience in reaching out for those about us. As usual, at the close of the service the literature cupboard was visited, and the tracts and *Signs* taken liberally.

In the afternoon meeting the young people's secretary gave a good report of work done by the society. There are about fifteen in the society, and the Lord is blessing in their study and work. They have a Bible study each Sunday evening, led by members in turn.

W. D. F.

Binders

Of the work of furnishing periodical binders for the ships, Brother Charles Peter writes:

"I am glad to say that a great interest is taken in supplying the one hundred binders needed to place on fifty large steamships. The binders in morocco will cost from \$1.50 to \$2.00 each. Each binder will have the name of the paper and ship stamped on it. The Northern California-Nevada Conference are making up enough to supply the boats that sail to Sacramento and Stockton. One sister of that conference writes, 'I will pay for one binder and a paper to fill it.' The Mountain View society writes, 'We will furnish six of the binders.'"

The price of the *Signs* weekly to use in filling the binders is \$1.25 a year per copy in clubs of five or more. I shall be so glad to complete the work of getting these binders on the ships, and the papers to fill them, so that their influence may go to the ends of the earth in giving the truth to the traveling public. Would you like to help? Address Charles W. Peter, Room 19, No. 10 East St., San Francisco, California.

Book Work

Report of Book Sales in Arizona Conference

For Week Ending June 16, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
M. H. Shelton *	16	15	\$61.10
"Home and Health"			
W. O. James**	12	27	82.00
Total			\$143.10

* Helps, \$1.60.

** Deliveries, \$220.

Report of Book Sales in Central California Conference

For Week Ending June 16, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Past, Present, and Future"			
Nels Johnson	36	32	\$68.25
"Practical Guide"			
Minnie Shackelford	21	15	60.50
J. D. Thompson *	24	5	21.00
"Great Controversy"			
Berger Johnson	31	7	28.00
G. B. Morrison	21	2	7.00
Total	133	61	\$184.75

*Deliveries, \$4.00; helps, 50 cents.

Report of Book Sales in Northern California-Nevada Conference

For Week Ending June 9, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
Herbert Jones	24	9	\$39.50
Ira Young			38.20
For Week Ending June 16, 1911			
	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
Irl Fewell	18	6	\$27.00
Ira Young	23	7	23.50
Claude Striplin	26	7	26.50
Eva M. Travis	10	3	10.50
Goldie Fisher	7	5	19.50
"Past, Present, and Future"			
J. A. Schmidt*	23	4	8.00
L. N. Osborne	21	10	18.50
"Daniel and Revelation"			
L. E. Westermeyer	10	6	18.00
Total	138	48	\$151.50

*Helps, \$1.95.

Report of Book Sales in Southern California

For Week Ending June 16, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Heralds of the Morning"			
John Livingstone and Howard Miller	80	40	\$93.50
"Practical Guide"			
W. B. Findley	39	11	42.50
"Great Controversy"			
J. D. Rhodes	56	9	34.00
Floyd Ashbaugh and Ray Miller			53.00
Beatrice Price and Portia Price	25	7	19.00
Ruth Temple	3	5	15.00
"Christ's Object Lessons"			
Neva Axtell	3		9.00
Reathel Jenkins	23	14	17.50
Luella Ashbaugh			8.75
Otis Hudson	14	8	10.00
Hulda Messick			10.00
Ivy Thompson	7	3	3.75
Total			\$316.00

Sparks from Our Central California Workers

"Not a fiftieth part is now being done to extend the truth that might be done by scattering publications, and bringing within the sound of the truth all that can be induced to come."—"Testimonies," volume 2, page 655.

"The proper circulation and distribution of our publications is one of the most important branches of the present work. But little can be done without this."—"Testimonies," volume 1, page 687.

In the canvassing work, there are opportunities presented to spread the truth, that are not reached in any other branch of the work. A few extracts from letters coming from our canvassers, will speak for the truthfulness of this statement. Here is one that came in yesterday:

"Will mail you my report this afternoon. I was out this forenoon. I took the road west, until I came to the jumping-off place; but I feel well paid for my long trip. Took an order at each of the first two places. At the second place I was detained quite a while. The lady asked me what I thought of Christian Science as a cure for disease, also about Spiritualism. In replying I quoted several texts. All at once she asked, 'Are you a Seventh-day Advent-

ist?' When I told her I was, she had many questions to ask me. She said she had just given up the Baptist Church, and was undecided what to do; said she firmly believed the seventh day is the Sabbath. She said she has a very dear friend who is an Adventist, who had given her a lovely Bible, also 'Ministry' and 'Paradise Home.'

"She asked me of her own accord if I would come back some day and study the Bible with her and explain some things she does not understand. I gave her the last copy of the *Signs*, and she was very glad to get it. She was anxious to get 'Practical Guide.'

