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

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A Kind Word

Just try this, my friend,
As you journey through life;
Should you meet a weak brother,
Worn out with the strife,
Put your hand to his shoulder
And a kindly word say;
You will find, I am sure,
It is not thrown away.

A kind friendly word,
In some trying hour,
Will oft soothe and heal
With its soft, subtle power;
Kind words are like sunshine
On a dark, cloudy day,
So scatter them freely
As you pass on your way.

As you climb up life's hill,
Though the clouds may hang low,
Many others are tramping
The same road, you know.
If you speak kindly words
As you plod on each day,
The sun will shine through
And the clouds roll away.

So try it, my friend,
You will find it is true—
The words that help others
Will surely help you;
For a kind word once spoken
Is not uttered in vain,
Like the bread on the waters,
It will come back again.

—Fred A. Campbell.

The Field

Experiences in Arizona

By the cordial invitation of Elder G. A. Irwin, and of Elder H. G. Thurston, on behalf of the Arizona Conference Committee, the writer connected with the work of advancing the threefold message in this field, about the middle of last November, locating in the city of Tucson.

Tucson has for years been considered almost impervious to the Gospel. Ministers of all denominations, except Catholics, seem to have a wholesome dread of it. We found it true to its reputation. Nevertheless, with the blessing of the Lord, as a result of Bible readings, and a short series of meetings, in which Brother Eugene Brown coöperated, a few persons, who have the reputation of being "the best Christians in the city," are now delighting their souls in the law of the Lord, which of course includes the keeping of the Sabbath. The writer feels hopeful that if meetings are held in three other portions of the city, a fairly strong church may be built up in Tucson. Satan's instrumentalities to oppose the message in this place are Catholicism, Christian Science, and indifference. These constitute a powerful triumvirate in fact if not in agreement.

Baptism in the Penitentiary

Recently, at request of Elder Thurston, I paid a visit to the State penitentiary at Florence. We have there a Mexican brother, who is serving a life sentence, although he states that he is not guilty of the crime of which he was accused and convicted by the testimony of an

enemy. At any rate, he now seems to be very happy in the love of the truth; and although he went into the prison some years ago a devout Catholic, he is now an earnest Seventh-day Adventist missionary among the more than five hundred convicts in the prison, sixty-three per cent of whom are of his own nationality.

He had several persons whom he considered ready for baptism. My first step in the examination of these candidates, was to go to the superintendent of the prison and look up their record. He and his assistant took special pains in showing me the prison records to date, and in giving me every opportunity to investigate. After this procedure and a personal interview with each candidate, I felt perfectly free to baptize but one of them. The conversation, the Scripture reading, the songs, and the ritual must of necessity be conducted in Spanish, for none of these men could speak English. The face of our prison missionary shone with joy that even one of his converts was prepared for burial with our Lord.

The *Signs of the Times* makes weekly visits to this prison, and is eagerly read by at least two Americans. The wife and children of our Mexican brother have returned to Mexico, and his life would certainly be lonely were it not for his faith and hope and the opportunity for missionary service. With the confidence that I have in his Christianity, I believe that Jesus is with him in his forced confinement, for surely prison walls do not make of none effect the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The prison authorities give our brother the place of honor for integrity above all

others in the prison. Here is a place where the life of one Adventist is on trial beside several hundred Catholics. But we are all "a spectacle to men and to angels."

Mexican Meetings at Safford

It has been my privilege to visit our first Mexican churches in Arizona—where Elder R. M. Kilgore, who brought the knowledge of the truth to the writer some thirty-six years ago, baptized some thirty-nine converts raised up by Elder M. Serna.

Elder Serna, Brother Orozco, and the writer have just begun a series of meetings for the Mexican people at Safford. The attendance and interest are thus far very encouraging. Nearly all of the people who attend are Catholics. We trust that the Lord will give fruit for His kingdom.

A Suggestion to Our Young People

In making the journey to the penitentiary, I had rather a pleasant surprise. I came in contact with two men directly from Spain who could not speak English. They were much pleased to find some one with whom they could converse in their mother tongue; and for the first time, it really dawned upon me that even a limited knowledge of the Spanish tongue, makes it possible for one to communicate with any of the hundred millions of that race, some sixty millions of whom are in the western hemisphere.

Other denominations are urging their ministry to learn to preach in at least two languages. Why should not all of the young people of the denomination who have Heaven's commission to preach this Gospel of the kingdom to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, increase their efficiency by acquiring at least one language beside their "mother tongue"? The task, for young people, is not as difficult as many imagine.

