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The Workers and the Shirkers

[Given at the Sabbath-School and Missionary Volunteer Convention, Sanitarium, California, December 2, 1911.]

When the Sabbath bell is ringing, and
the children gather in,
When the members all are waiting for
the service to begin,
Every father, every mother, every child
of every flock,
Is in place, and all attention, at the striking
of the clock,
With what joy the superintendent, standing
ready in his place,
Greets the Sabbath-school before him with
a smile upon his face!

Happy such a superintendent, though his
inke may be but few!
Happy such a school as this one, with
its members all so true!
For its members all are workers, and are
blessed with goodly things,
For they know the joy of service, and the
happiness it brings.
But such schools are rare as blessed—
would their number might increase!
And increasing, all their members never
let their ardor cease!

Do you ask the greatest worker in this
school we see in dreams?
For the light must be well tended that
across its pathway gleams.
Is the superintendent faithful to the du-
ties laid on him?

Does *he* make the school successful? Does
he furnish all the vim?

Some good spirit must impel him ever
true and strong to be,
Else a Sabbath-school so pleasant we
would surely never see.

Listen while I name the spirits that impel
him thus to do

All the work they lay upon him, ever
faithful, strong, and true.

You will see it is not *his* hand that alone
leads on so well,

For behind him are the members; listen
while their praise I tell.

This the principle that guides them, this
their only simple rule:

'Tis the worker, not the shirker, that can
make a Sabbath-school.

There's the teacher who is present every
single Sabbath day;

Naught but sickness ever keeps him from
the Sabbath-school away;

With his lesson always studied, with a
helpful word for all,

Flavored rich with psalms of David, and
with reference oft to Paul,

He has drawn from heavenly fountains,
and his message cheers the heart;

For in humbleness he labors faithfully to
do his part.

There's the secretary, early, with report
all written out,

Getting envelopes and class-books and
the papers passed about;

Not the same dry form of wording does
she read each Sabbath day,

But a word of praise and sunshine, some-
thing new she has to say;

And she has her lesson studied, joins a
class, and brings her gift.

Such a faithful secretary can the leader's
burdens lift.

Dear old deacons, how we love them, if
they'll always work and pray

With a fervor that is cheering—how they
drive our cares away!

And the singers—what a pity that so
many stay behind!—

But a few are always helping—in this
dream school of our mind;

For they know 'tis not the shirker, but
the worker always there,

Who is blessed with Heaven's blessing, so
they come with song and prayer.

There's a class of kindergartners, hands
so busy though so small;

Blessings on the gentle sister who will
love and care for all!

Though to-day they be so trying, so in-
tent on mischief's ways,

Ere we think that they are growing, ere
we note the passing days,

They'll be sturdy youths and maidens full
of energy and life,

And be sharing in our burdens, strong
and loyal for the strife.

Don't forget the special teacher who is
ready to supply,

Who will take on briefest notice classes
others will not try.

He will take a class of seniors, or of
youngsters full of fun;

He will greet a group of strangers, and
make welcome every one;

O that of his tribe and nation there were
scores where now but few

May be counted in their places, to their
duty ever true!

Have you heard of teachers' meeting?
Always look for workers there,

Be the season slack or busy, be the
weather dark or fair.

When some burden must be lifted, does it
seem too strange to you

That the overburdened toiler should be
asked the work to do?

Well, the world is full of burdens, full of
tasks that must be done;

And the workers, not the shirkers, bear
the burdens, every one.

'Tis a dream that I am telling, 'tis too
good to be all true,

And this school I am describing is a
school I never knew;

But in part it is a picture that by thou-
sands may be seen

Where are found God's faithful children
who upon His strong arm lean;

For the true church at its study is the
faithful little band

Who in loyal love are clinging to the
Father's guiding hand.

Let us turn for but a moment to the
shirkers of the school,

To the ones who are not living by the good old golden rule;
 'Tis a picture not so pleasant, I admit it at the start,
 For they seem so discontented, and they lack the cheerful heart;
 They complain, however smoothly everything about them goes,
 And the workers, not the shirkers, get the blessings God bestows.

