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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Sabbath-School Convention

On Sabbath, November 4, representatives from sixteen different Sabbath-schools met at Fresno for the discussion of some of the topics most helpful to Sabbath-school workers.

The key-note of the opening session was that of consecration and deeper spiritual interest in our Sabbath-schools. The topics given along this line led to the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the parents put forth a greater effort to encourage a regular and systematic study of the Sabbath-school lessons; that the officers and teachers seek a deeper consecration and put forth a systematic effort to develop the spirit of consecration in the Sabbath-school work, laboring to keep the true object of the Sabbath-school—the salvation of souls—constantly in view."

Methods and simple devices were given for increasing the interest along various

lines. If our schools are *growing* schools, they must be *giving* schools. In view of this, each school should do all in its power to interest its members in the mission fields which are the object of our giving, and should work to the end that our Sabbath-school offerings may be increased each quarter.

The subject "Donations or Offerings, Which?" was freely discussed, and the action taken with regard to it is seen by the following resolution:

"Whereas, We recognize that the word 'donation' does not appropriately express the idea of sacredness in the Sabbath-school offerings; therefore,

"Resolved, That the word 'donation' be entirely eliminated from our Sabbath-school reports, and the word 'offering' substituted in its place."

Topics were presented which showed clearly that the Sabbath-school is a training school that fits for active service in the cause of God; and that it not only benefits our young people who are just beginning to train for service, but it is also a school which qualifies for efficient service those who have family duties and home cares.

An actual demonstration was given that gave evidence of what may be accomplished by the faithful teacher who has a definite aim in Sabbath-school work. A class of children recited all the memory verses for the past quarter, telling where each is found. These same children traced on the map the three missionary journeys of Paul, telling us just what occurred at each place on these journeys, and closing by telling in just what chapters and verses these things are found. All who listened to this recital were impressed with a deeper desire to work

toward definite results in the Sabbath-school.

The following resolution was also heartily endorsed:

"Resolved, That we encourage all our schools to work toward a definite end in memorizing passages of Scripture, studying the needs of particular fields, using definite, proper incentives to increase our offerings, and interesting every individual in the church in the work of the Sabbath-school."

The attendance on Sabbath numbered about four hundred fifty, over one hundred of these coming from the visiting churches. All were cordially entertained by the Fresno church, who enjoyed this opportunity of becoming better acquainted with their neighbors from other churches. We trust that as a result of the convention, help has been given that will be productive of better and more efficient Sabbath-school workers, and that a deeper interest has been created in Sabbath-school work.

Mrs. T. D. Robison.

Donations or Offerings, Which?

[Read at the Fresno Sabbath-School Convention.]

"Donation" and "offering" are not synonymous terms. The word "donation" has several synonyms, such as "gift," "present," "benefaction," etc., and does not necessarily have connected with it any element of sacredness. "Donation," is a commonplace, ordinary word, and is used in connection with commonplace, ordinary occurrences. It is not found in the Bible, and it is not in harmony with the best English to use it in connection with sacred things.

The word "offering" has no synonym.

It stands alone, and is closely connected with the idea of divine service. The first family that inhabited the earth brought their offerings to God, and followers of the world's Redeemer have brought their offerings to Him through all the ages. Thus there is a solemn sacredness attached to the word "offering" that does not rightfully belong to the word "donation" in the real meaning of the term. As well call a sermon a lecture, as call an offering a donation.

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly." No offering is acceptable to God unless it is given willingly. And this principle has been recognized through all time. We read in Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

It is surely very unwise to seek to compel persons to give to the cause of God that which they are not willing to give, since gifts given "grudgingly" or "of necessity" are not acceptable to Him. It is consecrated widows' mites, rather than Pharisaical donations, that increase the bank-account in heaven. It is not so much the amount of the offering as it is the sacrifice that goes with it, that counts. That soul who is not willing, but who wills to be willing to give to God, should persevere in giving, knowing that "if any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching."

Kindergarten children seem to get the idea of sacredness in connection with Sabbath-school offerings; but after going through the primary and intermediate divisions, they seem to lose largely the real spirit of giving. If we will study carefully our denominational history, we may be able to discover a reason why the word "donation" has crept into our Sabbath-school vocabulary. Much of the real spirit of sacredness cherished by the pioneers in the Seventh-day Adventist cause in connection with offerings to gospel work, has crept out, and we find ourselves using the word "donation," which in itself has no real sacredness at all, but which I fear in a measure harmonizes with the way in which we give our paltry sums to God.

