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Educational

Recommendations

By Pacific Union Conference Convention

The following recommendations were adopted by the teachers of the Pacific Union Conference in the educational convention held in Oakland, July 2-8:

1. That we request the general department to prepare and print a form of church school certificate of promotion for pupils completing the elementary course, and that said certificate be issued by the superintendent, signed by the union secretary, the superintendent, the chairman of the church school board, and the teacher.

2. That we request the general department to prepare also a form of intermediate school certificate of the same essential character as that of the church school for students completing the elementary school course, this certificate to be issued by the union department of education, signed by the union secretary, the chairman of the intermediate school board, and the principal of the school.

3. That the test questions for final examination in grades seven, eight, and ten be prepared by a committee composed of the union secretary and the superintendents, this committee to be known as the Committee on Examination.

4. That the test questions for final examination be issued twice a year, the first to include only such subjects as are completed the first half year, and that they be sent in sealed envelopes by the superintendent to the teacher; that the teacher have the privilege of adding two questions to each set, making possible a choice of ten out of twelve for the pupil to answer; and further that the teacher prepare all the questions on such subjects as may be referred to him by the Committee on Examination.

5. That the teacher grade the examination papers and forward them, together with the pupil's yearly average of work, to the superintendent for inspection; that the superintendent determine and record the final standings, fill out the certificates, and send them as promptly as possible to the teacher for distribution.

6. That in making up the final standings, the ratio of final examination to the average of class work be that of one to two.

7. That the union secretary keep a record of the names, addresses, ages, and final standings of all the pupils of the union conference.

8. That in determining promotion seventy-five per cent be the minimum and eighty per cent the average required for passing.

9. That the final standings in all subjects be neatly recorded in blank printed form provided for them on the back of certificates and diplomas.

10. That as a great amount of labor, expense, and time for graduation exercises is not for the best interests of our pupils, we recommend that the closing exercises of our church schools be along the line of missionary programs or programs representative of work done in the school, in which other than eighth grade pupils may take part.

11. That in preparing these programs care be taken not to foster pride or love of approbation in the pupils, but rather a desire to teach the truth for the salvation of souls.

12. That the teachers of this union adopt the reading course outlined by the general department.

13. That as "a thorough knowledge of the essentials of education should be not only the condition of admission to a higher course, but the constant test for continuance and advancement," we recommend that in promotion in the primary school we do not adhere so rigidly to grade lines as to efficiency in subjects, promoting the pupil in those subjects only in which he has attained the required standard.

14. That no student be granted a certificate of promotion from the eighth grade until he is proficient in the essentials of reading, writing, spelling, and composition, and that we put great emphasis upon the fact that an eighth grade certificate implies a knowledge of Old and New Testament history and Bible doctrines as outlined in our course of study.

15. That we pledge ourselves as teachers and school managers to follow faithfully the course of study agreed upon at our general conventions, and that we not only recognize it but that we

also regard it our duty to report to the proper place our criticisms and suggestions for improvement wherein it may be found by experience to be weak or ill arranged.

16. That instruction in the teaching of missionary geography be given in the normals and summer schools, and that teachers be urged to make missionary wall maps for general use, and to require the making of maps by pupils in class work.

17. That as much may be done by parents when properly instructed, to train their children in intellectual and spiritual matters before entering school, we recommend that the union secretary, the superintendents, and teachers take definite steps to interest parents in home schools, giving them such help as will assist them in carrying on this work until their children are eight or ten years of age.

18. That where families do not have access to church schools, the superintendents encourage and assist parents to do work at home with the children in harmony with the church school course of study.

19. That in order to help in this work of parents, we recommend that the general department strengthen the Home Department in the journal *Christian Education*.

20. That we suggest to the general department the appointment of a committee composed of Milton P. Robison, Mrs. T. D. Robison, Miss Eliza Morton, and Miss Sarah Peck, who be asked to develop a more complete outline in geography for the seventh grade, embodying the teaching of missionary geography.

21. That Bell's Grammar be used until the general department completes its work of the revision of the series now in use.

22. That the following text-books be recommended:

Coleman's Hygienic Physiology.

The gradual introduction of Essentials of Arithmetic by McClymonds and Jones.

Some such text in Civics as Forman's, Clark's, or Townsend's, to be used in connection with United States history in the eighth grade until the text now in preparation be completed.

Economy System of Penmanship.