They will never serve in office, though the need be e'er so great;
 They will never help by teaching, and they're always coming late;
 'Tis a thankless task to ask them just to come and offer prayer,
 And at mention of the singing, they don't know a single air!
 But if workers need advising how to make the school succeed,
 They'd do well to ask the shirkers, who can tell them what they need!

There's another kind of shirker who deserves a mention here—
 One who's nearly always present, but whose presence brings small cheer.
 'Tis the one who reads his answers, if at all he deigns reply.
 Often such a one the teacher is sore tempted to pass by.
 And another shirker like him is the one who never knows,
 Never has his lesson studied, and who very seldom goes.

But the work goes on without them,— goes in spite of all they say,
 For God's work can not be hindered, human hands can never stay;
 And the weak ones grow the stronger as in faith they press along,
 Bearing every burden bravely, meeting trial with a song;
 For the boulders in the pathway may but serve to help us rise,
 And the mountains we encounter bring us nearer to the skies.

Every one can not be teacher, can not read, or pray, or sing;
 But each one can be a helper, can a cheerful spirit bring;
 And the faithful ones who study for approval from above,
 With their hearts and minds uplifted for the Father's boundless love,
 Are the helpers that are needed in the large schools and the small,
 And the Father's richest blessings ever rest upon them all.

So take up with joy the burden that the Master gives to you,
 Though with toil your arms be weary, and the tasks so hard to do;
 There is joy in faithful service where the path of duty lies;
 There are comforts for the toilers, there are visions for the eyes;
 And with all the battles ended, and the victories all won,
 'Tis the worker, not the shirker, hears with joy the words, "Well done."
 Max Hill.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

Convention at Sanitarium

Another most successful and helpful Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer convention is now a matter of history. Delegates from Vallejo, Napa, St. Helena, Calistoga, Pacific Union College, and Sanitarium, California, assembled in the St. Helena Sanitarium chapel December 1 and 2, to consider matters of common interest, and to become better acquainted with our work and with each other. The average attendance at the four meetings was between three and four hundred, many of the sanitarium patients and guests being interested listeners.

The exercises were conducted by Miss Rosamond Ginther, Sabbath-school secretary, and Elder E. W. Farnsworth, president of the California Conference, and officers of the Sanitarium Sabbath-school and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society.

Vocal music was furnished for the meetings by the Sanitarium church choir, Mrs. L. M. Bowen, Miss Kate Sierke, Mrs. E. Reitz, Misses Celia Wallack, Grace Van Horn, Iva Stow, Agnes Lewis, Brainerd, and Osborne, and Messrs. Anthony, Jones, Moon, and Taylor; instrumental music by Miss Hilda Paap, Prof. George B. Miller, and Max Hill, and others.

The reading of excellent papers, and the delivery of addresses, prepared for the convention, were interspersed with song and prayer, testimony meetings, and discussions of the various subjects presented. The thoughts and plans offered by the young people, proved to be a source of strength and encouragement to all, and it was the consensus of opinion that their work deserved the commendation it received. The exchange of opinions by older Sabbath-school workers and Missionary Volunteers, and the instruction and exhortations of Elders Farnsworth, Taylor, and Hennig, made the meetings of special benefit to all who attended. And throughout the convention, the influence of the Holy Spirit was present to impress hearts and minds, and to inspire firmer resolves to

give the advent message to the world in this generation.

It is to be regretted that lack of space prohibits even the giving of a brief review of the papers and addresses presented, but a general idea of the subjects covered may be gained from the following:

Papers presented: "Prayer," by Julia Jacobson and Elbert Ashbaugh; "A Knowledge of God," Halsey Rine; "Some Things Accomplished by the Sabbath-School," Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth; "Leadership in Children's Divisions," Miss Rosamond Ginther; "The Ideal Primary Teacher," Miss Agnes Lewis; "The Training of the Primary Teacher," Mrs. Delpha Miller; "Workers and Shirkers," Max Hill; "Plans for Increasing and Holding Attendance," Dr. E. W. Alsberge; "Standard of Attainment," Miss Helen Rice.

