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

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Educational Convention

The teachers of the Pacific Union Conference held a very profitable convention at the camp in Oakland, July 2 to 3. It proved to be beneficial in a large degree, as educational matters along many lines were carefully and ably presented and freely discussed. A number of resolutions covering the work of the convention were presented and acted upon; these will be printed in next issue. At least a part of the excellent papers read will appear later in these columns and probably elsewhere.

The first meeting was held Sunday evening, July 2, in the special convention tent provided by the conference. At the entrance a line was formed, and all who entered were introduced to all in the line, in turn taking their places at the foot. It was a source of pleasant surprise to see the line extending around the tent until about sixty were standing.

Prof. C. C. Lewis presided, and in a happy, informal way made all at home and at ease. Prof. G. W. Rine offered prayer. Introducing Prof. W. E. Howell,

Professor Lewis briefly explained the purpose and plans of the convention. Professor Howell spoke of the value of convention work, the necessity of more adequate training of teachers and other workers, and the importance of the teacher's work. Bringing greetings from headquarters at Washington, D. C., he said, "I can report from headquarters that the leaders have a deep, growing sense of the very great importance of the giving of the advent message to the world." On the need of better preparation he said, "Our leaders feel the inadequacy of their own education, as also that of the many workers they call upon to supply the constantly increasing demands of the work." With this in mind, Professor Howell would urge that our children and youth, and especially those who are just taking up active work in the cause, be well trained and fitted to do the important work before us.

Response was made by Miss Katherine Hale and others. Elder E. W. Farnsworth remarked: "I have been more and more impressed with the importance of your work. Our teachers, to a very large extent, hold the key to the situation. If we can save the children that come into our families and into our communion as we ought, there will be a greater growth in the denomination."

Elder Luther Warren: "If the children are saved when there is no Saviour to plead for them, it will be because they are prepared by your help and the help of their parents; if they are ready to live in this world when there is no Mediator, it will be because they have learned the lessons of unselfishness, obedience, and loyalty to the great Creator

before that time comes. You hold the key to the closing up of this work. We must secure the help of the Great Teacher so that our children shall be real Christian children."

With the appointment of committees and further announcements, the first meeting of the convention closed, the pleasures of the hour promising a congenial and profitable sitting together in the days to come, a promise which was more than fulfilled.

At nine o'clock each morning a devotional meeting was held. These were conducted by Elders Warren, Howe, Taylor, and Farnsworth, and were seasons much appreciated. The Spirit of the Lord was always present in a marked degree, and remained throughout the later sessions.

Not all of those who were on the program were able to be present at the appointed time. A few were unable to be present at all. Therefore the program was not followed in the strict order of publication. At the morning session July 3, Prof. C. C. Lewis gave the address, "Some Present Lessons Drawn from a Historical View of Our Educational Work." Thought-producing and convincing, the paper reviewed the principal facts in the history of our denominational work, and presented some practical and needed lessons that we should learn from the experience of the past. While we have tried to follow the light given us, and in a measure have been reformers, there are some points of instruction which we have not fully followed, and which we must as educators take up and carry out to success if we do the work the Lord has given us.

Much is said these days concerning a

“safe and sane Fourth.” Unquestionably our teachers spent a safe Fourth, and, in view of the value of time, a sane one. The entire day was spent in the regular sessions of the convention, and no complaint was heard from any source.

“Qualifications and Training of Teachers for Church School Work,” was presented by Miss Hale. The burden of the paper was the raising of the standard in all our church school work. The training of teachers should be given high place in all our training schools and normals. The thought of the paper was heartily supported by Professor Howell, whose constant theme is the better training of all our workers.

“Methods in Missionary Geography” was presented by Mrs. T. D. Robison, setting forth the value of mission study in all our geography work. A set of beautiful maps was on exhibition, illustrating the thought of the paper.

Elder B. L. Howe read a paper on “The Certification of Teachers—Under What Authority Should This Work Be Conducted?” Especial stress was laid upon the value of the study of the book “Education” and volume six of the Testimonies. Discussing the paper, Professor Howell read the following recent action of the general department:

“*Voted*, That diplomas reaching at least to the fourteenth grade, from the advanced normal courses from our union conference training schools that have model practise schools connected with them, be considered equivalent to a first grade teacher’s certificate, good for five years following their issuance; and that upon the completion of three years of successful teaching within the first five years following graduation, and the presentation of three teachers’ reading-course certificates, the Department of Education of the General Conference shall, upon the recommendation of the school issuing the diploma, grant a sealed certificate which shall be valid in work in the denomination as a teacher’s certificate, so long as the holder is in good and regular standing in church-membership in this denomination.”