"On leaving, I inquired who lived beyond her. 'O, it's over a mile down there, and there are only three houses! I wouldn't make the trip. I'm sure you wouldn't get an order. One family are very poor, and the others are bachelors.' I told her I would go, for I didn't want to miss a house, and would show them the book at least. I went, and took an order at two of the three houses, both half leather bindings."

Do you wonder at the last statement in the letter,—"If the Lord can use me in this work, there is where I want to be?"

Another excerpt: "Our courage is good in the Lord to-night, and we can say with William Miller, 'My whole object is a desire to convert souls to God, to notify the world of a coming judgment, and to induce my fellow men to make preparation of heart which will enable them to meet their God in peace.'"

Are there not others who want to have such experiences as these?

J. W. Rich.

Northern California-Nevada Field Notes

This year finds several of our canvassers late in the field on account of a prolonged school term and the time of our camp-meeting. The reports are beginning to come in now from all parts of the conference, which shows that the book work of our new field has begun.

Brother Young writes from Plumas County that on account of deep snow in the mountains, he was obliged to sell his rig and take the train. He is just getting started in his new field, and we shall watch his reports with interest.

Brother Jones in far-off Modoc County has purchased a horse, which will be a great help to him in the mountains. Aside from men, the largest game he has seen has been coyotes and deer. He is of good courage, and enjoying much of the Lord's blessing.

Charles Eib, of College City, has recently come to Sacramento to spend his vacation, working with "Practical Guide" in this city and near-by towns.

The King's business demands haste, and we are glad that two or three young men are preparing to go into the field with motor cycles.

The prospects are good for the summer's work; and as our people read the reports from week to week, we hope they will remember our canvassers in their prayers. In this way all can have a part in this great work.

Warren P. Dayton,
Field Agent N. Cal.-Nev. Conf.

A Remarkable Answer to Prayer

I recently finished a book delivery in Kern and San Bernardino Counties. At times the way seemed all but hedged up. But in answer to prayer the way opens, time and again. At one place I took a large number of orders for the good book "Patriarchs and Prophets" Spanish, the best binding — \$5.00. These poor hard-working Mexicans informed me that they would not be able to take their books until pay-day, May 15. I told them that would be all right. Later on I saw it would make delays and losses at other places if I must wait until May 15 to make that delivery. I took it to the Lord in prayer, after which I felt clear in going to this place a week earlier. These Spanish-speaking people were all prepared, and received their books without saying a word about waiting until the 15th. One man who had not ordered the Spanish "Patriarchs" wanted one of the \$5.00 books, and got it at once. I did not lose an order from one of these poor, downtrodden, despised people, whom I was able to find; some had moved away. In a number of other instances my prayers have been similarly answered; all honors to God alone. Ps. 102:17; 145:7. Lean heavily on the blessed everlasting arms; they will never fail.

Walter Harper.

Midsummer Offering for Missions

In the absence of Elder Irwin, I am very glad to write to our people throughout the Pacific Union Conference with reference to the midsummer offering for missions that has to be taken the first Sabbath in July.

Let me first request our churches everywhere to hold their quarterly meeting services the last Sabbath of June, or else put them off until the second Sabbath in July, thus leaving the first Sabbath in July free for a missionary service. This, I believe, should be done by our churches without exception, unless, of course, it be in the case of camp-meeting.

To one who is closely following the march of events in the light of the prophetic word, there can be no question but that the end of all things is stealing upon us like the muffled tread of the thief in the night. I often wish I might speak with the tongue of an angel to awaken our people out of sleep, and to lead them to prepare for the coming of that great day. We have a world to warn, and the golden moments of probationary time are rapidly slipping away. Soon the western sun will have sunk behind the horizon, and the opportunities for labor will be past forever. With the passing of these opportunities, there will also pass the opportunity for giving. The Macedonian cry from every heathen land on earth is coming to us, appealing more and more strongly for help; and God is now giving us the opportunity to respond to these calls. Some can give their pennies, while others can give their dollars and their hundreds of dollars, to this work. This is the only way we can ever transfer our possessions to the kingdom of God. We can not take our money with us, but we can send it before us. This can be done by investing it in the work of God; but this investment must be made very soon, or it will be too late to send it on even through this channel.

The mission treasury is depleted, while many who are ready to respond to the call in the mission fields, are waiting until money is provided to send them forward. Some of our sons and daughters are out in these fields, and because of the condition of the treasury, are forced to make sacrifices that we should not ask them to make. Let all do everything within their power to increase the funds in the treasury by a liberal of-

fering upon this occasion. We trust that the officers of the churches will plan to make the services the most interesting and instructive possible, and will use their influence toward securing the largest offering that we have ever had.

The time has come for us to sell that we have, and give alms, and thus provide ourselves "bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth." May we each find this treasure safely laid up for us when we reach the kingdom.

E. E. Andross.

Who Will Respond?

What would you think, if the following were true, and the RECORDER should announce it as a fact?

"We do not want any more magazine workers or canvassers in the bay cities, as they have been fully warned of their soon coming doom. Workers have left the field, and gone to quiet places in the country and mountains, to await the Saviour's appearance."