Addresses and Remarks: "The Lord's Work, or the World's—Which?" Elder E. W. Farnsworth; "Outline of This Convention," Floyd Harris; "Work for Prisoners," Clyde Lowry; "The Great Essential of Sabbath-School Work," Elders C. L. Taylor and W. A. Hennig; "What the Sabbath-School Has Done for Me," Miss Ginther; "Possibilities of the Sabbath-School Teacher," Clarence C. Crisler; "Methods in Sabbath-School Class Work," Prof. C. W. Irwin; "How Shall We Hold Our Children and Young People?" Elder Farnsworth; "How Busy People Can Follow the Reading Circle Course," "Distribution of Literature," "Temperance Work," and "Importance of Reporting Work Done," were also discussed at some length with profit for all.

Among the tangible and definite results of the convention may be mentioned the Sabbath-school collection of \$20.25 for foreign missions; the collection of \$14.34 for the purpose of sending a number of our denominational books to the Honolulu prison library; and the organization of a "Pocket League." Fifty-four members were enrolled in the league, each one pledging himself to dedicate a pocket in which tracts are to be carried and handed out as opportunity affords. But of all results attained, perhaps none will prove more lasting than the season of spiritual refreshing enjoyed in meeting with those of like pre-

cious faith, and the renewed consecration of so many lives, young and old, to the giving of the message.

Clyde Lowry.

Conference Current

Remember the offering for missions to be taken on the last Sabbath of the week of prayer. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Elder and Mrs. G. A. Irwin assisted in the week of prayer services at Oakland during the week.

Elder D. E. Robinson, of Sanitarium, is spending the week of prayer with the church at Sebastopol.

The conference workers are pretty well scattered this week, assisting the churches in their week of prayer meetings.

Our supply of week of prayer readings was exhausted before the demand was supplied. We were sorry to have to write to a number that no more readings could be secured.

Brother C. Sparks, recently from China, is filling Elder J. A. Stevens's appointments for the week of prayer in the Sonoma Valley. Elder Stevens is visiting the churches assigned to Elder B. E. Beddoe.

A Sabbath-school convention was held at Sanitarium a week ago last Sabbath. Elder and Mrs. Farnsworth, Misses Rosamond Ginther and Anna Hoffman, and Brother J. T. Thompson, from the conference office, attended.

The auditing committee to settle the accounts of the conference workers for 1911 will meet in Oakland, Sunday, January 14, 1912. The names of the members will be announced as soon as it has been ascertained whether or not those selected can serve.

At a meeting of the conference committee held a few days ago, it was decided to hold the next annual session of the California Conference in connection with the general camp-meeting. The date suggested for the conference was June 17 to 20, with the camp-meeting extending on until the 30th.

Brother and Sister Clarence E. Moon, who were connected for a long time with the San Francisco dispensary, are spending a few months on their place near Geyserville, California. Brother Moon writes that any unemployed Seventh-day Adventist wishing to clear land for the wood would do well to correspond with him at the above address.

Sixty copies of the revised edition of "American State Papers Bearing on Religious Legislation" have been sent to the State senators and assemblymen in Sacramento from the territory comprised in our conference. It is to be hoped that these may be of service in any effort which may be made toward the enforcement of religious laws.

A recent letter from Brother Charles Lake, formerly of the Pacific Press, but now in charge of the publishing work in Japan, contains the following of interest: "Mrs. Lake and I are keeping quite busy in looking after the books, publishing business, and endeavoring to get a knowledge of this difficult language. But we are happy in it all, and only hope the Lord will be able to use us in a large measure. We find Japan and the Japanese people not interesting only but nice. They possess some virtues not so marked in ourselves and Americans generally."

Claude Conard.