At the opening of the afternoon session, Mrs. W. S. Boynton gave a pleasing recital of a practical example of how the teacher’s attitude affects the pupils. The duty of our teachers in

winning their pupils was emphasized by the discussion.

The matter having been mentioned, Professor Lewis spoke on some evils of the per cent marking system, quoting from White and Baldwin against the system, presenting in its place the value of better teaching and reviews.

In the evening Prof. M. W. Newton gave a stereopticon lecture on “Norway, the Land of the Midnight Sun.” His explanation of the phenomenon, and the splendid views, as well as his forceful descriptions, were much appreciated by the large audience.

At the morning session of July 5, speaking on the subject, “The Unification of Courses of Study and Text-Books,” Professor Howell made clear the value and necessity of unity in all our work. As expressed by Paul in Ephesians 4, the spirit of unity will edify the body of Christ, the church.

There must be the element of growth in all our work; growth takes time. We have had to revise and change our course of study as time has passed. This has made a uniform list of books more difficult. Those schools and conferences which have worked the most faithfully and conscientiously to carry out the general lines adopted by our conventions and councils, have had the best returns from their work, have built up a work of the most substantial kind. We have a course of study which has been worked out by the very best educators among us. The best way we can take to know whether this course is right and correct, is to take up the course as it is and follow it out faithfully.

The true teacher is not dependent upon the text-book. If the teacher will use the text-books and course of study outlined, and put into the work his own personality, he may make his work a success. If we see faults, we can afford to wait until the time of general convention to present our views, rather than be too hasty to make changes, and thus find ourselves out of line and harmony with the general work.

The papers by Mrs. C. C. Lewis—“Our School Homes,—Their Spirit, Their Possibilities, Their Management”—and Prof. B. B. Davis—“Heart Power”—were read and greatly appreciated.

Mrs. T. D. Robison took up the subject of “Industrial Training in Our

Schools.” Supplementing her excellent paper, Mrs. Robison had on exhibition note-books and articles illustrating the work outlined. A lively discussion followed the presentation of the paper. Many questions were asked, and much information of a practical nature was given. Of the twenty-nine teachers present who have grades one to eight, twenty-three reported that they carry some lines of manual training. The question was asked, “What reasons are given for not conducting manual training in our schools?” The following were given: Lack of time, lack of preparation on the part of the teacher, plenty of work at home, public schools do not do it, teacher’s heart not in the work, opposition at home, lack of coöperation of boards, lack of permanency of teachers. It is confidently believed that the strengthening of these lines of work will in time overcome these objections.

Prof. C. W. Irwin spoke on the financial features of industrial education. Some thoughts presented were these: Had we taken up the matter of manual training long ago—thirty-seven years ago the message came to us—we would have reached a much higher degree of financial success, as well as advancement mentally, than we have reached. Not that we must make that the aim of our industrial work, but we can make our work financially successful—we must do it. We must learn also that our industrial work has an educational value, in that it trains our children to know the value of time, material, and money. It has also a decided place in character building and general culture.

The evening service was an address by Prof. W. E. Howell, the subject being, “Some Notable Tendencies in American Education.” This was given in the large assembly tent, and a good audience was present. While there are some features in the present-day educational system which are not for the best interests of the child or the country, it is encouraging to note the advancement along lines of sanitation and personal health, vocational training, agricultural demonstration, home making, and moral education,—all helping to make it easier to strengthen our work in Christian education.

“Plans and Prospects of the Loma Linda Medical College,” a paper read by W. A. Ruble, M.D., July 6, explained

the work of that institution in a manner which showed its advancement and place in the educational work. The many questions asked gave Doctor Ruble an opportunity to make clear matters not fully understood.

Prof. G. W. Rine occupied the evening hour in the large pavilion with an address on the subject, "The Bible Supreme as an Educational Force."

The final regular session of the convention was held at ten o'clock, July 7. "Our Educational Magazine, *Christian Education*," and "The Teachers' Reading Course," were presented by Professor Howell. Both were explained as to purpose and place in our work. Definite results of the discussion will be seen in the resolutions. The plan of opening the columns of *Christian Education* for the preliminary outlines and lessons on subjects in which we have no text-books of our own, was welcomed by the teachers. The subjects suggested to be taken up soon were geography, oral Bible-nature, and manual training.