Let us not console ourselves with the idea that the redeemed will all speak one language. There is a great work before this people in preaching the last message in every language under heaven, before joining in the universal song, rendered in the language of heaven, before the throne.

G. W. Reaser.

All frivolous words, all lightness and trifling, are enticements of the enemy to deprive you of spiritual strength.
— *Testimonies, Volume 9.*

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Conference Notes

It has been decided by the conference committee to have the dedication of the new conference building on September 3, 1911. The new building is situated at 2524 Mariposa Street, or at the rear of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Services will commence at one o'clock. Those coming Sunday and returning the same day can take advantage of the Sunday excursion rate of one and one fifth fare. A kindly invitation is extended to all to attend. Plan to be here.

Elder Behrens, who has been in attendance at the union conference committee meeting held at the Southern California camp ground, returned to the office Wednesday morning. He reports that the indications of God's prospering hand in the Southern California field are very evident.

A meeting of the Armona school board has been called for Monday, August 28, to consider school matters, and also to plan the erection of a new tank house for the water supply. Brother Jones reports sufficient funds raised to defray the expense of the same.

A conference executive committee meeting was held at the conference office, Wednesday, August 23. Elder Elmer Adams has been asked by the conference committee to fill the vacancy on the committee made by the resignation of Elder B. L. Howe.

Elder B. L. Howe, formerly of Central California, who is now engaged in working for souls in Western Oregon, writes us that he is enjoying his new field of labor, and God is blessing the work there.

Sister T. D. Robison is at present visiting the churches and isolated members of San Luis Obispo, San Benito, and Monterey counties, helping in the educational and Sabbath-school work.

Word has just been received from the workers at Salinas telling of the organization of a Sabbath-school there. Reports are encouraging from the tent efforts on the coast.

Word has been received from those engaged in the tent effort in Hollister that they are hoping for the organization of a company, and that they are still pressing the battle.

Sabbath, August 12, the service of the Fresno church was conducted by the Young People's Missionary Volunteers.

Our canvassers report good deliveries; and on account of deliveries, our report of orders taken is small.

Armona Academy calendar will be sent, upon request, by Prof. J. L. Jones, Armona, California.

Remember, Sunday, September 3 —
THE DEDICATION!

S. G. White,
Secretary.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

We have just received an order for ten copies of the *Youth's Instructor* and ten copies of *Our Little Friend* for the first Sabbath-school in Modoc County.

There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Northern California-Nevada Conference at Elder C. L. Taggart's home at Lodi, California, at 10 A.M. Tuesday, September 5, 1911.

By order of President C. L. Taggart.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Northern California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists at the Seventh-day Adventist church at 2301 K Street, Sacramento, California, at 2 P.M. Monday, September 4, 1911.

By order of C. L. Taggart, president.

We are pleased to announce to the constituency of the Northern California-Nevada Conference, as well as to others interested, that the new organization of the Northern California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is now quite complete, this association having received a charter from the State of California for fifty years on the 21st day of August, 1911.

The friends of the Lodi normal will be glad to hear that from present pros-

pects the enrolment for the coming year will be by far the largest in the history of the institution. Several from Oklahoma and more distant places, besides a very large number from the Sacramento and Northern San Joaquin valleys, have expressed their determination to attend this training school the coming year.

For those who are interested in the locality in which Brethren Holbrook, Alder, and Johnson are working, the following is taken from one of their letters:

"Surprise Valley is sixty miles long and sixty-eight miles in width, with two lakes in the center covering a distance of about forty miles in length. The west side of the valley is very productive; hay, grain, fruits, and vegetables do well. The water is the best we ever drank—cool and pure. At present all supplies have to be freighted fifty miles with teams over the mountains, but the Western Pacific Railroad is planning to get into this territory before long." Brother Holbrook closed his letter thus: "Our courage is fine, and we have great hopes of having a good church here before many months." May the Lord bless these brethren in their effort, is our prayer.

Verah MacPherson,
Secretary.

An Omission

In the directory of elders given in the RECORDER August 17, we notice that L. H. Wolfson, elder of the Merced church, was accidentally left out, and we hasten to make correction; also the name of C. N. Nichols should have been given in connection with C. H. Abbott of the Lodi church; and the name of C. H. Matthews, as elder of the Stockton church instead of J. C. Miller.