California Conference Tithe Receipts

	November 1910	November 1911
Alameda	\$1,141.05	\$729.03
Arcata	477.96	314.50
Berkeley	487.91	506.62
Calistoga	161.60	351.09
Eureka	487.76	696.20
Ferndale	207.95	151.00
Fortuna	434.53	355.13
Guerneville	70.80	92.55
Haywards	154.50	134.35
Healdsburg	1,349.08	1,452.08
Kelseyville	345.05	171.40
Los Gatos	345.97	256.94
Melrose	1,638.49	1,400.70
Morgan Hill	441.59	233.10
Mountain View	3,974.50	4,806.96
Napa	612.86	597.46
Oakland	3,320.29	3,368.16
Pacific College	823.78	1,214.60
Park St., San Francisco		335.56
Pepperwood	99.35	198.40
Petaluma	191.17	131.53
Richmond	304.61	351.05
St. Helena	1,178.53	1,489.06
San Francisco	3,225.60	3,380.06

San Francisco Special		3,100.00
Sanitarium	4,945.92	6,122.56
San Jose	1,540.39	1,075.61
Santa Cruz	444.21	818.81
Santa Rosa	335.35	292.66
Sebastopol	748.09	550.80
Smith River	24.00	10.00
Sonoma		133.18
Soquel	63.30	10.90
Ukiah	527.65	227.50
Union St., San Francisco		415.87
Vacaville	20.53	5.00
Vallejo	143.65	240.95
Vista Grande		18.80
Watsonville	168.16	522.94
Personal	1,366.29	1,169.50

\$31,802.47 \$37,432.61

Claude Conard,
Treasurer.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Mr. Allen Knight, treasurer of the San Francisco Red Cross, is spending a few weeks at the sanitarium.

Dr. Klingerman is in Southern California this week, but will return next week to resume his duties at the sanitarium.

Miss Laura Jensen, so long connected with this sanitarium, is now head nurse at the Port Townsend Sanitarium, Washington.

Chaplain C. L. Taylor accompanied Elder and Mrs. Farnsworth to the city on Sunday to attend a conference committee meeting.

Dr. Effie Brown has purchased treatment rooms at Santa Ana, in Southern California. Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher are assisting her in her work.

There are a number of patients at present who are quite interested in the truth, among them a Catholic gentleman who has taken his stand for the truth.

The freshman class, consisting of twenty-five members, enjoyed their class outing on Tuesday after numerous postponements. They were accompanied by Elder Nelson.

One of the sanitarium patients, who also took treatments at the dispensary, accepted the truth while here, and has been baptized. Another patient also accepted the truth while here. Two of his brothers have since done likewise. The gen-

tleman has charge of a number of restaurants in the city, and many of his helpers are studying the Bible with Brother James Taphouse.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

December 8.

Daly City

We have been caused to praise God for an added testimony to the saving power of the Word. Six have been baptized, eight are qualified for church-membership, and still others are presenting themselves for the solemn rite of baptism.

Early in September Brother G. A. Hamilton started a series of tent meetings alone. A good interest was manifested. The latter part of the month the writer joined him in labor. Meetings were continued through October and November. Early rains have made it necessary to take the tent down, and hold the services indoors.

We have been made glad to know that the Lord has been able to use us in gathering a few souls from this suburban town of San Francisco.

B. E. Beddoe.

December 4.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Elder A. J. Osborne conducted baptismal services at Modesto Thanksgiving day.

Brother B. E. Baldwin stopped at Lodi on his way to Reno and Fallon, Nevada, where he will again enter the work.

Elder T. H. Watson expects to leave for British Columbia, to take up work among the Indian tribes of that place.

From observation and authentic reports, we conclude the supporters of our Lodi school have much to thank God for.

Elder Taggart has just spent a few days at Turlock. We are indeed very thankful that the systematic arrangements at the office permit Elder Taggart to spend much of his time with the churches.

Brother W. S. Holbrook, who has been out among the different churches of our

conference, reports progress all along the line. The brethren and sisters are all of good courage in the Lord, and the work is onward.

We are glad to report the good interest that is continuing in Modoc County. Brother Johnson is making preparations to move to Cedarville in a few days. There are nine keeping the Sabbath at that place and a strong demand for work. The interest in Fort Bidwell is growing. Brother J. D. Alder says: "The literature work in this place has been very encouraging. Although the expense of a company coming into the valley is heavy, the Lord has blessed in placing orders for books to cover these expenses. We will be able to give our brethren an itemized report of literature work done, by the first of January, 1912. We request an interest in your prayers."