Some matters still remaining unfinished, it was decided to call another meeting for Sunday, when the final reports could be brought in and the closing work of the convention attended to. At this meeting the committee on plans and recommendations completed its report, which was adopted.

Looking back over the few days of counsel and study, it is the expressed opinion of all in attendance that much has been accomplished. The one feature prominent is the unity which has prevailed; not only a unity of sentiment and speech, but the actions taken, the matters discussed and passed upon, the plans laid, all look to greater harmony and more complete unity in all lines.

Max Hill, *Secretary*.

Report of Book Sales in Northern California-Nevada Conference

For Week Ending June 30, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
H. L. Jones	45	23	\$100.50
Eva Travis	30	8	30.00
Charles Eib	33	4	14.00
Goldie Fisher	22	10	39.00
Bessie Yager	20	6	23.00
Irl Fewell	18	14	52.00
"Past, Present, and Future"			
Jacob Schmidt	49	7	18.75
L. N. Osborne	28	11	29.25
"Heralds of the Morning"			
O. Shrewsbury	35	19	48.00
D. R. McMains	30	18	41.50
Miscellaneous			7.00

Total \$403.00

Average number hours per agent, 31

Average per agent, \$40.00

Average per hour per agent, \$1.30

Report of Book Sales in Central California Conference

For Week Ending June 30, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
J. D. Thompson ¹	28	13	\$48.50
Geo. B. Morrison ²	21	7	28.50
"Great Controversy"			
Berger Johnson	33	8	27.50
Mrs. E. Morelock	32	13	39.00
"Heralds of the Morning"			
Otto Woensner ³	47	18	50.00
Will Winterberg ³	41	13	27.50
"Daniel, and Revelation"			
G. W. Eddy ⁴	32	6	22.50
"Past, Present, and Future"			
Wm. McClusky ³	30	11	25.50
Nels Johnson	21	25	65.50
Total	285	114	\$334.50

¹Delivery, \$10.50. ²Delivery, \$7.00.

³Two weeks' work. ⁴Two weeks; delivery, \$4.50.

Report of Book Sales in Southern California

For Week Ending June 30, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Heralds of the Morning"			
John Livingston and Howard Miller	62	33	\$72.00
"Practical Guide"			
Earl C. Hackett	12	13	57.50

"Great Controversy"

Blair Miller	45	9	31.00
J. D. Rhodes	46	14	50.00
Beatrice Price	28	7	21.00
Neva Axtell	25	5	16.00
Zetta Baldwin	25	3	9.00
Hazel Baldwin	38	6	18.00

"Christ's Object Lessons"

Otis Hudson	22	16	20.00
Reathel Jenkins	30	13	16.25
Edith McLean	7	34	42.50
Rosa Green	21	9	11.25
Luella Ashbaugh	19	7	8.75
H. C. Von Klitzing	6	6	7.50
Miscellaneous			5.00

\$385.75

An Ideal Report

Book—"Practical Guide"
Territory—Modoc County

	Hrs.	Exh.	Or.	L.	H.L.	Clo.	Value
Mon.	8½	14	4	4			\$ 18.00
Tues.	9	13	5	3	2		20.50
Wed.	8	12	5	1	4		23.50
Thur.	9½	12	5	3	2		20.50
Fri.	10	10	4	4			18.00
Total	45	61	23	1	18	4	\$100.50

News from the Firing Line

Reports from the front are full of victory. The enemy has had a bad week of it, and is losing ground rapidly. The minutemen from every post report courage and determination. Each has had hand-to-hand battles this week, and has learned better how to meet the enemy. Several have found that their most dangerous time is when they are on a little furlough off duty for a few hours, and caught without their gun. In such an instance it takes a desperate fight to get back to safety. It is best to be always on duty and wide-awake.

We are glad to get reports from two new men—Brethren McMains and Shrewsbury, of Pacific Union College, who are working with "Heralds" in Sutter County. These words from them are encouraging:

Brother Shrewsbury: "We started out last Tuesday, and, as we thought best, we called together upon the people the first day. I canvassed at the first house, and surely the dear Lord had gone before us; for the order was taken with little effort. Brother McMains canvassed the next place, and obtained an order in the half leather binding. We had

Book Work

Report of Book Sales in Arizona Conference

For Week Ending June 30, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
M. H. Shelton	15	9	\$36.70
"Patriarchs and Prophets"			
W. O. James	10	9	28.00
Total	25	18	\$64.70

evidence all that day that the Lord was with us, as He has promised to be. This work can only be done in the might and power of God. I have received remarkable answers to prayer this week."