Where Laws Are Made

Sacramento, the largest of the Northern California-Nevada Conference cities, is important for many reasons. It contains the capitol of the State, and is a railroad center. Therefore it will be visited many times by the laborers of this and other conferences on their way to and from their respective fields. Bearing this in mind the Northern California-Nevada Conference has decided to locate their headquarters in this city,

and is arranging for suitable quarters, etc., at the present time.

Those of our brethren who have not visited Sacramento for some years, may remember the church formerly located on G Street near Eighteenth. About three years ago this property was sold; and the Congregational church on the corner of Twenty-third and K streets was purchased. This is a very desirable location. For a representative city of such importance, our present church building hardly gives credit to the truths which we hold. We are therefore seriously contemplating the erection of a new building on this same corner. Sacramento is growing rapidly, and we want the message to keep pace with it. We believe there is room for more than one church here. A resolution was passed at our last camp-meeting that Sacramento was to have a tent effort this summer.

I came across a large tent for sale cheap, 18 x 30 feet, pitched roof, with five foot walls, and made of ten ounce army duck, used only three months. I asked the brethren and sisters to purchase it for me, which they did. I had the front and back ends split open on the corners, so that it can be closed with clasps, and had the walls raised two feet higher all around. The tent is now arranged so that I can have the front and rear ends raised and extended out to form a canopy; also the same may be done with the sides if need be, so that as the crowds gather they can still be under the canvas. The seating capacity with the tabernacle closed all round is one hundred thirty-five; with it open on one or all sides, many more. It is carpeted and electrically lighted. There are no large, heavy center poles with iron rings to contend with, and it can be pitched on a forty foot lot as at present.

We began meetings June 30, and are now in our third week, and aim to close the effort before the State Fair opens. The tent has been full almost every evening. We have seventeen* to twenty Sabbath-keepers, and a number of these are inquiring about baptism already; but other points of truth are necessary first. Pray for them, brethren, that they may accept the message in its fulness, and walk with the people of God.

At the beginning of the meeting, Brother Charles Eib, of College City, as-

sisted in opening services; but he has been called home. Sister Irene Griffith is assisting in the Bible work.

We claim victory for these souls, at the throne of grace; and may God grant our petitions!

F. De Witt Gauterau.

Orloff

After closing our effort at Orloff proper, we moved our tent about two miles into a district where live some of our interested hearers. From the first the attendance has been good, and the people very kind. However, it has not been all clear sailing by any means. It has simply been a shifting of battlefields. At times the outlook has been dark, and the way of advance closed against us; but the One "who has never lost a battle" has proved His presence and His promise, and the outcome is *victory.*

While we would have rejoiced in seeing a large number make the full and complete surrender, we do, nevertheless, thank God sincerely for three precious souls in this last effort. For a few days we plan to follow up the remaining interest by home work, and hope to see others step over the line. In our last baptism the power of God was greatly manifested, and many in this neighborhood deeply affected. As soon as we finish here, our plans are to go to Concow, a valley fifteen or twenty miles farther back in the mountains, at which place we have already made one missionary visit, and where, for a few weeks, we hope to have a refreshing season with the people there.

Pray that the work in this section may prosper.

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

Stillwater, Nevada

We are pleased to announce that our tent effort at Stillwater, Nevada, opened Sunday night, August 20, with the seats nearly all full. The Spirit and power of God were evidenced by the extreme quietness and perfect attention.

A friendly spirit, coupled with interest, seemed to rest upon the people. The saloon-keeper of the town keeps the post-office and only hotel. He is also one of the county commissioners. As he

owned ground favorable for a tent location, we went into the saloon to see him. After having been cordially greeted, we frankly stated our business, and received the friendly assurance that we could pitch our tent anywhere we wanted on his ground. He also laughingly stated that while he was not much of a Bible student, he would do what he could to help us in that way.

We are thankful to God for the kindness shown us by the people. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that our work may be such that He can bless; for we know that "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

LeRoy Knott,
B. E. Baldwin.

Paradise

The work here is onward. Since the beginning of the tent meetings on June 28, a number of dear souls have followed their Lord in baptism. Others have asked for the prayers of God's people, and expressed themselves as wanting to live a Christian life.

But as it was in the days of Job, Satan has also been present at this feast. He has tried in every way possible to stop the work. However, we have had one great comfort: when we saw him gaining a foothold, or getting too bold in his effort, we would call all the church-members together, and have a special season of prayer for the advancement of the work. In every instance we have seen Satan forced to submit to the great Commander-in-Chief who has never lost a battle.