23. That graded lists of spelling words for grades one to six be prepared and published in the journal *Christian*

Education, together with practical suggestions and cautions in their use; and that the superintendents be authorized to select a speller for use in grades seven and eight to be used in this union.

24. That as there is a great need for a United States history written in the light of prophecy, and as much time, money, and effort have been expended to bring Bunch's History to its present state of perfection, Bunch's United States History be used as the text-book in the eighth grade; and further that teachers be asked to send criticisms on the book to the general department; further, that the general department take steps toward the revision of the book.

25. That as the management of the school home is an important factor in the success of our advanced schools, we recommend that in the selection of matrons, preceptresses, and preceptors, a high standard be maintained, educational and cultural, as well as practical and spiritual.

26. That as there is a great dearth of workers in this department, we recommend that managers of our school homes note those students showing adaptability for this work, and encourage them to prepare to become matrons, preceptresses, and preceptors.

27. That while our holidays should not be spent in patterning after the world, we recommend that they be not passed by unnoticed, but be provided for in a way that will be in harmony with the principles of Christian education.

28. That in harmony with the action of the general department that the unions provide for the certification of their teachers, we recommend that the union secretary and the superintendents constitute an examining board.

29. That we recognize the elementary normal certificate from Pacific Union College, Lodi Normal Institute, and Fernando Academy as a basis of certification of teachers, valid for two years without examination.

30. That we adopt the standard set by the General Department of Education in the following actions, with the understanding that in this union we recognize also the normal certificates and diplomas of the Lodi Normal Institute and Fernando Academy:

Voted, That the diplomas reaching at least to the fourteenth grade, for the advanced normal courses of our union

training schools that have model practise schools connected with them, be considered equivalent to first grade teacher's certificates, good for five years following their issuance; and that, upon the completion of three years of successful teaching out of the first five years following graduation, and the presentation of three Teacher's 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 anywhere 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.

Voted, That qualifications for teaching in intermediate schools include at least twelve grades in study, and some experience in teaching; for teaching in academies, include at least twelve grades of study, and special training in the subjects to be taught; for conference superintendency, include at least twelve grades of study, and actual experience in teaching.

31. *Resolved*, That the members of the convention hereby express their gratitude for the liberality of the Union Conference and the State conferences, which has made possible their attendance upon this convention, and especially for the thoughtful kindness of the California Conference in providing so abundantly for their temporal comforts.

Good cheer is the hall-mark of a brave and healthy soul. To give way to gloomy thoughts, otherwise the "blues," is a sign of weakness. This isn't asserting that no one but weaklings is attacked by the blues; but it is one thing to be attacked and another thing to rout the disturber. And that is what the brave soul does. There may be a very real and tangible reason why the heart faints and halts, for life is serious, and the world full of unexpected trials, but to sit and brood over a trouble only makes it look larger and larger until it finally obscures the horizon line, and darkness descends upon the soul. Wherefore, the thing to do is to cast aside all thoughts of worry for a moment—just say to yourself it is only for a moment—and when you return to it again you will be surprised to find it has lessened in size and importance.—*The New World*.

The Passing of the California Conference Intermediate School

At the Tulare camp-meeting, by a unanimous vote of the people, the standing and scope of our conference school was changed from that of an intermediate school to that of an academy.

Having been connected with the Central California Intermediate School as its principal from its first opening day, October 1, 1906, to its last closing day, June 9, 1911, it seems but fitting that I should say a few words of farewell, and congratulate our boy on what school men would call his "commencement."

From the very first the conference has held the closest relation to this school. Five weeks after the earthquake, we left desolated and fire-begrimed San Francisco, and come to the San Joaquin Valley for a few weeks' rest. Here we found the brethren of Hanford and vicinity agitating the question of an intermediate school. They solicited our help; but before doing anything in the matter, we sent for Elder W. T. Knox, then president of the conference, who came to Hanford and presided at the first public meeting where the subject of an intermediate school for the valley was discussed. I was not at that time in the employ of the conference. As Elder Knox was leaving, he requested me to take hold with the brethren and devote all the time necessary to establish this school.

At the Merced camp-meeting, later in the season, the conference described the boundaries of the district to be served, a meeting of the constituency was called, and the president of the conference acted as chairman while the first board of directors for the Central California Intermediate School was elected.

As principal of the school, I have been under the direction of the conference from first to last. In our religious liberty work and in the training of canvassers we have been furnished with the very best help the conference had to give.