The kindergarten child deposits his offering reverently, and if he sings,—

"Dropping, ever dropping—listen while they fall,
Every one for Jesus; He will get them all,"

he believes every word of it. It is a reality to him. He loves to give, and he loves to think of the good his offerings may accomplish in gospel work. But somehow, along the way from the kindergarten to the older divisions of the school, Sabbath-school offerings become less and less sacred to his heart; and although he may give a larger sum, somehow the heart does not go with the gift as it once did. Perhaps a spirit of grudging or of necessity mars the act, or perhaps pride creeps in, and the money thus put into the Lord's treasury fails to meet the divine purpose.

Why is this criticism true? A young man of intelligence recently gave an answer to this query. He was an attendant at Sabbath-school for many years. He heard many sermons. He wonders now why, during all those years, he was not taught the beautiful truths of the Bible in such a way that they would become irresistibly attractive; in such a way as to impress him with the highest ideal in obedience—live right because a right life is the best kind of life to live, even if there were no life beyond that which we now possess. Why was he not taught that the real spirit of love should prompt obedience, and not the bare fact that if a soul does right he will be saved, and if he does wrong he will be lost, thus impressing the idea of reward as the incentive to obedience?

This conversation gives a key to the trouble. No teacher can give to a child that which he does not himself possess. The fact that a child loses the true spirit of giving as he grows older, is evidence that he fails to retain the faith and love for sacred things which he once possessed, although it is the divine purpose that these qualities should grow stronger year by year.

Cold formality should be left out of our Sabbath-school teaching. The teacher who would seek to strengthen the measure of faith which God has given to every child in his class, must first have his own faith in daily exercise, and his own heart so filled with the love of God that his influence will be such as to increase the faith and love and the holy

desires in the heart of every child whom he seeks to instruct in holy things.

O, how far short we as a denomination come of meeting the divine requirements! In the matter of tithes and offerings we are robbers in the sternest sense of the word (Mal. 3:8). As already stated, compulsion or necessity has no place in Sabbath-school offerings. Pride has no place; rivalry has no place. When Christ is enthroned in the heart, our gifts will be brought to Him with every wrong motive eliminated. They will be given in childlike faith. Except we be converted, and become as kindergartners, our gifts put into the Lord's treasury will avail us nothing.

Let us who are parents pause and consider how much thought we give in the family to the subject of offerings. Do we by precept and example teach our children that one of the main objects for which we should live is to place means in God's treasury? Do we teach them that this is a solemn obligation which we can not evade, and that Heaven holds us accountable for the way in which we use the money that He permits to come into our hands? The silver and gold belong to God, and "the cattle upon a thousand hills." But we are accustomed to act as if the silver and gold belonged to us; as if we owned the cattle, and also the hills they stand upon. Listen to this solemn declaration, which has echoed through the centuries since the time of Israel: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers."

Since it is the Lord who gives us the power to get wealth, in order that we may be coworkers with Him in establishing His everlasting covenant, we are under obligation to show our gratitude to Him by returning to Him tithes and offerings as He prospers us.

Who of us would be willing to rent a farm for only one tenth of the increase? We would not think of doing such a thing. And yet many of us are so selfish that we do not even live up to this small obligation; while we give little or no thought to the duty of offerings, until an envelope or basket is presented before us, and if we happen to have some small change, we deposit a very small sum, more, perhaps, to ease conscience than from any real love we have for giv-

ing. Such gifts may fittingly be called "donations."

There is a paraphrase which should appeal to us with much force to-day. It is this: "Not forsaking the gathering of our offerings together, in the manner of some is, . . . and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." A little way from this will go forth the solemn command, "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

How much are we giving to the Sabbath-school work this year? Are we giving more than we did last year? Are we increasing our offerings to God, and cutting down our personal expenses as the days go by? Are we really sure that we are putting into the Lord's treasury, to save souls, even as much as we waste in needless and harmful outlays? Have we all stopped putting money into moving picture shows, immoral theaters, and whitewashed gambling schemes? Do we think more and plan more about putting money into God's cause than we think and plan about keeping up with the fancies of the fashionable world?

Let us see. We are explicitly told, in 1 Cor. 16: 2, to give as God has prospered us. The individual who pays five cents a week into God's treasury, gives the sum total of \$2.60 a year! How many of us who are earning money would like to have our wages cut down until our prosperity would be fittingly represented by an offering of five cents a week? (There are those who for good reasons should not pay more than this, "for ye have the poor always with you.")