The meetings have been well attended since the first—from fifteen to thirty-five every night, and some nights seventy-five and ninety. I am sure that any one who is acquainted with this mountain district will say that is a *good* attendance. The attention is the very best.

When the tent came, several of the old settlers told us there was very little use to pitch the tent, that not only would there be much confusion, but the meetings would be broken up entirely; for services in the other churches had been broken up several different times.

One evening we did hear threats of cutting the ropes. The same evening, a few rocks were showered on the tent, one falling right at the minister's feet

while he was talking; but the boys who threw them soon learned that we were their friends, and they came inside and listened as attentively as any one present, even choosing to sit on the front row.

The ministers—Elders T. H. Watson and Fred Brink—have visited every family for several miles around. This is the same territory that dear old brother James A. Dye, who is now sleeping in Jesus, worked so faithfully for two years, visiting every family within a three mile circle each week with the *Signs of the Times* and tracts, talking, reading, and pleading with them.

We have lived here four years, during which time we have been kept busy treating different diseases, throwing out suggestions on health, giving Bible readings, distributing literature, canvassing,

and in every way possible trying to lose no opportunity in giving this great message of mercy to the people of this community; and we feel that those who do not take their stand for the whole truth as taught from the Bible, will be left without excuse.

We ask the prayers of all God's people for the work here at Paradise, for Satan surely will not give up without a great effort.

Sadie Crawford,
August 24. Librarian.

Let us try to appreciate the labor and energy that heaven is expending to reclaim the lost, and bring them back to the Father's house. Motives stronger and agencies more powerful, could never be brought into operation.—"*Steps to Christ.*"

Report of Sabbath-Schools in the California Conference For Quarter Ending June 30, 1911

School	Mem.	Av. At.	Total Contri.	Exp.	Donated to Miss.	Av. per member
Alameda	34	26	\$33.59		\$33.59	\$0.068
Arcata	18	16	6.25		6.25	.026
Banner (No report this quarter)						
Berkeley	47	34	45.49		45.49	.074
Byron	7	5	5.00		5.00	.055
Calistoga	38	28	8.94		8.94	.018
Eureka	70	65	19.97		19.97	.022
Ferndale	11	7	5.05	\$2.85	2.20	.015
Fortuna	10	6	6.40		6.40	.049
Guerneville	4	4	5.39		5.39	.10
Haywards	19	10	8.65		8.65	.035
Healdsburg	120	84	40.14		40.14	.025
Kelseyville	9	6	2.70		2.70	.023
Los Gatos	34	18	13.42		13.42	.03
McKinleyville (No report this quarter)						
Melrose	90	80	34.54		34.54	.03
Miranda	11	10	6.01		6.01	.042
Morgan Hill	24	18	10.83		10.83	.034
Mountain View	173	145	121.04		121.04	.058
Mt. Eden	3	1	.90		.90	.023
Napa	70	40	21.72		21.72	.023
Oakland	243	229	114.93		114.93	.036
Oakville	9	9	5.68		5.68	.048
Pacific Union College	102	86	36.31		36.31	.027
Palo Alto	5	3	3.10		3.10	.047
Pepperwood	28	22	4.80		4.80	.013
Petaluma	26	17	6.78		6.78	.018
Petrolia	7	7	5.00		5.00	.054
Richmond	24	18	11.51		11.51	.036
San Felipe	9	4	4.40		4.40	.037
San Francisco	93	68	50.54		50.54	.04
San Francisco, Park	24	17	18.72		18.72	.06
San Francisco, Union	26	22	23.56		23.56	.07
Sanitarium	177	136	122.32		122.32	.053
San Jose	83	58	28.08		28.08	.026
Santa Cruz	36	29	15.01		15.01	.032
Santa Rosa	38	38	14.11		14.11	.028
Sebastopol	69	45	16.77		16.77	.018
Sonoma	34	24	11.00	(2 quarters)	11.00	.022
St. Helena	86	80	30.79		30.79	.027
Ukiah	25	21	14.68		14.68	.044
Vallejo	32	30	10.00		10.00	.024
Vista Grande*	28	20	5.73		5.73	.015
Watsonville	27	27	8.46		8.46	.024
State Home Department	44	23	19.46		19.46	.034
Total	2067	1636	\$987.77	\$2.85	\$984.92	\$0.037
Oakland and Eureka Camp-meetings			433.87		433.87	
			\$1421.64		\$1418.79	

Rosamond D. Ginther,
Secretary.

* Only organized three weeks.