The close and friendly relation between the conference and the school, and the valuable help given us by the publishing house, have done more than any other one thing to give stability to the school. It has been no mean factor in developing loyalty and confidence on the part of the children.

Taking the five years through, I don't see how any one could ask for a more

loyal support than has been given us by the patrons of this school. These people are fully in accord with the principles of Christian education, and they are showing their faith by their works.

The work of the school has been published from time to time. The progress during the past year has been most encouraging. We have carried eleven grades of work. Ten pupils finished the work required in the first eight grades, four completed the ninth grade, and four the tenth grade. With the exception of two of the required studies, two pupils did the eleventh grade work. Other members of these classes have not done the work of the year to a finish, because of conditions beyond the control of the school.

The work in all these grades is arranged in harmony with the courses recommended by the general department.

Besides doing faithful work in the class room, the pupils have taken an active interest in all lines of missionary effort. They took a club of thirty of the special Bible Series of the *Signs of the Times*, and mailed them each Friday afternoon to the public school-teachers of Kings County.

Twenty-four dollars was collected and sent to the Chinese Famine Fund. From our exhibit at the Tulare camp-meeting we sold about twenty-five dollars' worth of articles that had been made by the pupils. This money was all given for the carrying of the message to the Inca Indians.

The first four months of the year, 11,999 pages of tracts were given away, 10 books were loaned, 49 books were sold, 374 papers and magazines were sold, and a large number of papers, besides our regular club, have been mailed.

One hundred and eighty pounds of fruit was sent to the Japanese mission and thirty denominational books gathered for the work in San Francisco.

Miscellaneous missionary work, such as visiting, caring for the sick, providing for the needy, and letter writing, has been carried on to some extent.

Six of our boys are out in the canvassing field this summer.

Having had opportunity to become acquainted with Prof. J. L. Jones, who is to take charge of the Armona Academy the coming year, we feel confident that the work will be carried forward in a strong, successful manner. We extend

to our patrons our hearty congratulations, and bespeak for Brother Jones and his fellow teachers the same warm Christian fellowship that has always been accorded to the promoters of the Central California Intermediate School.

B. L. Howe.

School Book Display a Success

The neat Pacific Press booth located in the Pavilion Rink, near the entrance, attracted to it many, many teachers during the National Educational Association. Here our school-books were on display, and a specially prepared leaflet outlining the ground covered by these textbooks was handed out liberally. As we saw the interest shown in this, heard the questions asked, and noted the eagerness with which many listened to an explanation of a system of education based upon the Bible and its principles, those closely connected with the enterprise could not help but feel that the influence of the exhibit more than paid for the expenditure of means and effort to make it a success. A large number of *Christian Education* were used with the booklet. Brother H. H. Hall and Brother Charles N. Lake were assisted by Miss Katherine Hale, Mrs. Delpha Miller, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Holbrook, and other teachers, in attending the booth and meeting those who visited it.

Happiness

I can not but think that the world would be better and brighter if the teachers would dwell on the Duty of Happiness as well as on the Happiness of Duty; for we ought to be as cheerful as we can, if only to be happy ourselves as a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others. Every one must have felt that a cheerful friend is like a sunny day, shedding brightness on all around; and most of us can, if we choose, make of the world a palace or a prison. To be bright and cheerful often requires an effort; there is a certain art in keeping ourselves happy; and in this respect, as in others, we require to watch over and manage ourselves almost as if we were somebody else.—*Lord Avebury.*

Book Work

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

From the Field

"The work of the canvasser-evangelist whose heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit, is fraught with wonderful possibilities for good. . . . To every worker Christ promises the divine efficiency that will make his labors a success."—*Volume 9, page 34.*

Our canvassers in Central California are having some excellent experiences in their work, to which the following will testify:

Brother Berger Johnson writes from Monterey: "I feel rather encouraged this evening when I add up my totals for this week and find that the Lord has blessed me in selling more this week than any previous. The day after the Fourth was my big day — one full leather and three half leather." Brother Johnson is working with "Great Controversy."

"This has been a broken week," writes Brother G. W. Eddy. "The Fourth was no day to canvass,—everybody celebrating,—but I have done well considering; have given some Bible readings which were well received. I hope to have a better report next week, the Lord helping."

"I will try my best to put in forty hours and sell \$100 worth of books the coming week. I had good success July 3. I delivered one half leather 'Practical Guide,' two 'Great Controversy,' and sold two cloth and one half leather 'Practical Guide,' and rode twenty miles, in seven hours. My courage is good, and I am going to trust the Lord to give me success the coming week." Thus writes Brother Geo. B. Morrison.