Brother McMains: "The Lord has gone before us and prepared the hearts of the people. I called upon an old couple this afternoon. The wife was a church-member, but the husband a man with no regard for religion. I gave the canvass, and brought out the thought that this wonderful age is surely a sign of the nearness of Christ's coming. The lady took quite an interest, but said that they would not take the book. As I rose to go Mr. — spoke up and said that he had never taken any interest in religion in his life, and had never read a chapter in the Bible, but he said, 'I am going to read that book, and you can put my name down.'"

Surely the seed has been sown in good ground, and we can await the harvest.

Jacob Schmidt: "This report will seem down to you, but not to me. Territory thin, sometimes five to six miles between houses; people gone to the mountains, and nothing left but the old people, many who can neither see nor hear. It does not discourage me in the least, for I intend to make up for it next week. During the week the place where I had left my wheel was robbed; and on asking for my bicycle, I was refused. I 'phoned the sheriff, and was finally permitted to have it if I would call at his office. The Lord is with me in all that I undertake. I see His love manifested to me in the way He answered prayer."

Herbert Jones: "I think I traveled by foot and horseback one hundred miles to find my horse and get back to my territory. When I get too headstrong the Lord lets the horse loose or something else to bring me back where I belong. Affliction is one of the very best trainers. When I forget to pray, He holds back the orders; but when I am close to Him, He abundantly blesses me. The people can hardly do enough for me. Wednesday I got one \$4.50 and one \$5.50 order in the same house. I feel thankful that the Lord led me to canvass this summer."

These testimonies prove beyond a doubt that the Lord is leading these workers. He wants us to claim His promised blessings, and be positive of victory.

John Osborne has recently gone to Reno to canvass.

Irl Fewell has spent three days in his new territory in Merced County, traveling on a motorcycle. He has averaged a sale in every other house.

June 28 found Herbert Jones with a scholarship earned, having spent 125 hours, or about four weeks.

"Most men are strong on starting, but weak on finishing. They catch 'that tired feeling' right after they get under way, and drop out of the race. Fifty starts won't make one finish."

"Do not put your wish-bone where your back-bone ought to be."

It has been my privilege the last two weeks to spend the time with the canvassers in the field, and I have been encouraged to see their attitude toward the work—the strong spiritual condition that I find them in. Most have discovered that prayer is the key to the great power-house.

The Lord has opened the way for us to get a start with some of the influential people in some of the cities of this territory, and we have all witnessed direct answers to prayer.

Again I ask the readers of the RECORDER to have a part in this work by remembering these canvassers before the throne of grace.

W. P. Dayton, *Field Agent.*

The Field

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Come

The Southern California camp-meeting is to be held this year in Long Beach, corner of 10th and Orange streets; from August 10 to 20. The business meeting is called to convene August 7, 7:30 P.M. We have secured a very suitable location for the meeting near the geographical center of the city, and not far from the business center.

Long Beach is a beautiful summer resort, and the climate will, without doubt, be very favorable for such a meeting. We are looking forward to the largest gathering that we have ever had in Southern California, and feel sure that we shall have by far the best meeting that we have held.

We have certainly come to the time

when the Lord is ready to do great things for His people, to unseal the fountain of grace and pour upon His people the gift of His Holy Spirit; and it is now time that we should lay aside our worldly cares and responsibilities, and devote ourselves, for at least ten days, to the special work of seeking God for the bestowal of this precious gift that He is so anxiously waiting to confer upon His people. It has almost become a platitude with us to say that we are nearing the end, that the signs reveal the approach of that great day; but, my dear brethren and sisters, this is the living truth that ought to be burned more and still more deeply into our very beings, to awaken us out of our slumbers, that we may prepare, in very truth, for the close of probation's hour and the beginning of the great day of the Lord. Nothing of an ordinary nature should prevent us from attending this great gathering of God's people at this time. The enemy is working harder than ever before to deceive us and to lull us to sleep, and to make us believe that the Lord "delayeth His coming." All sorts of new doctrines and ideas are advanced by some who would unsettle the faith of God's people. The shaking time, for which we have looked forward so long, is upon us; and we need to come together and pray and study the old message that God gave to this people more than half a century ago, and to assure ourselves once more that the platform upon which we stand is truly planted upon the immutable, eternal Word of God, the Rock of Ages.