Brother B. E. Baldwin, who has been spending a little time in Turlock, writes: "A short stay at home has been highly appreciated. In connection with Elder Gardner, we held a few meetings at our much loved home church at Turlock. The mighty power of God was manifest. Confessions were made, souls were illuminated and encouraged. Brother Colliss and Dr. Kress gave some highly appreciated discourses, setting forth the cause of the Loma Linda Sanitarium. To this God-given institution we extend our prayerful sympathy and support, and cordially invite its ambassadors to our midst and our homes. For its success we humbly implore the throne of grace."

The following report has been received from Merced, where Elder T. H. Watson, assisted by Brother J. K. Strever, has been holding a recent tent effort:

"As a result of the tent effort put forth in Merced, four were baptized and five united with the church, one being satisfied with his former baptism. To this one was given a letter to the Tacoma church, where he resides. He had been here looking for a location, but found the promise to the heavenly land, and returned to his family rejoicing.

"A number of others are interested, but are not yet ready to take their stand. One very promising case was a young man who has had charge of an English

estate in India, highly educated, speaks the native language, and in traveling during his vacation, happened to stop here. He made this remark: 'I want to thank you for what you said last night; for I have been in India, shut away as it were from civilization, and knowing that the modern churches were not teaching the truth, felt that there must be a people or a church somewhere that had the truth as it is in God's word, and this is certainly the truth.' Because of his limited time on his ticket, and important business in San Francisco, he could not stay, but asked for the address of our people there.

"On account of rain, the meetings were discontinued in the tent, and held Saturday and Sunday nights in the church for three weeks. We feel well paid for the effort put forth here, and pray that God's richest blessing will rest upon those who have accepted His word."

Verah MacPherson,
Secretary.

The Modesto Church Convention

Every department of church work received most earnest and interesting consideration at the convention of the upper San Joaquin Valley churches, which closed Sunday night at Modesto, California.

From the standpoint of good attendance, well-prepared subjects, and unabated interest from the first service on Friday night until the close, it was a most excellent and profitable convention.

Elder C. L. Taggart, his department secretaries, Sister Mina Mann, and Elders Gardner, Holbrook, and Osborne, and the writer were present to assist, which, with the hearty coöperation of the leaders and church-members, added strength in carrying out the programs. The meetings were graced with the Spirit of God, and an atmosphere of brotherly love and tenderness was present throughout.

The Modesto members are scattered, some having to drive long distances. They most hospitably opened their homes to the visiting friends, however, and all were cared for in a way that was thoroughly appreciated.

It is our hope to receive a little later a report of this convention in which will be collected some of the good thoughts presented to pass on for the help of others.

As expressed by many, it did seem that in this meeting, the nonessentials were omitted, and the vital points brought out in a most spiritual and practical way. The good influence will surely show in the upbuilding of the work in that part of the Northern California-Nevada Conference.

J. R. Ferren.

Educational

Chestnut Hill Farm School

It is a little over three years since we came to Tennessee to become home missionaries in this South-land. We have conducted school each fall, and are now in the midst of our fourth term. As we have no school building, we are still holding our school in the large front room of our log house. By taking out the old big fireplace, which was much broken down and badly in need of repair, and putting in a new floor, and adding more windows, it makes a much more comfortable place for a schoolroom than formerly.

Many of the people here do not see the value of an education, and we have to stir them up on this point, and try to make them see the importance of having their children learn to read and write. There are whole families around us, not one of whom can read or write. Think how much they miss by never knowing how to read! All they know from books or papers is what some one else tells them. They know nothing of the Bible except what their ministers say, and they have preaching in their little country churches once only each month, and in some of them not that often. One old lady near us remarked how she would love to have some one read the Bible to her. This was the first we knew that she could not read, she is such a bright, intelligent old lady. Does this show you some of the ways in which missionary work may be done?

One drawback to our school work is the irregular attendance. But most of the children seem anxious to learn when they do come, and we hope the lessons they get from the Bible and on healthful living will be carried into the homes, and do them all good.