Mrs. Minnie Shackelford writes: "This morning I met an old gentleman, a Socialist, and his wife. They acknowledged the book was fine, and said they wanted one, but that they were afraid to order one, for they had been so badly 'skinned' by agents, and showed me some pictures of their daughter that they had had enlarged last week, and how the agent had beaten them. He said, 'I told my wife and the agent then that I would run off the next agent that put his foot on my place.' But he laughed, and said,

'I know that is a good book, and will take one if you will tell us where you live, so we can catch you if you don't do the right thing.'"

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Field Notes

"In evangelistic canvassing, young men may become better prepared for ministerial labor than by spending many years in school. Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work."—"*Manual for Canvassers*," page 42.

Our canvassers who are in the field this summer are beginning to realize the truthfulness of the above statement.

Ray Miller writes: "I believe the God-fearing canvasser's life may be likened to a piece of iron ore taken in its crude state, refined, molded, and fashioned into an indispensable part of a machine which supplies a thirsty village with cool, refreshing water. It is our privilege to be a part of the machine." How true this statement is!

Brother Miller and Brother Ashbaugh report a one hundred per cent delivery. In fact all who have reported their deliveries report very nearly one hundred per cent deliveries.

W. B. Findley writes: "I am working every day full time. The people treat me well. I get into nearly every house, and hardly ever fail to get a hearing."

Blair Miller writes: "There are a few who will buy the truth. We can not expect that all will accept. Paul, the great apostle, said, 'I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means *save some*.' If we look back over the summer's work and see even one soul led into the truth, our work will not have been in vain."

In response to our appeal to the canvassers to make the week ending July 14 our best week thus far this summer, Hazel Baldwin says, "Having received Brother Cone's letter, I have determined to enlist as a Gideonite with the motto, 'Forty hours a week, or better.'" Several who have responded to this appeal have shown their willingness to do their best this week, and we trust that none will stop short of their very best.

Zetta Baldwin says: "I am sending in my report, and wish to send in my name

as one enlisted in Gideon's band this week. Monday I started in well, and just think, I placed one in the hands of a Catholic lady. She said she had studied it from the Catholic side, but never had studied it from the standpoint of a Protestant." Miss Baldwin is selling "Great Controversy," so we all know what it will mean to this lady if she will read the book.

Those who have been delivering "Christ's Object Lessons" report that every one seems glad to get the book. Miss Jenkins writes: "I had no trouble in getting the people to take their books. All seemed glad and willing to pay for them."

Edith McLean, who is working with "Christ's Object Lessons" in the oil-well district, writes: "I am still working in the Master's service, as you see from my report, and expect to for some time yet. I certainly expect to earn my scholarship this summer. I am of good courage, and am certainly glad that I started in this work. I went to a Methodist minister for his recommendation; and after he examined the book, he said, 'I will do more than that; I will order one!' And another man I started to canvass, said before I finished, 'I think I had better have that book.' This afternoon I worked one hour and took fourteen orders."

We are glad to note that the work is onward, although the excitement of the Fourth of July has broken into our work this week. Also several of our workers have been spending some time in delivering, which makes our sales a little low. Brethren and sisters, pray for these workers.

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

Affectionately Dedicated to Our Canvassers

You may tell about your prosperous days

And sing of great success,

Of how 'gainst odds in many ways,

'Mid trouble and distress,

You plucked success from failure,

Won plaudits and renown —

But give to me the gritty man,

Who smiles when he is down.

The world is quick enough to smile,

When fickle Fortune favors,

And any man's a hero, while

Success crowns his labors;

But when all this is quite reversed,

And fickle Fortune frowns,

It takes a man of sterling worth,
 To smile when he is down.
 And so I sing the song of him
 Of cheerful face and heart,
 Who, though the world may sneer at him,
 Does faithfully his part;
 Who, while the crowd is cheering
 The hero of renown,
 Will rise above earth's hate or love,
 And smile when he is down.
 And though the day be dreary,
 Or though the night be long,
 And though the feet be weary,
 Or saddened is the song,
 The one whom bane or blessing
 Brings smile instead of frown,
 Has learned life's loveliest lesson —
 You can not keep him down.

— T. H. Jeys, in "Field Tidings."

"If Jesus the carpenter would take a piece of rough olive wood and make of it a door frame for a rude stone dwelling in Nazareth, I know that as the divine carpenter He can take the poor material of my life and make it to serve some useful purpose in His kingdom, if I will let Him."