CALIFORNIA

Conference Current

En route from Southern California to St. Helena, Prof. C. W. Irwin made a pleasant call at the Oakland office last week. He reports encouraging prospects at the college.

Having been asked by the Pacific Union Conference Committee to attend the Utah camp-meeting at Salt Lake City beginning August 29, Elder E. W. Farnsworth left Oakland Sunday evening, August 27.

A meeting of the California Conference Committee was held in Oakland last Sunday to plan for future work in the conference, and to consider matters connected with the rapid advancement of the message.

Returning from the Southern California camp-meeting, Elder and Mrs. Farnsworth reached Oakland Wednesday night of last week. He left early the next morning for St. Helena, to attend a meeting of the Pacific Union College Board.

Brother C. W. Peter, our ship missionary in San Francisco, and Brother George Reese are spending a short time among the logging and lumber camps in the counties north of the bay, disposing of a stock of our books. Encouraging reports have been received from them.

A note received from Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau, circulation manager of the magazine work of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, in Washington, D. C., contains the following of encouragement under date of August 13: "72,000 August *Life and Health* all sold. 1,500 short. To-day's orders called for 6,900 *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and the *Protestant Magazine*.

Claude Conard.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 1911

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
California						
Will Winterberg	Heralds	40	20		\$45.00	
D. M. Lawrence	P. G.	30	8		33.00	
W. W. Peterson	P. P. F.	31	11		32.75	
Otto Woesner	Heralds	40	15		31.50	
Claud Magill	P. P. F.	26			26.00	
Mrs. Gaylord and Miss Lukens	P. G.	20	5		24.50	
Belle Williford	P. P. F.	20	11		21.25	
E. E. Beddoe	P. P. F.	22	4		7.50	
Elsie Green	P. P. F.	5	4		10.00	
10 Agents		234			\$231.50	

Southern California

H R. Miller and John Livingstone *	Heralds	102	44		\$113.00	
C. N. Hewitt	G. C.	29	3		11.00	\$25.00
Leslie Ward	G. C.	20	6		17.00	
Blair Miller	G. C.	22			4.00	52.00
Ray Miller and Floyd Ashbaugh	G. C.				40.00	
W. B. Findley	P. G.	39	9		32.00	
Miscellaneous					45.00	45.00
8 Agents					\$262.00	\$122.00
* Two weeks						

Arizona

J. A. Kindsman	B. R.	9	5		\$16.00	
W. O. James						\$225.00
2 Agents		9	5		\$16.00	\$225.00

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Arizona

J. A. Kindsman	B. R.	7	3		\$10.00	
W. O. James	P. & P.	14	11	\$3.00	36.00	
2 Agents		21	14	\$3.00	\$46.00	

For Week Ending August 19, 1911

	Hrs.	Copies	Value
<i>Signs of the Times</i>			
Mrs. W. D. Fleming	24	539	\$54.70
Miss L. Johnson	26	430	43.00
<i>Life and Health</i>			
Mrs. S. Graves *	90	90.00	90.00
<i>Watchman</i>			
Mrs. S. Graves	200	20.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	100	10.00	10.00
	2,169	\$217.70	

* Four weeks.

at least, wish to call the attention of our readers to what one has accomplished here, and thus may encourage a few others to go and do likewise — or better.

It is a fact that it is a serious question to handle. The customs of the people of this land are against such things, and this makes the problem just that much harder. Girls seldom go on the street except accompanied by a servant or some member of their family, and they do very little visiting.

Can Ladies Sell Books in Mexico?

There have been great doubts in the minds of many people as to whether young ladies could make a success of the canvassing work in Mexico or not. I,

The girl who is determined to make a success of canvassing, can. It all depends on herself. She must have a strong character, a forceful personality, a well of enthusiasm, a consecrated

“Say not the days are evil—who’s to blame?

And fold the hands and acquiesce—
O shame!

Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in
God’s name,

Be strong!

heart, a love for her work, a burden for souls, and a sense of the necessity of faithfulness. The reports below show what one young lady has done here. I need hardly add that this is another proof of the special blessings which the canvassing work is receiving. She first started out by going with a canvasser and seeing him present the book and hearing his arguments and selling-points. This was some nine months ago. After two weeks she tried alone and succeeded. At that time we were working with a health book which was very popular. The reports here are for a religious work, "Patriarchs and Prophets," a very unpopular one. She has worked only among the women, leaving the commercial portion of the territory to the men workers. The women here are timid, and some absolutely will not buy anything without the permission of their husbands, fathers, brothers, or sons, and so special efforts and selling talks have to be used to get the orders. These figures, therefore, seem to show the results of good, hard, enthusiastic work. Up to June 29 her deliveries had averaged 100 per cent.