How many would say, "O, if I only had known the time was so short, I would have been more active in passing on the tracts and periodicals filled with the message!"

I thank my Saviour that it is not the case yet, but we are told that the end is much nearer than we realize. The work is not finished; on the other hand, there is *much* to be done, and the laborers are few.

Those in our churches there who are valiantly working to bring others near them to the truth, those who are going ahead in the work with our magazines and books, are meeting blessed experiences daily. They find many waiting for the truth.

There is an urgent need for a half dozen or more consecrated sisters to help in handling our message-filled magazines from home to home and in the business districts. Are there not those who could respond, thus multiplying the talents God has given them?

I should like to correspond with consecrated young women, and older ones, whom we may help in taking up this work in these needy city fields.

W. D. Fleming,
Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

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Be sure to read Arizona's good report.

The good work Brother and Sister E. C. Boger have been doing must now be taken up by some one else. They sail to-day—the 29th—from New York to British Guiana, South America. May God's blessing accompany them.

Do not fail to read the notices regarding railroad rates, how to reach the camp ground, and other matter relating to the coming meeting, which will be found in another column of this paper; and then be sure to come early and stay until the close.

The reduced rate upon the receipt-certificate plan of one and one third fare for the round trip to the workers' meeting, teachers' institute, and Oakland camp-meeting, can now be secured at any time until the closing date of camp-meeting, July 16, over the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Western Pacific, and Northwestern Pacific railways. Do not neglect to take receipt when purchasing ticket.

To the Swedish brethren in the California Conference:

Another feast and a time of refreshing are nigh at hand. We would like to see all our Scandinavian brethren come to our camp-meeting in Oakland from July 6 to 16. We shall try to have Swedish meetings once a day. Elder S. Mortenson from Chicago has promised to be at the meeting. Let us all come to this camp-meeting, and receive the blessings that God has in store for us.

Yours for the work among the Swedish people,
R. R. Reinhold.

40 Surry St., San Francisco, Cal.

For Sale

A number of pledges to the \$300,000 Fund were made at the Tulare camp-meeting conditional on the sale of properties. Included in these are ten- and twenty-acre ranches in California, a 160-acre ranch in North Dakota, a lot in Hinsdale, Ill., also one in Los Angeles. Full description of these can be obtained by addressing Elder J. H. Behrens, Box 1304, Fresno, California.

Our church school superintendents and teachers will appreciate the following reference made in a recent personal letter by a conference president to the influence of our church schools:

“Sister — had really a successful school. She had about fifteen pupils; and such a difference there was between those children and the children that were attending public schools! You can hardly imagine it. Those little folks were at every meeting we had; many times on the front seat. They spoke in meeting, taking part in everything that was proper for them to take part in; while those who attended State schools were away; not at the meeting only on Sabbath, and then very cold and distant. Bright and beautiful lads and lasses they were, but far from the truth and its love. Certainly our church school work is no longer an experiment. We are on the other side of the experimental stage.”

The many friends of Brother and Sister Clarence Crisler have been shocked to learn of the death of Sister Crisler after a very brief illness at the sanitarium. Suffering with a severe headache, early in the week she was taken from her home to the sanitarium, where the physicians regarded her condition one of nervous breakdown. In spite of the very best medical aid and nursing that could be given, she grew worse, and with very little indications of the nearness of the end, quietly passed away Tuesday night. We know that the scores of friends and acquaintances by whom Sister Crisler was loved are mourning the loss of one whose friendship was so true, and whose sweet Christian life was an inspiration to all who knew her. Their deepest sympathies go out to Brother Crisler at this time, with prayers that God will come precious near to sustain and comfort him in this hour of deep affliction.

Southern California Association of Seventh-Day Adventists Notice

The twelfth annual session of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp ground at Long Beach, California, August 7-12, in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The first meeting of the session will convene August 7, at 7:30 P.M. At this time officers will be elected, and all other business pertaining to the annual session will be transacted.

E. E. Andross, *President*.

Frank Lane, *Secretary*.

Southern California Sanitarium Association

The fourth annual session of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California will be held in connection with the annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Long Beach, California, for the purpose of electing the officers of the corporation and transacting such other business as may come before the body. The first meeting will be held at 10 A.M. Tuesday, August 8, 1911.

E. E. Andross, *President*.

Florence Nightingale, *Secretary*.

Southern California Conference Notice

The twelfth annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp ground at Long Beach, August 7-12. Commencing with the evening of the 7th, at 7:30, and daily until the evening of the 10th, these meetings will be devoted entirely to the transaction of conference business. The session is called for the purpose of electing the officers of the conference for the ensuing year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

All churches in the conference are entitled to a delegate representation at this session on the following basis; one delegate to represent the church organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

The camp-meeting proper will commence August 10, at 7:30 P.M.

E. E. Andross, *President*.

Frank Lane, *Secretary*.