We will have with us during this meeting, if the Lord wills, Elders G. A. Irwin, E. W. Farnsworth, J. N. Loughborough, J. O. Corliss, M. C. Wilcox, and W. C. White, besides our own conference laborers. We are planning to hold the business meeting before the camp-meeting proper, beginning Monday evening, August 7, and continuing daily without interruption until the opening of the camp-meeting proper, Thursday evening, August 10.

We would urge our churches to send their delegates so as to be present during this period, and we shall be pleased to have as many of our people as possible present at the business sessions of the conference, that all may become familiar with the progress of our work, and with the plans of its future development.

We hope this will leave the ten days of the camp-meeting proper to be almost wholly devoted to the spiritual interests of our work.

Those desiring tents and furniture, should place their order at the earliest possible moment, in order to secure suitable location, and also the furniture desired.

E. E. Andross.

Sabbath-School Convention at Garden Grove

On Sabbath, July 22, the Sabbath-schools of Santa Ana, Centralia, Garden Grove, Anaheim, and Orlando will meet at Garden Grove and spend the day in studying Sabbath-school methods.

The convention will be the first service held in the new chapel that has recently been built by the company there.

The convention will open at 10 A.M., and continue till 4 P.M., with an intermission of one hour and a half for lunch.

The subjects for the morning session are:

1. The Teacher.
2. How to Keep Out or Get Out of the Ruts.
3. How to Connect the Sabbath-School More Vitally with the Mission Fields.
4. Question Box.

The afternoon subjects are:

5. The Value of Memory Work in the Sabbath-School.
6. The Sabbath-School Library.
7. Personal Work.

An orchestra of about ten pieces, also some special vocal selections, will enliven the program. All who are interested in Sabbath-school work are invited to come and bring their lunches.

E. S. Ballenger,
Artesia, Cal.

Spiritualism Discussed

W. F. Peck, a Spiritualist lecturer of this city, wrote to the Pacific Press stating that he had read one of our tracts on Spiritualism. He expressed a desire to meet a representative of our faith in public discussion. His letter was forwarded to me.

I called upon Mr. Peck, and found him an intelligent gentleman, but apparently swallowed up in the delusion that the teaching of Spiritualism is true, and that nothing can stand before it.

As there was no standard of authority

upon which we could agree, we decided to divide the time of an evening, and each have two half hours in which to express our views of the question, and answer any opposing arguments.

We held the discussion in the Spiritualists' temple, which was packed with an audience of five or six hundred, and many went away for lack of room, though we had taken no special pains to advertise the debate.

At the request of Mr. Peck, I led out with a half-hour talk. I admitted the phenomena of Spiritualism as sometimes having a real existence, but claimed, and showed, that the conclusions which they draw from it are unwarranted, unnatural, unreasonable, unscientific, impossible, hence false; and if they were true, they are useless, foolish; and instead of being, as they claim, progressive, they are retrogressive, having a tendency downward. I did not base a single argument on the Bible; but having first proved my position, I quoted the Scripture to show that it was in perfect harmony with the view I had taken.

Mr. Peck launched out with a denunciation of the Bible, trying to show that it could not be relied upon. In my next speech I informed him that the Bible was not under discussion, neither had I used it for proof; that I had proved my points without it, though I believed in it, and had shown it was in harmony with other proof. He was completely surprised with the arguments presented, and was only prepared to assault the Bible, so that in his second speech, he ran along the same line as before, though he frankly said: "I know this is not the question. I wish it was."

In his few attempts to answer my arguments he seemed, perhaps, the most anxious to show that Spiritualism was not useless, as I had shown it to be, and said it had been useful to him, and very earnestly said that he once received a communication that *saved his life*. I replied that he had proved that he did not believe his own theory and teaching—that death is our best friend, setting the soul free to enter a higher sphere, etc.; for he had claimed the *best thing* Spiritualism ever did for him was to *save him from death*; in other words, *its most friendly act was to save him from his best friend, preventing his promotion, keeping him from taking his degree, etc.* Every effort he made to answer my ar-

guments only left him floundering deeper in the quicksands of his own errors. Let us thank God for truth, and pray that some soul will be led into light by means of that evening's discussion.