Report of Book Sales in Central California Conference

For Week Ending July 7, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Daniel and Revelation"			
G. W. Eddy ¹	27	5	\$19.00
"Practical Guide"			
Mrs. M. Shackelford ²	12	7	25.50
Geo. B. Morrison ³	8	3	11.50
"Past, Present, and Future"			
Nels Johnson	28	27	60.50
Miss Edith Willetts ⁴	25	3	6.50
"Great Controversy"			
Berger Johnson	28	9	34.00
	128	54	\$157.00

¹ Delivered, \$3.00; ² delivered, \$8.00; helps, \$3.00; ³ delivered, \$11.50; ⁴ delivered, \$1.75.

Deliveries for the Past Week
"Heralds of the Morning"

Otto Woesner	\$45.00
Will Winterberg	35.00
"Past, Present, and Future"	
Wm. McClusky	5.25
	<hr/> \$85.25

Report of Book Sales in Northern California-Nevada Conference

For Week Ending July 7, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Heralds of the Morning"			
O. H. Shrewsbury	47	34	\$81.50
Philip Cloos	34	7	14.00
"Past, Present, and Future"			
J. A. Schmidt*	37	12	31.85
"Practical Guide"			
Mrs. Ina Davis	35	13	49.50
Chas. Eib	27	7	25.50
Eva M. Travis	15	5	17.50
Irl Fewell	10	13	54.50
H. L. Jones**	3		12.50
	94		\$286.85

*Helps, \$7.35.

**Sold while delivering \$216 worth of books.

A Model Report

Book, "Heralds."
 Territory, Sutter County.

	Hrs.	Exh.	Or.	L.	H.L.	Clo.	Value
Mon.	9	22	3	1		2	\$ 8.00
July 4	9	20	6	1		5	14.00
Wed.	10	20	8			8	16.00
Thur.	10	40	9	2	1	6	19.50
Fri.	9	21	8	4		4	24.00
	47	123	34	8	1	25	\$81.50

This report begins small, but shows an increase with each succeeding day. The good time and the number of exhibitions show hard work and perseverance. The nine hours, six orders, and \$14 suggest a good kind of celebration for the Fourth. W. P. D.

Report of Book Sales in Arizona Conference

For Week Ending July 7, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
M. H. Shelton*	22	6	\$27.90
"Patriarchs and Prophets"			
W. O. James	20	18	54.00
	42	24	\$81.90

*Helps, \$5.40.

Those who take the written Word as their counselor will find in science an aid to understand God.—"Patriarchs and Prophets."

Report of Book Sales in Southern California

For Week Ending July 7, 1911

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
"Practical Guide"			
Earl C. Hackett ¹	19	17	\$75.50
"Great Controversy"			
Blair Miller	24	4	14.00
Beatrice Price ²	15	3	10.00
Leslie Ward	19	6	16.00
Hazel Baldwin	26	4	12.00
Zetta Baldwin	21	4	13.00
"Bible Readings"			
D. W. Frazier ³	1	1	3.00
"Christ's Object Lessons"			
Gerhardt Brown	26	19	23.75
Reathel Jenkins ⁴	5	1	1.25
Edith McLean	9	44	55.00
Luella Ashbaugh ⁵	14	3	3.75
Bessie Milholland ⁶	3	3	3.75
Miscellaneous			19.50
			<hr/> \$250.50

¹ Delivered, \$12.50; ² delivered, \$2.00; helps, \$1.10; ³ delivered, \$58.00; ⁴ delivered, \$6.25; ⁵ delivered, \$13.75; ⁶ delivered, \$104.00. Ray Miller and Floyd Ashbaugh delivered \$6.25. Mabel De Groot delivered \$6.25.

Book Work in Florida

Friends of our book work will be glad to read the following experiences taken from a canvasser's news-letter just received from Florida:

"Last Tuesday, I rode my bicycle to a little country town where the truth has never been preached, or any of our literature sold. When I arrived, about two o'clock, I was tired, for the road was bad. So I engaged a room and rested until 5 o'clock. Then I went out and worked until a little after dark, and the Lord blessed me with \$26.00 worth of orders. I arose early next morning and worked about an hour before breakfast, and took orders for five marble 'Daniel and Revelation,' and one morocco 'Daniel and Revelation,' which amounted to \$25.00. One man was so glad to see me, he said he had been wishing some one would come around with good books. His orders amounted to \$8.50.