Quite recently we were talking about

the life of man being shortened after people were allowed to eat meat, and the next day one small boy came to school without his usual pork between his biscuits, and he said if meat would shorten his life, he would not eat any more. We have a class in physiology and hygiene for all ages, endeavoring to teach them about their bodies, and how to care for them properly.

Besides our school work, we are seeking to do all we can to get the truth before the people of our neighborhood. We found that with our school, farm, and general housework, we could not do much neighborhood work without more help. Last term Mr. Harold Mathews was with us, and helped in our school and neighborhood work. He became so much interested in the work, the needs of this field so appealed to him, that after spending a few months in California this past summer, he has returned to Tennessee this fall to start another school some thirteen or fourteen miles from us. We are glad to see another school started, though we greatly miss Mr. Mathews in our work here.

We sought the Lord for more help, and He sent us two good helpers at the opening of our school this fall. One is Miss Julia Payne, formerly a nurse at Dr. Mary Sanderson's sanitarium in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the other Mr. Herschel Ard, a former student at Union College, and last year a student at the Madison training school. They are both earnest young people, and have taken hold of the work with us in a way to advance the message here as rapidly as possible. We thank the Lord for their presence with us and for their help, and trust there are many more young people in the North, East, and West who will soon be here in this South-land, helping to hasten the message before the work here shall close.

This country is thickly settled. We made a list of those in our immediate neighborhood some time ago, in order to do more systematic visiting of the people, and we find there are over sixty families within a little more than two miles of us, and most of them large families. This means many souls to be warned of the soon coming of our Saviour.

As I said before, with the school, farm, and house to look after, we do not have time to visit personally, very

often, all of those around us, and therefore we feel that we must let our literature do what we can not do personally. Wherever we go, we carry some of our papers and magazines to give to the people. The Southern Publishing Association at Nashville, also the Pacific Press at Mountain View, have been very kind in giving us back numbers of the *Watchman*, *Signs*, and *Little Friend*. We have also had some *Instructors* sent us from Takoma Park for free distribution. We have given out about 2,000 papers this last year.

Our two nearest towns are Portland, nine miles away, and Fountain Head, seven miles from our place. We do some trading at both places, and whenever we go to either, we take some papers, and leave one by each mail box we pass, or throw one inside each farmer's gate. We hope in this way that the printed page will carry the message to those we could not otherwise reach.

As we ride along the main road, we see many branch roads coming into it from the woods or from over the hills; and if we should follow any one of these, we would find many little homes tucked away among the hills or in the woods, and each of these no doubt shelters a large family. We often ask ourselves, How are all these people to hear the truth and learn of the soon coming of Jesus unless we can get our literature to them? If our papers go to those who can not read, we find they sometimes call in a neighbor to read to them, and then they talk it over together. There is so much to be done all through the South, and there are so few to do it! More workers are needed in all these Southern States. We long to see more of our people coming South to help carry on this work.

The principles of healthful living need to be put forth, as so many here have stomach trouble. The principal diet is corn bread, soda biscuit, and pork, this last being put in some way into nearly all of their food.

Instruction is also needed in simple treatments for the sick. Teachers, nurses, Bible readers, good cooks, in fact any earnest workers who understand the truth and can make it plain to others, are needed here.

The people are kind-hearted, cordial, hospitable, and seem glad to see us whenever we visit them, and urge us to stay

all day and spend the night with them, and to come again soon.

There is no better missionary training ground for foreign fields than here in the South. Here one is among our own English-speaking people, yet many lessons may be learned and valuable experiences gained that will be of untold value to any who think of going to some foreign field.

As we are told that this work shall close first, we long to see many making an offering to the Lord by sacrifice, and giving themselves to hasten this work in the South while there is yet opportunity to work.

Mrs. H. M. Walen.

Lodi Normal Items

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Pierce contains the evidence of interest and zeal in their school in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The canvassing class meet each Thursday evening, and are studying the books for which they will canvass next vacation.

The large number of children in the grades has necessitated getting a supply teacher, and Mrs. Colcord has been chosen for the place.

We were made to rejoice over the gift of money from Mrs. Cooper of Turlock for the purchase of a manikin for use in the physiology classes. It is duly installed and is a great help.