W. M. Healey.

San Diego.

In Our New Territory

On a prospecting trip through the new territory lately assigned to the Southern California Conference, we visited the church at Bishop, in Inyo County, California, where we spent a few days in strengthening the little band who are struggling to hold up the light of the great message in that vicinity.

At TONOPAH, in Nevada, there is only one Sabbath-keeper, a sister. We spent a couple of days studying present truth with her, and left her much strengthened to continue to be a witness in that city for Christ and His closing message to the world. She made a strong appeal for a tent effort in that place.

From there we went to GOLDFIELD, in Nevada, where there is a small, devoted company, all sisters. As in many other places, Satan had been trying hard to deceive them; but the Lord knew their hearts, and sent them help in time of need. Two of the sisters had been holding Bible readings with their neighbors, with good results. Sister Canman reported that six had accepted the truth as the result of her work, but all had left the place. We spent one month with them. Two new ones decided to obey; and two who had become discouraged, renewed their covenant. These were all heads of families. Four were baptized. One was a rebaptism. The others were new ones. So the good work is continually onward, gathering out the jewels for the great harvest so near at hand.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Richardson.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

From the Tent Company at Galt

We have had good success in our work here the past two weeks,—one addition to the church as a result of these labors, another to be united with the church in the near future, while another is very much interested in the truth. Three more have promised to keep the Sabbath, at Farmington and Peters, where one of us has been laboring.

We have finished our work here at Galt, and the tent and goods have already been shipped to Modoc County, where we will take up the work in a few days. One hundred and forty-five books and one hundred "Family Bible Teacher" were taken for the tent work in that new field.

We will leave for our new field of labor Monday evening, the 10th, and ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters in this conference as we go forth to win souls for the Master.

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

Conference Items

Elders Watson and Brink report that their work is progressing nicely at Orloff.

Elder D. T. Fero baptized six at Lodi last Sabbath in the presence of a large number of witnesses.

Our conference Sabbath-school secretary reports that she is receiving a number of reports from the home department, also many liberal donations.

Elder C. M. Gardner, of Reno, writes that they are about to open tent meetings in that place, having their supplies already ordered, and will soon be ready for work in that field.

We are just in receipt of a letter from a sister of the Redding church in which she tells us of the baptism of three persons who have given their hearts to God and have decided to live consecrated lives in the future.

President C. L. Taggart will leave next Wednesday to attend the Oakland camp-meeting. A number of our workers, including Professor Colcord, Sister Mina Mann, Sister Lida Ackley, and others, are already in attendance.

President C. L. Taggart spent Sabbath, July 1, with the Dos Palos church. He reports the church in a prosperous condition. They have built a nice little church building, which will be ready for dedication in a few weeks.

Brother Le Roy Knott, who has recently been transferred to the North-

ern California-Nevada Conference from Utah, writes that he is pleasantly located in Reno, and is ready for work. We are indeed glad to welcome these efficient workers into that needy field, and pray that the work there may be successful.

Elder A. J. Osborne, who is with the tent company at Ceres, writes us as follows: "I went to Merced and Atwater yesterday, and conducted ordinance services at both these places. We had a good meeting and a large attendance." The work at Ceres is progressing nicely, and we feel encouraged as we see the hand of the Lord opening the way before us.

Verah MacPherson,
Secretary.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA News Items

Professor Colcord made a brief call at the office last week.

Our conference treasurer reports a slight increase in tithe for the past month.

Three dear souls were baptized Sabbath, July 1, and united with the Fresno church.

Two tent companies are operating in the coast division of our conference—one at Hollister and the other at Salinas. It is hoped a third one will be organized before the tent season is over.

Eleven canvassers are in the field taking orders for our message-filled books. A very healthy increase in the number of orders is seen from week to week in the reports of these workers.

Our new office building is now completed, and all feel to rejoice in the new quarters. We are praying that the work planned from this headquarters may meet the mind of God, and that His rich blessing will follow every line of effort.

Professor J. L. Jones of College View arrived last Sunday morning, and feels encouraged with the outlook of the Armona school for the coming year. The full faculty will soon be made up, and we feel safe in saying that the Armona Academy will not be one whit behind

in its ability to train our young people for service in connection with the cause. Our tuition rates likewise will very favorably compare with any of the other schools on the coast, and the outlook for a large attendance is good. A calendar is in preparation which will clearly set forth the objects and privileges of this institution, and may be had upon application.