"The harvest truly is ripe, but the laborers are few. There are so many at home, seemingly indifferent toward the work, that should be out in the field

actively engaged. There are those who have never heard the third angel's message, but are wishing for some one to come to their home and sell them a book that will tell them the truth for this time. There is room for every Seventh-day Adventist, in this great work; and the servant of the Lord has said there is no more surely a place prepared for us in heaven than there is a place prepared for us in the work here. Our actions will tell whether or not we believe this.

"I have had some good experiences to-day with the country people. I canvassed one minister for 'Daniel and Revelation,' and saw from the first that it was going to be a hard pull to get his order. But when we do all we can, then the Lord does for us what we can't do. I reached the beast of Revelation 13, and he said he knew that was the Papacy. Then we read about the two-horned beast of the same chapter, and he said he did not understand to what it referred. He decided then to let me bring him a \$3.00 book, so he could become informed on the 'image of the beast.'

"I found another man that wanted an encyclopedia. I told him I had a book that would give him more information than any encyclopedia he could get. I then showed him 'Daniel and Revelation,' and he readily gave me an order for it, also for 'Coming King.'"

"The true, plain path is here — well doing. Not brilliant doing, but well doing. Doing the work of life with a willing mind, a loving heart, with both hands, earnestly — diligence in getting good, being good, doing good. In this world, all the grand prizes go to a few brilliant people. But what a blessing it is to us, the dim million, to know that God recognizes patient merit, and that the grandest prizes of all are not kept for the brilliant, but for the faithful. Let us be content with our place and work, however coarse and common. It is not in brilliance that we shall be saved, but by pegging away in simple, honest work. But let us feed our souls with high beliefs and hopes. Let us talk to ourselves all the day long about glory, honor, immortality, eternal life; so shall our path of life, however lonely, be a royal pathway, brighter and brighter to a perfect day."

The Field

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA Lodi

The first and second Sabbaths of July were days of special interest to the church at Lodi. On the first, I had the privilege of baptizing six persons; and on the second, we received these into the church by vote. Also twenty-four others were received. Twenty-three of these last were baptized at camp-meeting. The services were impressive.

While we made a special effort to emphasize the obligations imposed by church-membership, and the absolute necessity for faithfulness in meeting them, the Spirit of the Lord witnessed to the truth. At the close the whole congregation greeted the new members, extending hearty welcome.

The attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting is increasing, and the conditions in the church are encouraging.

D. T. Fero.

Ceres

Elder A. J. Osborne, Brother and Sister A. L. Philbrick, and Brother W. R. Jefferson report the following from Ceres: "We began a tent effort here June 24, and have held meetings every evening except the Fourth, with a fair attendance, and apparently a deep interest on the part of some who have attended regularly. We are now presenting the law and Sabbath truth. A large number of tracts have been distributed in connection with the meetings and at the homes of the people. We are working and praying that some may be obedient to the truth. Please remember us and the people here in your prayers."

Summer School

A goodly number of teachers are preparing to attend the summer school at Lodi. The session begins Monday evening, July 16, in the South Hall parlors. Some splendid instructors will be present; and not only teachers, but mothers, will find the work of inestimable value. We hope to see others besides regular teachers in attendance. Come for one or two weeks if you can not remain for the entire time.

We wish to call special attention to the manual training to be given by Mrs. Alice Owen Rittenhouse, which will be invaluable to mothers for the home training school.

The prospects are good for a full school this coming term. Our young people are awakening to the need of a training, and are turning toward our schools for it. We hope to see a zeal manifested in this direction that will fill all our schools to overflowing the coming year.

Paradise

We are thankful to God for His loving care and the fruit He has given us thus far. Eight have taken their stand and are now members of the Paradise church, six by baptism, two being satisfied, for the present, with former baptism.

As mentioned before, there are several others deeply interested. In fact, we believe they are *fully convinced*, and will in a few days from now unite with the body. The general interest has been very good even from the first. Our subjects each evening have been straight to the point, and established by the Word of truth. There has been an undercurrent of opposition against our work all along, but we believe this has in no wise injured the prospect for successful seed sowing, with some present harvest.