Week Ending	Hours	Orders	Value
March 17	9	14	\$ 59.75
April 7	10½	20	84.00
2 weeks April 28	7	15	73.00
	26½	49	\$216.75
May 26	15	8	\$ 36.00
June 2	21	19	86.00
" 9	20	26	117.50
" 17	19	24	102.00
" 23	32	24	110.50
	107	101	\$452.00

May these facts and figures help some of those who are timid to enter the work, try it, and prove what they can do. There are great opportunities in Mexico, and NOW is the time to take advantage of them.

J. A. P. Green.

Central California Field Items

The following are two letters that I have come in possession of from one of our canvassers. These letters will help us to appreciate the opportunities that are afforded to our canvassers to do real missionary work, and also how they are improving them. This first letter I believe has been seen in the columns of

the RECORDER before. I give it here again to show the connection.

"The lady asked me what I thought of Christian Science as a cure for disease, also about Spiritualism. I quoted several texts to her. All at once she asked, 'Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?' 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 was the Sabbath, but that she is afraid to take her stand with us, for her husband does not believe the Bible, and is so opposed to religion. 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."

This second letter was received here at the office to-day. It reads as follows:

"I have had some good experiences, and the Lord has blessed me so much. You remember the woman I told you about that said she believed the seventh day was the Sabbath, but was afraid to step out? I have given her reading-matter and called on her, and she has decided to keep the Sabbath, and promised to start to-morrow. Her husband says he will not oppose her, and I do hope he will not."

From these letters, is it not more fully demonstrated that the canvassing work is missionary work of the highest order? Truly the Lord is blessing the labors of our faithful, God-fearing canvassers. Let us all thank Him for a part in this soul-saving work.

J. W. Rich,

Field Director Cent. Cal. Conf.

Mrs. E. D. Mills: "I have nothing else in this world to do but to advance this third angel's message, and I expect to do that to the best of my ability."

A Call for Missionary Workers

I am sure if any of our people who are not taking an active part in the work, would just go out for one week, and get some of those soul-stirring experiences, they would not think of giving up this work for anything else. Every day the workers meet people who say, "I am so glad to get this magazine!" "This is just what I have been looking for."

One man said: "O, yes, I have a lot of those papers I have bought at different times. I keep them here on a shelf, and every once in a while I take them down and look them over, just to read something worth while." And he showed the worker some *Signs, Liberty*, and *Watchman* that he had bought from her on different occasions. Some were over a year and a half old.

Now, dear reader, are you having any of these experiences? The Lord wants you to have them. He also wants the world to hear of His soon coming. He has commissioned you to invite all your friends, and any one else you want, to His great feast. In doing this you are blessed as well as blessing others. How long are you going to keep Him waiting? Ask yourself, Will I hear the "Well done" spoken in love to me? Now is your time to start, if you have not before.

W. D. Fleming,

Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

Educational

The Lodi Normal Institute

We are rapidly nearing the beginning of another school year, and our young people who are contemplating attending schools are studying calendars and deciding what school they will enter in the very near future. But there are other young people, and older ones also, who have perhaps not thought it possible to attend school this year, or who have not seen the necessity of a thorough preparation for life's work. As the RECORDER is to go to every family of Adventists in the California-Nevada Con-

From the California Workers

Belle Williford: "Was sick two days, but I do know that the Lord has certainly blessed me with 'showers of blessings.' I know it is the work the Lord would have me do."

Claud Magill: "This is my first week. Certainly it is the most joyful service I have ever engaged in."

D. M. Lawrence: "The Lord has made us 'strong, and of good courage.' He has promised, 'I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.'"

W. W. Peterson: "There are several agents for other books here; but we feel that the Lord is with us, and we are going to finish the town before we go to another."

ference for a few weeks, we have thought it might be advisable to speak quite fully of our conference school, the Lodi Normal Institute. While the school has been running only three years, it has won a name for itself as a live, up-to-date institution, and a place where those who attend can obtain a Christian education.

On a recent trip the writer met a number of outsiders who had heard of the school and its work and desired to place their children with us. We will leave others to speak of its various training departments, and confine ourselves to the work of the normal department.

This school affords unusual facilities for normal work, owing to the large training school connected with it. About 125 pupils are enrolled in this training school with three departments. Miss Frances Fry has charge of the first three grades, and acts as supervisor over the student teachers of these grades. Mrs. W. S. Holbrook takes grades four to six, and Mrs. J. A. L. Derby has charge of grades seven and eight.