The ten cent a week plan seems hard to establish among us. We have talked and talked about it. But is it not about time for us to become interested in a twenty-five cent, a fifty cent, or a dollar a week plan? Should not our Sabbath-schools be so educated in regard to the sacredness of offerings, that earnest thought would be bestowed upon the subject during the week, and the offerings carefully laid away for the Sabbath? And if for any cause one is absent from the Sabbath-school, should he not consider it a privilege to deposit double offering the next Sabbath? It is well to settle upon a definite sum to give every Sabbath throughout the year, and constantly increase this sum as the years go by. It is a blessed privilege to give as

God prospers us. That soul who plans and studies to be liberal toward God, may confidently expect that God will be liberal toward him.

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." "Give, and it shall be given unto you." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

When the heart is right with God, cold, selfish donations find no place in His service, but consecrated offerings flow out to Him as naturally as water bubbles from a living spring. Instead of seeking for a large bank-account upon this earth, let us see to it that our treasure is laid up in heaven. Let us bring our offerings to God as He prospers us, let them be consecrated to Him, and let our prayers follow them, that souls may be saved in God's kingdom.

Mrs. M. A. Loper.

New Monterey

October 30 we opened for the first time a church school in New Monterey, and have secured Miss Belvail as our teacher. At present the attendance is small, but we are expecting it to grow.

It has been no small task for the little company here to raise the means to operate the school, but the good Lord has blessed wonderfully in securing the money with which to pay the teacher.

Thus far we have no equipments to speak of. We wonder if some of our sister schools may not have some things which have become inadequate for their purpose, and yet might be used, which they would like to donate to the New Monterey school. A globe, maps, blackboards, and desks are especially needed; and, in fact, anything useful in a school. There is one other thing that we need; that is, for other of our brethren who have no church school privileges, to move here and take advantage of our school. The brethren will be glad to share the blessings with others—both of sending their children to the school, and of helping to carry the burdens. Correspond with us.

We are laying plans to begin a missionary campaign, and will need much literature to use in the homes and among the soldiers. The several towns along this side of the Monterey Bay are be-

coming a large field, and many of the people must be reached by reading-matter. Those clean, message-filled papers and tracts so many times found in the homes of our brethren, will be used here to good advantage if they are just sent prepaid to the address below; or we will be grateful to any who wish to order new material for us from the tract society, as some have done in the past.

I wish to assure our brethren who have made up so many packages of tracts for my use the past few years, that these tracts have gone into the homes of the people, and we hope your prayers have gone with them. We will look for fruits in the coming kingdom. Send more of the silent messengers, and let us finish the work and go home.

J. R. Patterson.

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CALIFORNIA

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Dr. H. F. Rand is spending a few days with his family at Glendale.

A sanitarium band, numbering thirteen pieces, was organized this week. They meet to practise at the food factory.

Dr. Ida Shively Nelson writes that they are packing, and will be at the sanitarium and ready for business at an early date.

One week ago a committee was appointed, consisting of Clarence H. Jones, chairman; Mrs. L. M. Bowen, Mrs. E. F. Stow, Elder C. L. Taylor, to arrange for the rendition of a cantata this winter.

Mr. Charles Lindbloom, of Walla Walla, Mr. W. R. Jefferson, of Mountain View, and Mr. Morris Beddoe are the latest additions to the training school. The sanitarium family gave them a most cordial welcome.

Mr. Elbert Ashbaugh, a member of the junior class, leaves for his home at San Fernando on November 13 for a month's vacation. There will be a family reunion November 17, 18, and 19, after which, Mr. Floyd Ashbaugh will leave for the Philippine Islands, where he will engage in the canvassing and Bible work.

A Sabbath-school and Young People's Missionary Volunteer convention will be held at the sanitarium, beginning Friday evening, November 24, and closing on the afternoon of November 25. Miss Rosamond Ginther, Young People's Missionary Volunteer conference secretary will be present, and it is hoped that all the Sabbath-schools and Missionary Volunteer societies of Napa Valley will be represented.

Dr. George Thomason, so long connected with the Claremont Sanitarium, Cape Town, South Africa, has accepted the medical superintendency of the St. Helena Sanitarium, and expects to arrive early in December. Dr. Thomason was in attendance at the council at Gland, Switzerland, and planned to return to South Africa. He was invited to come to the United States to act as General Conference medical secretary, and this he planned to do; but he will now come to California, with the consent of the General Conference officials. Dr. Thomason is already registered in California.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

November 10.

Pacific Press Items

Our pressroom is rapidly completing the printing of that new book entitled "The Acts of the Apostles." We have advance orders for this splendid addition to the "Conflict Series" amounting to more than nine hundred copies, and every mail brings from three to fifty orders. Books will doubtless begin going out by the end of the week.