A recent letter from Mr. Harold Mathews, who is in Tennessee now as a self-supporting teacher, states that as he is very busy on the school farm, he can only conduct a night school. He has no help, but is of good courage.

Brother W. S. Holbrook has just returned from a trip to the churches at Salida, Turlock, and Hughson. He visited the church schools at these places, and reports most excellent work being done. In fact, he says he was never in schools where the work was better handled or a better spirit manifested, and the patrons are well pleased.

At the beginning of the year it was thought best to hold one recital each month, but the enrolment has increased

to such a degree that it is deemed advisable to hold them bimonthly. This increase has also made it necessary to employ an assistant teacher in the piano department. All realize the need of greater efficiency in this line of the work, and we are encouraged as we see the interest manifested by all the students.

The students of the music department gave their first recital in the chapel Tuesday at 4:40 P.M. The chapel was well filled before the appointed hour, and all present proved to be very attentive and appreciative auditors. Each number was well rendered, showing the result of close application on the part of the student, and a determination to obtain a knowledge that will enable him to bear whatever responsibility may come in this line of the work in the great harvest field.

The missionary society of the grammar grades has organized for practical work. Quite an interest is manifested in the meetings. Each one is willing to do something to prepare for the Master's work. A portion of the time devoted to the missionary meetings is spent in practical work, such as wrapping papers and writing and mailing letters. We believe the interest aroused in this work is having its effect on the hearts of the members of the society. It is while laboring for others that our own souls are watered. Fifty-one papers were wrapped and eleven letters written and mailed.

Secretary of Normal Faculty.

Missionary Work

Results to Encourage — No. 2

Last week we presented an instance of a person's searching for the truth, and promised to continue with another of interest. God is working, and this should inspire us to study as never before how to make opportunities for others who are honest in heart to get in touch with the truth for this time.

The following extract from a letter tells its own story. Notice the different agencies through which the Lord is bringing this man to investigate:

"At Mr. Fulton's vegetarian cafeteria, 359 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, where I have taken my meals for some time past, I have picked up the 'Harvest Ingathering for Missions' number of the *Signs of the Times*. Right opposite the table where I generally take my meals there is a sign which reads, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' *What is the right way to serve the Lord?* . . . I am thirty-eight years old. Was born in Paris, France. Twelve years ago I left France for Western Canada. In 1903 I was married to a Canadian woman. We have two children — a girl of seven, and a boy three years old.

"My parents were Catholics, and I was brought up in that religion, but did not follow that church in any way until I was married. My wife is a strong Catholic, and I have from time to time tried to follow the teachings of the Catholic Church better, but my 'essais' did not last. I have had a feeling of unrest during the last few years.

"From nervousness I gradually, during the last five years, got sick and physically exhausted. I recently went to the Glendale Sanitarium, where I now take treatments, and they have shown me the right way to live. I am already feeling better, although I started but three weeks ago.

"Now it occurs to me that I would like to morally live in the right way too. *What should I do to receive that message you are speaking about in your editorial?* I never read the Bible, and I would like to start in that direction. Although I understand English fairly well, I wish to read it in French. Will you provide me with a true French translation of the Bible? I will send you per return price for same.

"In closing I may say that I have to work for a salary. My line is office clerk, or better, bookkeeper.

"Hoping to be favored by an early reply, I remain, dear sir," etc.

"Yours very truly."

Since this letter, one other has been received, since the gentleman has begun to study his French Bible. He has also been put in touch with an experienced Bible worker in Los Angeles, and the latest report concerning his interest is most encouraging. Let us pray for this man and his family: And may this and other instances furnishing overwhelming evidence of how God is working, and how

the providing of opportunities for getting people in touch with the truth is bringing results, encourage us to do greater things — or better still, *do more of the smaller acts* — the giving out of the tracts, the papers, the magazines, which bear the truth and will reach the honest in heart. The Lord is working.