We will suppose a student has completed the academic course, and is ready for two years' normal training. After a few months spent in studying primary methods, school management, and art of teaching, she enters the primary room as a student teacher. A class is assigned her, and work begins. She must make out all lesson plans, giving her method of teaching, just what she expects to teach, and what ground to cover for a week ahead. These plans are carefully looked over by the supervising teacher, and corrections and suggestions noted. Then she carries out these plans day by day. The supervising teacher is present either part or all of the class recitation, noting every detail, the teacher's grasp of the subject in hand, her manner before the class, her discipline, her ability to interest the pupils, and everything that goes to make a good or poor teacher. All these things are carefully noted, written out, and given the student teacher at the close of the day's work; thus she sees where she is weak and where strong, and is helped, encouraged, and kept from pursuing a wrong course.

After several months' training in different classes in the primary room, the student teacher goes to the next room, and passes through the same training there; and finally to the seventh and

eighth grade room, where she finishes her training work. She now has taught one class a day for two years under the eye of an experienced teacher, who has helped and encouraged her all along the way, and knows exactly, when she has finished, just what she can do. Another advantage of such a large training school is, she does not receive the mold of just one teacher, but during her training has at least four instructors, the three supervising teachers and the normal director.

The following have received a normal diploma since the school opened three years ago:

CLASS OF 1909

Wilfred C. Baldwin, William A. Vinson, Rachel W. Stockton, William G. Wilson, Matie O. Landis, Edith G. Pierce.

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Ira R. Abbott, Edith O. Oakes, Lois L. Baldwin, Harold Mathews, Arthur Lashier, Lottie Belle Maxson, Lylon N. Hart, Edyth N. Buchanan, Vurmia N. Hart, Myrtle Wistoff.

CLASS OF 1911

Grace N. Jones, Phyllis M. Sargeant, Iva M. Ackley, Lynton O. Pattison, Clara L. Pattison, Clare Hodges, Lela A. Wheeler, Ruth A. Bond, Addie L. De Voe, Violet M. Holtgen, Louis A. Newgard, Edith M. Barnes.

Of these, nineteen are teaching, or will be the coming year. Next week we will give further information concerning our training department.

Secretary of Faculty.

School Interests

Our summer school is now in the past. The teachers have returned to their several homes to lay plans and prepare outlines for their work during the coming year. All feel better prepared to take up the school work as a result of the three weeks spent in studying the different lines of school work and the methods to be employed in teaching. Many precious seeds of thought were planted in the minds of the teachers, to bear fruit in the schoolroom under the influence of the sunbeams of children's love and the gentle showers of God's Spirit.

Many of our teachers are already placed in schools, and still more calls are coming in for teachers. What our schools are doing for the people is becoming more and more appreciated. In addition to the schools in operation last year, we have several new ones this year, among which are the schools at Salida and Merced. There are several calls for teachers for family schools.

We would like to call the attention of our brethren and sisters who have not the privilege of church schools, or who have children too young to be placed in school, to the Home Department of our educational magazine, *Christian Education*. Unquestionably the place of first responsibility for the training of the child is the home. It is the purpose of this department to publish helps for mothers in their home school, and also to publish outlines for work in such branches of study as physiology, history, spelling, etc. Thus our home schools, by studying the same text-books and following these outlines, may be in harmony with the work in general.

There is always inspiration in being part of a plan in which all our people are united.

All text-books published by our denomination may be obtained from our tract society office, 332 East Pine Street, Lodi. At the teachers' convention held in Oakland, uniform text-books were decided upon. It was also decided to use the Economy System of penmanship, which may be obtained at the above named office.

Surely the work of this convention has done much toward unifying our work and raising the standard of our schools. As we visit the different churches, we see evidences of God's care over this branch of His work, and feel grateful to Him for the promise of His Spirit to guide. May we all, in view of the great responsibility and in view of the shortness of time in which to work, put forth our utmost efforts and cooperate fully with divine agencies for the salvation of our children.

Lida Ackley,

Ed. Sec. N. Cal.-Nev. Conf.

Special Training Class

To meet the demands of our young people, the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital Training School for Missionary Nurses have just decided to start a fall class in nursing beginning Tuesday, October 3, 1911.

Those interested, if they have not already done so, will please send for calendar and application blank immediately, so that there may be no delay.