Our general manager, Brother C. H. Jones, is home again after a three weeks' absence attending the autumn council of the General Conference Committee at Takoma Park. He brings an encouraging report from this important gathering of denominational leaders. The publishing work received a great deal of consideration, and several advance steps were taken, to harmonize the work of the different publishing houses, and to increase the circulation of our message-filled literature.

Brother H. H. Hall, manager of our book department, also attended this council meeting, and is now taking an

active part in the bookmen's convention in Mexico.

Number four of the "West Caribbean News Letter" brings a very interesting account of a canvassing experience in the Canal Zone. After explaining the cause of his illness, which, by the way, did not keep him from going on with his work, this worker relates the following experiences with "Home and Health," Spanish:

"It was a hot morning down at Orotina, and I had to ride horseback about two and a half or three miles to San Matio to deliver three books, and the sun on my shoulders made me feel very uncomfortable. After delivering the three books, I went out on another road to see a farmer; but as he was in the field working, his wife sent her boy to pilot me to him. We had to cross a river of clear, cold water; and when we got through the deepest part, my horse stumbled, my left foot and leg half way to the knee getting wet. When we got to the field, the boy called his father, and I dismounted and sat on a stone in the road, took off my shoe and sock, and wrung the water out, while I described the book 'Salud y Hogar' to the man. After replacing my shoe, I arose and took his signature, after showing him the book, and he sent the boy back to the house with me to tell his wife to pay me and take the book.

"I got back to Orotina about ten thirty, and sold three more books by noon, and had a very light lunch, but felt pretty sick afterward, and had to lie down a while, as I was so dizzy I could hardly walk straight. After waiting about four hours for the train, I was glad to get home about 7:30 p. m.

"My cold is better now, but not entirely gone. In Esparta I sold 'Salud y Hogar' to the priest, and he promised to try and encourage others to send me more orders for it. Of course he had not read it yet, but he said he 'had heard the fame of the book, and had been wanting one.' I gave him twenty per cent off, and it pleased him.

"In the same place I delivered a 'Salud y Hogar' in the forenoon to a family, and in the evening I passed the house and saw the man reading it, and asked how he liked it. He was very enthusiastic over it, and said he was glad he bought it—thought he 'saw

by the book what a bad thing tobacco was, and although he had been a very heavy user of the weed, he had already thrown his pipe and tobacco in the street, and would not use it again. I hope he may hold out at it."

This quotation clearly shows the value of our health books in preparing the way for the gospel truths of the message.

Pray for the success of our faithful canvassers who daily risk their health and even their lives in bearing the precious truth from door to door.

F. H. Gage.

November 12.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

El Cajon

Sunday, October 22, Brother Philip Knox and the writer and wife, opened tent meetings in El Cajon, a little country town about fifteen miles from San Diego. The attendance has been small from the beginning, but we are told that other denominations have been unable to get any hearing at all, so we are not discouraged.

From twelve to thirty-five have been coming, and we feel very thankful to the good Lord for this number. We ask an interest in the prayers of our people that some of these dear souls may see the truth, and have the courage to take their stand upon God's side, and at last stand with the blood-washed throng.

Silas Davis.

November 5.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Elder Fred Brink met with the Woodland church Sabbath, November 4.

Elder Henry Shultz met with the Stockton church Sabbath, November 11; also President C. L. Taggart spoke to the people of the Lodi church.

Mr. Fred Shultz, who has been in the St. Helena Sanitarium under the care of Dr. H. F. Rand for the past eight months, returned to his home at Lodi Thursday, November 9.

In word just received from Merced, we learn that already one brother has taken his stand for the truth as a result of the

tent meetings started there a week ago. Let us pray for the success of this effort.

The conference committee met in the business office of the Lodi Normal Institute November 9, 1911. Although there were many items of business to be considered, requiring the larger part of the day, the work was agreeably despatched.

Between three and four hundred "Christ's Object Lessons" are on the shelves of the Lodi Normal. The conference workers, at odd moments, are selling these, the proceeds going to pay for the heating plant installed in the boys' dormitory this fall. They expect to have them all sold by the last of the year.

We have tried to keep our brethren informed concerning the spiritual interests, but we feel sure they also want to know something about the financial work of the cause. This, we believe, can be done better by the fireside than in a lengthy financial report at the conference session; so Brother W. S. Holbrook has been asked to visit every home of our people throughout the conference, explaining to the constituency our financial standing.