It is also planned to increase the equipment of the school, in order that efficient academic work may be done.

All who desire to avail themselves of the privileges of the Armona Academy, should address Prof. J. L. Jones, Armona, California.

J. H. Behrens.

Missionary Work

From the Field

Since beginning my work as missionary secretary of the California Conference, I have been so constantly in the field among our people and churches that reports of the work have almost been forgotten.

It is a fact that in our churches we can see a feeling of individual responsibility on the part of the members to take hold anew. With several we have found quite a supply of books, tracts, and periodicals, which ought to be in the homes of the people. The work of putting them out has begun. In a recent *Review* article the statement is made that it is not more missionary agitation that is needed, but the actual doing of missionary work. It is refreshing to find here and there groups who seem to be following this principle. In Napa, for example, the young people's society have a Bible study circle, and through the week readings are given in the homes; rugs are being made, and the proceeds swell the missionary fund.

During an effort to raise a *Signs* club in one church recently, I saw a gentleman whisper to his wife, whereupon she raised her hand for four copies for six months. After the service, I was told that this man is not an Adventist, and has always bitterly opposed any expenditure for the work. The Lord can work on such hearts when evidences of the results of home work are presented. Pray

that more willing persons may be allowed a part in this work.

I am laboring hard now to secure some good agents for our message-filled magazines. Last week I assisted the Misses Cornwall in Napa, and they promise to make successful workers. One's first attempt resulted in the sale of seventeen copies in three hours, and the second record was twenty-five copies in four hours, both efforts being in the residence district. We want to get in touch with every person in the conference that can give some time to magazine work, and particularly those that would be willing to help in the bay cities.

In our churches we need missionary leadership, a feeling of individual responsibility, and real work. We appeal to our leaders to take a deep interest. Let us labor together in strengthening the work. The live church is the working church—all taking part. With the work we should revive the monthly reporting.

W. D. Fleming,
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A Little Tract Did It

Ever since Luther multiplied his efforts to proclaim the truth, by publishing tracts, sending them forth by thousands to kindle the fires of the Reformation, Christian workers everywhere have valued this means of assistance. The experience which follows is one of more than ordinary interest.

At a convention of Christian workers held some time ago in Boston, one of the leaders made the following statements relative to his experience with tracts: "There are two kinds of ammunition I always carry with me. I always carry the Bible, and always carry a bundle of tracts. I was in Christian work a good many years, and had been a minister of the gospel several years, before it even came into my head that tracts were of very much use in Christian work. I had somehow grown up with the notion that tracts were all rubbish; and therefore I did not take the trouble to read them, and far less to circulate them. I have found out I was wrong. After I had been in the ministry some time, and attended a convention like this in Chicago, and had gone

home, one of the workers wrote me a letter on some subject. I do not remember anything about the letter, but in it there was a tract entitled 'He's Coming To-Morrow.' I had heard about the coming of the Lord, but I thought the people who preached about it were cranks. One of the members of my church had asked me to preach on it, and I thought that when I did he would know it. I believed in it in a certain sense, and from my study of a German theological work, I was convinced that that was probably the correct view of things. But as I read that little tract, it brought the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ home to me in a way that was very real and personal, and it transformed the whole character of my life. The world became very small when I saw the reality, purpose, and possible imminence of the coming of my Lord. It was a little tract that did it."

Should not this encourage those who have purposed to put more of our message-filled tracts into circulation? You may hand out a message similar to the one this professed believer in the Bible received, to some one whose life will be transformed by it. The idea of "being prepared with our literature" is gaining ground. Instead of the Tract Pocket League's now being confined to one small section, the influence is spreading. A few days ago we received a neatly printed card from the boys in Mexico. Lo, and behold, upon a little study we found it to be the Tract Pocket League pledge printed in the Spanish language. Now is the time for the greatest seed-sowing. The harvest is just ahead.

Ernest Lloyd.

Half the Time Gone

Three years were given in which to complete the work of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. Half of that time is now gone, but half of the allotted work is not done. Not all the books and journals that should have been sold by this time, have been sold. The share of financial help expected for our institutions has not been received. As individuals and as conferences, we still have some unfinished work to do, at least in some instances.