More favorable terms and a stronger course than ever before are now offered.

Address Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Secretary, Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1911

The Utah Conference is now in session. Elders E. W. Farnsworth and J. N. Loughborough and Brother J. J. Ireland are in attendance.

Miss Adeline Chapman left Mountain View Monday morning for College Place, Washington, where she takes up work in the art department of Walla Walla College.

Miss Lotta E. Bell, formerly of Lodi Normal Institute, and Miss Frances A. Fry, of said school, were callers at the RECORDER office Sunday morning, having spent the Sabbath with friends at this place.

The regular annual meeting of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists was held August 21 and 22 at Loma Linda. Among other matters, it was voted to ask Elders G. A. Irwin and J. O. Corliss to attend certain camp-meetings in the Middle West in behalf of this institution. These brethren left for the East August 25 over the Western Pacific railway.

The Southern California Conference is planning to change its headquarters at an early date to a building on Fifth Street next to the Auditorium. The three upper floors of this building have been secured on a long lease. This contemplated change in location will give ample space for the enlargement of the treatment rooms, so that much work may be accomplished in ministering to the needs of the afflicted.

Five thousand more copies of the September *Signs of the Times* magazine were printed this year than for the

same month of 1910. Thursday, the 24th inst., the supply was exhausted. Friday evening found the office one thousand short. Sunday morning's mail brought orders for 3,600 more. A telegram was received from which this extract is taken: "Rush 1,500 September *Signs Monthly*. Six students sold 900 Thursday." Everything possible is being rushed to get out the October magazine. The foregoing is but an indication of the way every department of the publishing house is pressed at the present time. Night shifts are working, and the work is pushed forward just as rapidly as possible. The workers feel to praise the Lord for this prosperous outlook, but desire to be kept humble, that He may receive all the honor and glory.

The following is taken from a personal letter to Brother Clyde Lowry, written the 13th inst. by Brother C. N. Lake on board the Chiyo Maru en route to Japan: "Your thoughtfulness in supplying me with that package of *Signs* has been productive of good, and let us hope and pray that it will actually bear fruit. I thought best to go slowly in making the acquaintance of Dr. David Starr Jordan [of Stanford University]. You see at first everybody showed him attention. As Mrs. Lake and I sat in our steamer chairs yesterday, the doctor ambled by, and seeing a certain book in one of the chairs (he frequently appears to examine books with a critical eye), sat down to look it over. The coast was clear; he was not more than twenty-five feet from us. After allowing him what I thought was ample time to consider that piece of fiction, I arose, and, with a copy of the monthly *Signs*, approached him. Seating myself in a chair in front of him, I made myself and mission known. I did not know just what sort of reception I would receive; but the Lord has answered many of my prayers of late, and He did not disappoint me this time. He was actually delighted (I say it with due thought) to get that copy, because, as he said, he did not have a single copy of that article, and he regarded it as important. He said he wished he could have a few more copies of that number. I was so glad I could tell him that I could grant his wish. Later he came to where Mrs. Lake and I were, and said he wanted to know

my name. He also expressed a hope that I would report his Honolulu speech for the *Signs*. Now do not forget your old coworker in your prayers. I realize my inefficiency, and am anxious to do much. The Lord is sending me to Japan, I feel sure, and I am so anxious to do all possible to help along the good work. To know that our friends are praying for us will be a source of strength in itself." The paper to which Mr. Lake referred is the September *Signs Monthly*, in which Dr. Jordan is quoted quite at length in the first article.

The October Offering

The first Sabbath in October has been set apart by the General Conference as the day when the annual offering shall be taken up to assist in the carrying of this last message to the colored people in this country.

A good work has been begun, and hundreds are now rejoicing in the present truth. But there are millions who have never had the privilege of hearing about the soon coming of our Saviour and the preparation that must be made in order to meet Him in peace. The work is soon to close in this field, and now is the best time we will ever have to do this work. In volume 9 of Testimonies, page 226, I read, "Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them."

The great question is, Shall we give them the help needed just now?

The Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth in the past; and we are sure that if we can get this means now to push this work forward, the results will be far greater than if we delayed.

We see the things coming that we have been told would come, that will make this work very difficult. The field will soon be closed, and what we do must be done quickly.

I wish to appeal to all our people to help this work at this time. Lay plans now to bring a good, liberal offering. Let each worker, conference and church officer, do all they can to make this the banner year for raising funds to help this needy field.

May the Spirit of God bless us all abundantly in the effort to finish this work.
A. J. Haysmer.