It is recommended that we have our membership in some church near our home, even though we may live there for only a few months. We hope our church elders and clerks will encourage our brethren to attend to this. Oftentimes the matter is neglected by the individuals, because they neglect writing. Let the clerk visit these persons, and get their consent, and write to their church clerk for the letter. We would urge our church leaders to give this their special attention, for we find there are those among us who have been here for years, whose membership is in some other State.

Verah MacPherson.

Sacramento

The fruits of our two months' effort with a tent this summer are eighteen souls taken into the church, with many more interested and warned. Fourteen have been baptized. We hope to receive others into fellowship next Sabbath or the Sabbath following. Among these

are brethren who can employ others, and will thus be able to assist our work.

Brother Marion King was with us for three weeks, but was under the doctor's care all the while, suffering from a severe cold in the head and chest.

The Baptist brother who some time ago placed in our collection box on a Sunday evening one hundred dollars, and who gave another liberal donation toward the midsummer offering, gave another hundred dollars cash last Sunday toward the Harvest Ingathering. This brother is a thorough Seventh-day Adventist now, and we are expecting him to unite with us next Sabbath.

The church is busy with tracts, systematically, with Sister Griffith in charge, in connection with her Bible work. Thus we are not content to live on past blessings, but are reaching out for more souls. We believe the Lord has them, and if we remain true we shall find them. The promise is, "Seek, and ye shall find."

The railroad strike is creating dull times in Sacramento. At the same time it is causing men to inquire, What do these things mean? May the converting power of God get hold of their hearts before it is too late.

F. DeWitt Gauterau.

November 1.

Educational

Lodi Normal Items

Miss Frances Fry contributes the following: "The thirty little ones in the primary department of the Lodi Normal Institute seem only a small part of the large institution to which they belong, and yet they are wonderfully interesting, and are lacking in no respects in all those things that constitute the average individual.

"By way of variety a few paragraphs from 'Steps to Christ' were read to them one morning, just to determine how much of it they could understand; and the paraphrases that some of those mere babies were able to give of the passages read were amazing. They have memorized several paragraphs, with little effort.

"A little missionary band has been or-

ganized, with a leader and three helpers. Their plan is, to carry on some simple lines of missionary work in our own neighborhood. They are working in harmony with the statement that 'everywhere is an open door for service.' They are following with great interest the little studies on the life of David Livingstone."

Brother Holbrook occupied chapel hour one morning, and gave an interesting account of the work in Modoc County and of his trip there. A picture of the cars he rode in created considerable merriment, but our hearts were made to rejoice when we heard of the earnest souls in that corner of the field.

The second lecture in the course "the chair of manhood and womanhood," was given at the beginning of the second month. The subject for the girls was "Modesty in Dress;" for the boys, "Weaknesses — Cause and Cure."

The typewriting class is rejoicing that four new machines have been added to that department.

Secretary of Normal Faculty.

Fernando Music Department

The students in the music department of Fernando Academy are doing good work. Over fifty are enrolled in the chorus class, about twenty in the sight singing. These, with the number taking private lessons, make about one hundred and twenty-five all told, which is more than the full enrolment of the school.

Every two weeks a private recital is given in the parlor of Esther Hall. These class gatherings lend inspiration to the daily task, as each student is expected to take part once a month. Also themes of general musical interest are taken up, such as sketches from the lives of the masters, stories of oratorios, etc. As the year progresses these programs will include vocal and violin numbers.

We plan to give three public recitals during the school term: one just before Christmas; another sometime in March; the third, during the last month of school, will be the oratorio "Elijah" by the chorus class.

Irma E. Lewis,
Mrs. J. I. Bachman.

Missionary Work

A Courageous Canvasser

The importance of placing our literature in the homes of the people, can not be overestimated. The faithful canvasser who leaves home and friends to carry the message, meets difficulties and real hardship; yet he finds God's grace sufficient, and the great reward when the work is done outweighs every obstacle.

One lad, a student from one of our schools, who has been canvassing during the summer in the country with excellent success, writes this of his experiences:

"It rained Monday and all of Tuesday, so my fellow worker and I remained together till Wednesday, when we separated. It certainly takes the life out of a canvasser to be cheated of half a week on the start.

"One night we slept in a caboose after wading mud and sloughs in the dark, and the rain was falling. Another night we went to the schoolhouse, built a fire, and stayed all night. Slept on the rostrum. *Fine!* No supper, no breakfast. All the same, felt hungry. After dinner Wednesday, started out canvassing. Report for Wednesday and Thursday was eighteen hours of work, thirty-four exhibitions, and twenty-two orders; value \$53. Friday put in eight hours, sixteen exhibitions, eleven orders, \$28.25. God certainly helped me while I was at work; and even though the farmers are looking rather glum and dubious, I keep right on smiling and taking orders.