It has taken some time to get the campaign started, and there have been many

other interests to demand attention. But this work is now fairly well under way, and its importance is recognized. Further delay will hardly be consistent or wise. This movement was launched only after the most earnest planning on the part of our responsible brethren, to meet a most urgent need of an important branch of our work. It is the one plan upon which we are dependent for relief for our sanitariums. We must not come up to the close of the time without having realized our full expectations, as this will mean the continued crippling of our medical work. Our sanitarium interests very much need this help, and we can not afford to let this opportunity of securing it go by without it.

Time will pass just as fast the next year and a half as it has the last; and unless we take advantage of the time while we have it, precious privileges and opportunities will go with it. What has been done so far gives us ample evidence that definite results are obtainable. The reports that come in from those who are at work, are most encouraging. Returns are in proportion to the efforts put forth. As individuals and as a people, we may determine how much shall be accomplished by this movement.

Shall we not guard against delaying too long, those of us who are delaying? Should we not all take hold more vigorously and push this work actively until we see its accomplishment? The work can be done; but of course it will be only by putting forth the efforts to do it, not by merely letting the time go by. Let all join in this denominational movement to make it a grand success. It takes *you* to help make it so.

L. A. Hansen.

"It is the duty and privilege of every one of God's children to create a heavenly atmosphere in which to live, and into which to bring others as you come in contact with them. The parents in the home may create such an atmosphere for their children. We may carry such an atmosphere with us as we go out among those of the world."

These thoughts, brought out by a speaker at a meeting recently, are worthy of passing on. They are what we need in our daily Christian experience. Let's put them into practise.

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The report of the Educational Convention, given in this number, carries the spirit of that meeting to all who were not privileged to attend, and gives those who were present a digest of important points, which they will wish for reference.

To see this group of upward of fifty educators in convention studying problems vital to their work, was in itself an inspiration. God is surely leading in the development of our great educational system.

You will enjoy, and benefit by, reading the report. The resolutions will appear next week.

This paper is made up just as the California Conference camp-meeting is well begun. We are glad to report a large attendance. One hundred fifty-three tents are filled, many have rooms near-by, and a large number are attending from their homes in the city.

Last Sabbath there were at least a thousand people in attendance, and it was good to be there. Elder Andross occupied the morning hour, and in a most sincere and touching way spoke on putting away sin and making definite preparation to meet Jesus. A quiet revival meeting followed, in which more than one hundred went forward.

Excellent help is present to assist in the meetings. Eld. A. J. Haysmer, of the General Conference, Eld. W. A. Westworth, now president of the Upper Columbia Conference, and Eld. F. W. Field, of Japan, are there. These, in addition to Elders Farnsworth, Andross, Loughborough, Corliss, Behrens, Taylor, and the local ministers, make a strong force; and there is no reason why this should not be one of the best meetings Cali-

fornia has ever had. Sister E. G. White will be in attendance a portion of the time. She spoke Sabbath afternoon to a crowded tent, and the Lord blessed the message, and gave her strength in delivery. God is present at the Oakland meeting. Let us pray that it may be a season of great blessing to all who attend.

Elder S. T. Hare, of Eureka, reports the death of two children in the church there—one the little five-month-old babe of Brother and Sister Shively, the other the seven-year-old son of Sister Weeks. We feel very sorry for these bereaved parents, but rejoice with them in the hope of the reunion of families when Jesus comes to take His children.

Church Etiquette

The following rules on church etiquette are worth repeating. If every one who enters the house of God would put them into practise, there would be far less confusion than often exists.

1. If possible, be in time. You need ten minutes to get your breath, get warm or cool, compose your body and mind, and whisper a prayer before the first notes of the organ are heard.

2. Never pass up the aisle during prayer or Scripture reading. If you do, your presence will distract the minds of the entire audience.

3. Be devout in every attitude; find the hymn given out, and share the book with your neighbor. Sing if you can.

4. If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door, no matter if you are at your home church.

5. Take the inside end of the pew, if you are the first to enter, and leave the vacant space at the aisle end.

6. Don't rush for the door after the benediction is pronounced, but linger a moment. We should be loath to depart from the sacred temple.

7. There should be no loud talking or jesting after the service is concluded.—*Selected.*

From every Christian home a holy light should shine forth. Love should be revealed in action. It should flow out in all home intercourse, showing itself in thoughtful kindness, in gentle, unselfish courtesy.—“*Patriarchs and Prophets.*”

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.*

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.*