One very noticeable feature in our effort here is that our enemies are made up of a class that do not attend the meetings. Another point that we have noticed, which has given us encouragement, and will also be pleasing for you to hear, is that some of those who at first stood in the ranks of our opponents, but who had the courage to come and listen, are now lining up with our friends. Taking all together, our late experience here at Paradise has been comforting to us as workers. Every assistance possible has been cheerfully rendered by the brethren. The loving spirit that controls each member of the church here can be felt by all who come in fellowship with them, and its effects seen by all whose eyes are not wilfully closed.

Several members of the Chico church have visited us, and with their words of good cheer and council have strengthened our effort. We are of good courage, and by God's grace will admit of no defeat. However, we are needy as

ever of divine help, therefore earnestly request the prayers of our brethren throughout the conference to remember the work at Paradise.

Fred Brink,
T. H. Watson,
Mrs. M. E. Watson.

CALIFORNIA

Oakland

The last Sabbath and Sunday of the Oakland camp-meeting were days filled with meetings of far more than ordinary importance. Elder C. L. Taylor preached a most practical sermon at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath, after which for an hour there was carried on a quiet revival in which the Spirit of God came near, hearts were tendered, and several hundred persons went forward. Notwithstanding the large attendance on the ground (upwards of twelve hundred persons) there was a quietness between this service and the following one that was most gratifying. At 2:30 the large tent was again filled, and the service resumed, Sister White speaking to the congregation. This was followed by a separation of the congregation, the young people and the children going to their respective tents, where social meetings were held, and the good work continued. At the close of the day, all who had entered into the spirit of the services could testify that it had been a day of blessing.

The closing day of the general meeting, Sunday, was more than full. At 8:30 Elder Andross began the concluding study of the sanctuary question. This was closely followed by a home missionary service in which about \$70.00 worth of tracts were put out for city work. Elder Farnsworth spoke at 11:30, opening up the study of the Sabbath question, which he concluded in the evening. Following the 2:30 preaching service was a meeting at which the Loma Linda College of Evangelists work was presented, the closing part of which continued after the young people had assembled in their tent, where methods of missionary work were studied at their regular hour.

While the general meeting closed Sunday night, a strong force of workers remain to carry forward the visiting work, and the evening meetings for the public. All through the meeting there was a good

attendance from the outside; and it is hoped and believed, and many prayers are being offered to the end, that a church will be raised up in this part of Oakland.

An Interesting Experience

God works. He answers prayer. His providences are worked out in wonderful and unexpected ways. A few weeks ago there came to one of our private sanitariums near San Francisco a returned missionary from China, a man who had given fifty years of his life to Christian work there, greatly broken in health. As a result of continued labors, he had wholly lost the use of his mind, and had to be cared for by the officers on the way home. In some way he reached this sanitarium, there was joined by his wife, and for weeks they have worked over him and treated him, even though it seemed of no avail. The one giving the treatments, in referring to it says that he would do all he knew how to do, then would agonize with God in behalf of the man's life. Those prayers have been heard. The night before the arrival of a son, an attorney, from Toledo, Ohio, this brother's mind was restored to him, his physical condition began at once to improve, and he has been enjoying the visit with his wife and son since, and praising the Lord for what has been done for him. Both the mother and son regard it as a miracle, and have already begun an enthusiastic investigation of the truth. They attended the camp-meeting one day, and in their visit to the book stand purchased several books and pamphlets on points of truth. Two of our ministers spent one day to visit and pray with this family, and they feel that the Lord has interceded for a purpose. The brother and his wife have spent years in successful mission work in China, speak several languages, and are consecrated Christian people. Let us pray that the fulness of God's truth may now shine forth to them in this experience.

An Experiment

Did you know that Peruna, Hostetter's Bitters, the famous catarrh remedies, the widely advertised Lydia Pinkham medicines, and others, contain sufficient alcohol to make a beautiful white gaslight? You should have seen the experiment de-

monstrating this made by some of the leaders in sanitarium work in the St. Helena Sanitarium meeting held at the Oakland camp. With a series of gas mantle lamps, each with tank large enough to hold a good sized bottle of the medicine, this was shown. The alcohol had not been extracted, and then placed in the tank, but a bottle of the medicine was uncorked, the contents poured into a tank, and the match applied at the mantle as any such lamp would be lighted, right before the audience. As one viewed those five lamps all burning brightly, each fed by a patent medicine made famous by its advertising, he was impressed that it was better used in that way than in the human system. How much the principles of health should be appreciated! "The Great American Fraud" is a ten cent pamphlet which fully explains and exposes the dangers of these drugs. It is worth your careful reading, and may be secured of your tract society.