"At one place I was told that I could not sell a book at the next house, but decided to go there and get dinner anyway. A creek ran through the farm, right across the road; and as there was no bridge, I walked through it. I found the young man, who was a bachelor, at home, and very glad to see me, as nobody had called to see him for two weeks. After showing him my book, his fingers almost trembled for fear he did not have a pen so he could write his name in the order book. Of course, I loaned him mine, and then had dinner, too.

"Friday noon a dense mist formed, so I could not see from house to house, and the nearest one was two miles away.

I set out and went over a mile, when I stopped to listen. Soon a cock crowed in the distance, and I made out to find the owner. Had dinner with him, and sold him a book. Went across the road to a man to whom he said it would be very hard to sell a book, but, sure enough, he was very glad to get one. At the next house I secured two half leather orders, and so orders came all the way.

"I shall soon reach the mark I have long aspired (perspired) for. I now have taken orders amounting to \$1,471, and if all goes well next week I hope to celebrate with over \$1,500 for the summer's work. Indeed, I long for some of the good meetings at the college, and I hope to get there sometime."

All honor to the brave, "aspiring," "perspiring" canvasser. We ought to pray for more of this kind, and then our petitions should follow them to the field, that God will crown their labors with success.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Your Japanese Brothers and Sisters

Are there some within your reach? Our largest cities have in them thousands of Japanese men and women, and the smaller places usually have some. In getting out their beautiful New Year's Special number of *Owari No Fukuin* (*Signs of the Times*), the Tokyo, Japan, press will print enough copies extra for our work among the Japanese in this country. This will be a beautiful twenty-four page number, with, according to Brother C. N. Lake's description, "the prettiest cover that has ever appeared on *Owari*."

Needless to say, it will be brimful of the truth for this time, and so attractive as to sell readily wherever its people are found. The number will be ready for shipment from Japan January 1. Our tract society orders should go in by December 1. The wholesale price in any quantity will be two and one half cents. The paper sells for five cents.

Brother Lake says: "We plan to turn our whole force on it during the first two weeks in January. We will print 25,000 copies, for we printed 20,000 of last year's special, and it would be difficult to find a copy any place."

Now, have we not a force to turn onto the work among our Japanese here? Maybe you are the only one to reach cer-

tain groups of them. The magazine sells very, very readily, and we ought to order at least a fifth of that edition right over here to our tract societies. Our societies will send for stock at once, knowing that our people wherever there are Japanese are interested in their souls' salvation, and will help put out the beautiful New Year's special Japanese *Signs of the Times*. Order of your tract society. Price in any quantity, \$2.50 a hundred.

J. R. Ferren.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Missionary Paragraphs

Los Angeles

The other day one of the city visiting nurses left an interesting note at the office to encourage those who go out among the people with the literature. She wrote: "God is blessing us in our work. All evidences show that He is going before, preparing the hearts of many to receive the message we have for them. At almost every door some opportunity presents itself to tell of our soon-coming Saviour. The other morning, after hearing a prayer for God's blessing upon my work, offered by the patient I had just treated, I started out to do something with the *Ingathering Signs*, and met a man carrying a bundle of newspapers under his arm. I gave him a copy of the *Signs*, and conversed with him a little. At first he opposed me, but afterward expressed his respect for the work, and said he wished he could believe as I did. He was quite sure it was impossible for him to be saved. I assured him it was not, and that only God can change the heart, and that He could do for him what He had done for others. Tears flowed from his eyes as he spoke of his family, and I endeavored to show him his duty in getting them into the kingdom. Thus many are waiting for the message to lead them in the right direction to find the truth. Let us step in quickly, while the way is open." Amen; let us do it.

Carr Street Church

Elder C. E. Ford, who has charge of the work at Long Beach, visited the Carr Street (Los Angeles) church last Sabbath morning, and spoke very earnestly on the dread consequences of neglecting spiritual duties and privileges. At the close of Elder Ford's impressive sermon,

fifteen minutes was given to planning a stronger effort with the gathering Signs than we had in the city last week. A most encouraging response was made, and many remained after the meeting to obtain the papers and solicitors' cards. The entire supply of papers disappeared. That is the sort of revival that counts.

Farewell Meeting

In the afternoon, Elder Milton H. St. John, who has just left this field to connect with the work in Portland, Oregon, gave a farewell talk to the Missionary Volunteers. It is hardly necessary to state that our former Young People's secretary will be greatly missed by his Southern friends. Brother St. John has been used of God to stir many a young life into missionary activity. His whole-hearted enthusiasm has been the inspiration of many a meeting. We pray that he may be used continually to strengthen the faith of our youth, and lead them into larger service for the Master.

A Request

Ministers, church elders, and Bible workers in Southern California, kindly send us the names of people who are interested in the message. We can arrange to have them supplied with the weekly Signs and other literature. Thank you. Office address, 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California.

Ernest Lloyd.

Fernando Volunteers

The Missionary Volunteer Society at Fernando has been well started for the new school year. At our first meeting we studied the importance of the young people's work from the Bible and Testimonies. Personal devotion and consecration have also been emphasized.

Our society has a junior division composed of the boys and girls in the higher grades of our training school. They are active members. The correspondence, junior, and periodical work have been taken up in a systematic way, and many Volunteers have enlisted under each for service.

Brother Ernest Lloyd, the conference missionary secretary, spoke to us at our last meeting. His cheering reports from the field, and earnest call to service, were greatly appreciated by the young people,

and as some one afterwards remarked, "It seemed as if a refreshing breeze had struck our school." We at Fernando join other Missionary Volunteer Societies

in voicing our motto, "The Advent message to all the world in this generation."

F. R. Lyman,
Secretary.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 3, 1911

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Central California						
Milton K. Dymot*	Heralds	72	22	\$15.00	\$59.00	\$89.00
Mrs. P. Rosenfeld	P.G.	33	10	1.00	39.50	
J. C. Saunders	C.K.	30	9	.60	14.60	
Pierson & Myers	S.D.	16	6	1.65	10.65	10.65
Bessie Doty	Misc.	12	14		8.25	
6 Agents		163	61	\$18.25	\$132.00	\$99.65
*Two weeks.						
Southern California						
R. I. Witt	G.C.	28	8	\$3.10	\$31.10	\$ 3.10
L. R. Hunter	G.C.	18	9		35.00	
Minnie Dye	P.G.	22	10		36.00	
C. O. Blincoe					8.00	504.00
4 Agents		68	27	\$3.10	\$110.10	\$507.10
Northern California-Nevada						
Mrs. Ina Davis	Heralds	17	19		\$62.00	
Mrs. W. P. Dayton	Heralds	8	17		40.00	
Philip Cloos	Heralds	29	19		39.50	
G. B. Morrison	P.G.	26	7	\$1.15	26.50	\$167.50
Miscellaneous	Misc.				36.50	
4 Agents		80	62	\$1.15	\$204.50	\$167.50

Field Notes from Southern California

While our report for this week is not as large as usual, we are glad to state that the prospects for better reports are good. One or two of our faithful workers have been making some deliveries, and for that reason have no report of sales. Brother Blincoe, who has been canvassing up in Inyo County, has returned to the office, and reports a delivery of a little over \$500. Brother Blincoe is of good courage, and expects to enter the work again in the near future. This is his first experience in our book work, but he says the Lord has abundantly blessed him, and he feels very grateful to the Lord for the privilege of this kind of service, and for His divine help.

I have been down in the Imperial Valley working with Mr. Hunter, who is just entering the work for the first time. He is of good courage, and is determined to make a success of the work; and we are sure that he will be successful, for his sales have averaged almost \$3 per hour for the time put in.

Brother and Sister Witt, who are spending some time each week putting "Controversy" into the homes of the

people, are meeting with some very rich experiences. They told me of a family who, when living in Chicago, saw "Controversy" advertised, and asked their minister where they could get the book, but he was unable to give them the desired information. Later they came to San Diego, but failed to come in contact with any of our people, or any of our literature. Recently they moved to Sawtelle, where our faithful workers, Brother and Sister Witt, found them, and sold them a copy of the book they had been looking for so long. Since delivering the book, they have had the privilege of studying the Bible with these people, and they seem very favorable toward the truth.

Miss Dye is still meeting with success in her work in Santa Ana with "Practical Guide." She wears her nurses' uniform, and has no trouble in getting into the homes. She has called upon one or two of the doctors of the city, and they encouraged her, saying she was doing a good work, and they hoped that she could put the book into every home in Santa Ana.