"I'll Find a Way or Make It"

This is the sentiment and spirit of the latest issue of *Christian Education*, the special campaign number. Most interesting and inspiring are the messages from eight students in as many different schools, telling how they are solving the question of "making ends meet" in getting an education. Other students tell of their appreciation of their present opportunities, and what they are getting out of their school work.

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The influence of our literature in city work was discussed at one of the missionary meetings held on the Oakland camp ground. Elder E. E. Andross led out in this, speaking of the enthusiasm with which our people from their homes and missionary societies in Southern California have pushed the circulation of our literature. He attributes to a large extent the encouraging attendance at the tent meetings in the cities in the South to the influence of this literature which has been placed in the homes. When you put out a tract or a paper, you can not tell into whose hands it may fall, nor the interests it may arouse. Let us never grow indifferent toward passing on our literature.

We have just received a most encouraging report from one of our laborers in Merced, who says: "I cover the entire town once a week with the printed page, and there are at present over four hundred homes that are receiving the truth in this form. From the close of the camp-meeting to the close of the month of June, I put out 3,640 pages of literature, and we feel that the Lord is blessing these efforts. We are all of good courage, and feel sure that the Lord will be true to His promise that He will not let His Word return unto Him void."

V. M.

Creative Ability

The young man in demand everywhere, to-day, is the one who can create something, the man of productive power. There are many who can do routine work, follow prescribed lines, carry out in detail a program mapped out by others; but the man of original force, of con-

structive energy, who can start out in untrodden paths and blaze the way for others, is as rare as he is valuable.

There is always a premium on the thinker, the man of original ideas and methods and real productive force. Insurance companies are scouring the country for such men; merchants are in need of them, great combinations are looking for them as leaders; they are wanted in law, in the business world, in the field of science, in all walks of life.—*Selected.*

Learning to Take People at Their Best

One of the greatest lessons in life is to learn to take people at their best, not their worst; to look for the divine, not the human, in them; the beautiful, not the ugly; the bright, not the dark; the straight, not the crooked side.

A habit of looking for the best in everybody, and of saying kindly instead of unkindly things about them, strengthens the character, elevates the ideals, and tends to produce happiness. It also helps to create friends. We like to be with those who see the divine side of us, who see our possibilities, who do not dwell upon the dark side of our life, but upon the bright side. This is the office of a true friend, to help us discover our noblest selves.—*Selected.*

Personal Neatness

One's appearance has much to do with securing a favorable opinion from others. An exchange puts it this way:

"We can not all be handsome, but we can all be attractive in one way, and that is through personal neatness. There is something very winning about a boy whose face shines from a vigorous use of soap and water, whose hair is smoothly brushed, and whose clothes, though neither new nor fashionable, are still whole and clean. Such a boy inspires confidence. We somehow feel that he is to be trusted, and if he is looking for work, he will get it much quicker than the boy who is slipshod and careless in his personal habits. Neatness is not all of character, of course, but it is a sign of thrift and self-respect, and these are qualities that make for success in life."—*Selected.*

The Mission of a Good Book

"It will go anywhere, on sea or land; it gets into cabin or palace, reaches those otherwise unreachable, waits its turn to be heard, and is never tired of speaking."

"It travels further and cheaper than any other, is unaffected by climate, and untouched by fever."

"Once started off, it calls for no salary, costs nothing for food or clothes."

"It never changes its voice, and lasts forever,—until the fire comes."

For Sale Cheap

Three good lots near the Loma Linda Medical School and Sanitarium. A water right goes with each lot; water now piped on the ground; about 60 peach-trees in full bearing; a new building intended for a barn but fitted up for living rooms and occupied by tenant; also chicken house and yards. For further particulars, write to L. O. Johnson, R. R. No. 4, Modesto, California.

For Sale

Nice modern home two blocks from Fernando Academy, situated on a corner surrounded by nice homes. Two lots 50x126½ feet each, with fourteen full bearing naval orange-trees and twenty-two olive-trees, lawn, etc. Small barn. The house is modern, having six large rooms, electric lighted. The parlors are 14x28 feet, three bedrooms, kitchen, closets, china closet, pantry with sink, bathroom, back screen porch. Nicely arranged to rent rooms. Will sell at a sacrifice. Correspond with owner, L. T. Silkwood, San Fernando, California.

Utah Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists

The fifth annual session of the Utah Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Salt Lake City for the purpose of electing officers and trustees of the corporation, and transacting such business as may come before the body. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, August 30, 10 A.M.

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