C. C. Morlan,
Field Agent S. California.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1911

Following is a summarized report of
the day's campaign by the Mountain
View church with the Ingathering *Signs*:

	Workers Papers	Donations	
San Francisco	3	33	\$55.00
Burlingame	3	110	14.30
San Mateo	8	299	7.00
Redwood City	13	360	19.00
Menlo Park	3	76	4.45
Palo Alto	12	502	31.21
Mayfield	5	113	3.30
Mountain View	20	300	49.70
Sunnyvale	6	216	6.00
Santa Clara	10	211	6.70
County Road	8	185	10.90
Saratoga	5	100	2.65
Los Altos	5	133	12.00
	101	2,638	\$202.21

Including Monday of the present week,
the Pacific Press had mailed 485,505
copies of the Ingathering *Signs*.

Brother J. R. Ferren, union conference
missionary secretary, is spending some
time in the Northern California-Nevada
Conference.

Elder Geo. A. Irwin and Brother C.
H. Jones have returned from the General
Conference council just held in Wash-
ington, D. C.

Last Sunday evening Brother A. A.
Cone left for Southern California, to
spend a week in assisting Brother C. C.
Morlan, field agent of that conference.

Elder and Mrs. I. H. Evans expect to
sail from San Francisco for China Wed-
nesday of next week — November 22. In
the meantime Elder Evans has prom-
ised to visit Mountain View, and speak
in the church.

The first issue of the new six-month
Fireside Bible Study Series of the *Signs*
of the Times weekly is dated November
14. It is a splendid number, and we con-
fidently believe each succeeding issue will
be just as soul-convincing as this one.
If any one is not having a part in placing
this series of present truth before un-
warned or unsaved individuals, it is not
now too late to forward your order.
Cases of how the *Signs* is bringing peo-
ple to the acceptance of Christ are con-
tinually brought to our attention. This
is an opportunity that we can ill afford to
neglect.

A Missionary Call

While out with the home workers' book
prospectus Thursday afternoon, I called
at a blacksmith's home on the county
road. Three children came to the door
with the mother, who invited me in,
apologizing for their lack of furnish-
ings. The two large rooms were as bare,
except for the absolute necessities, as
could be imagined, but I found there
some honest hearted people that it was
a pleasure to meet. The husband came
over from his shop, which was next door,
and listened while I showed them the
beautiful little books, and emphasized
the value of placing good books before
the children. They told me they had
eight children — five in school, and three
at home. The Lord helped me in talk-
ing naturally about the Saviour and
His love, and the book they desired most
of all was "Steps to Christ," which they
ordered, and also "Best Stories from the
Best Book," for the children. Thus an-
other family is brought in touch, whom
I hope we can help. They are anxious to
learn how to live without meat, and
asked me to bring a cook-book when I
deliver. Some copies of *Life and Health*,
Little Friend, and the *Signs* will be ap-
preciated too, I know.

This work with our small books, with
the help of the handy new prospectus
which has been devised, which the tract
society furnishes for \$1.00, is not merely
a commercial enterprise. If you make
it so, you will fail. If you take hold
of it with the desire to do some one
good, you will enjoy rich blessings, and
not be disappointed. We have just is-
sued a beautiful leaflet entitled "Success
with Our Small Books," which gives re-
ports of work already done, and tells in
a simple way how you can make this
work a success in your neighborhood.

This is the golden time of all the
year for introducing our beautiful small
books into the homes. Your tract so-
ciety will be glad to give you every as-
sistance possible, sending with the pro-
spectus the duplicating receipt book, the
leaflet on how to present them, and the
very best help they can give.

Do not be thwarted in your hopes to
have a part in this work. A thousand
things may present themselves to keep
you from it; but by planning some time
for it, you will succeed, if you will
take hold of it. J. R. Ferren.

Forty per Cent Books

The report given below represents but
twelve hours' labor in Pittsburg and
Antioch, California, by Miss A. V.
Graves. This shows how well the forty
per cent books take, and is a line that
nearly every one can spend at least
a little time in.

1 "Best Stories," board	\$.50
4 "Best Stories," cloth	3.00
2 "Elo the Eagle"	2.00
2 "House We Live In"	2.00
3 "New Testament Primer," cloth	1.80
4 "Steps to Christ," English	2.40
1 "Steps to Christ," Italian	.60
3 "Cobblestones"	3.00
1 "Story of Pitcairn"	1.00
2 "Bible Child Life"	1.00
23	\$17.30

Nut Foods at Wholesale to Our Own People

Nutfoda (like Protose)	15c lb.
Nut Kysa (like Nuttolene)	15c lb.
Malta (like Meltose)	95c gal.
Malted Nuts	30c lb.
Graham Fruit Crackers	15c lb.

The above are from our Nashville
factory. Over 75 families in this field
using our foods. The graham fruit
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used in that line. All foods packed 24
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