J. R. Ferren,

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Missionary Items**

One of our good workers over at Pomona wrote us the other day, and sent the following experience:

“My sister is working for a wealthy family in Los Angeles. The people treat her as one of the family, and send her to church in the auto, and return for her whenever she is ready. She was at the vegetarian cafeteria recently, and picked up the *Review and Herald*. She became greatly interested in the article by Sister White, and carried it out as the machine came up to get her. When she reached the home, she left the paper in the machine. Just as they finished dinner, the driver brought it in, and handed it to the lady of the house. It was laid on the table. Her husband picked it up with the remark, ‘What paper is this?’ The wife replied, ‘I do not know. Charlie brought it in.’ He sketched it through, and said, ‘This is a good paper,’ and pointing to the piece by Sister White, added, ‘That’s a fine story. Read it.’ She read it aloud. ‘That’s fine. That’s a good paper,’ exclaimed the husband. ‘I’m going to send for it.’ He immediately addressed an envelope to the publishing house, slipped in his card and a two dollar bill for a year’s subscription. If Brother Fulton wants to know what became of his *Review*, tell him it went on a missionary tour, started by a girl unconscious of what she was doing.”

We have a little company of loyal women down in one of the beach towns. Their missionary secretary has just sent in the following good report:

“We have held three missionary meetings during the month, with an average attendance of thirteen. Our meetings are made interesting, because each member reports work done. Some interesting conversations have been related, to show that people are interested in the truth we are presenting to them. One dear lady has

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 1911

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Arizona						
D. Williams	C.K.	18			\$28.00	
L. Barela	C.K.	31	22	\$9.00	42.05	
2 Agents		49		\$9.00	\$70.05	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1911

California						
E. S. Horsman	P.G. and Ministry	23	17		\$93.00	
W. W. Peterson,	P.G.	39	25	\$2.00	92.50	
J. Nyman	Heralds	9	4		11.00	
3 Agents		71	46	\$2.00	\$196.50	

accepted the truth just lately as the result of the missionary effort of one of the sisters. We have just renewed our club of *Signs*, and will soon have to order more tracts. We mean to keep working, and hope to send a better report for the next month. Pray for our little company, that we may have an increasing missionary spirit.”

Ernest Lloyd.

News Notes

My recent trip to the Central California Conference was an unusually pleasant and interesting one. While there, the field agent and I visited the Armona school, where we organized a canvassers’ band.

We found a fine school, and all the students seemed happy and full of missionary zeal. Quite an interest was manifested in the canvassing work, and eight joined the band. Prof. J. L. Jones is to be the leader of the band, and we are sure that with his past experience in canvassing and his enthusiasm and interest in this branch of the work, he will make the band meetings intensely interesting.

Five attended the canvassers’ institute to prepare for active work in the field at once. Brother Bond, who canvassed a year and a half in Cuba, was among the number. Brother Lester Bond, who was also in Cuba, will take up the work in a few weeks.

The prospects are good in that field for a strong winter work. We believe also that these who have taken up the work at this time mean to be permanent workers and stay with the work till the Lord calls them elsewhere or till the work is fulfilled.

Brother J. G. Smith writes from Utah that the place they are working now is seven thousand feet above sea-level, and that they are having regular winter weather. He says there is snow and ice in abundance, but closes his letter with, “Getting orders too.”

Brother Smith is a man of long experience in the Lord’s work, and we are glad he is there in that needy field. The trials are great, and the work goes harder than in some of our other conferences, but we are sure that the “Captain of the Lord’s host,” who stood by Joshua as he was about to attempt the overthrow of Jericho, will also fight for Brother Smith and the work in Utah.

“Go on, brave canvasser and true,
Bear forth the burden laid on you,
And send the sacred heralds forth
To east and west, to south and north.

“Emboldened by the truth you love,
Empowered by all heaven above,
To every human dwelling bear
The burden of the word ‘Prepare.’

“A little while — O saints, rejoice,
For we shall hear the trumpet voice
Of God’s own well-beloved Son
Proclaim, ‘Thou faithful child, well done!’”

A. A. Cone,

General Agent Pacific Union Conf.

God has made men His stewards. The property which He has placed in their hands is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel. To those who prove themselves faithful stewards He will commit greater trusts. Saith the Lord, “Them that honor Me, I will honor.” — “*Patriarchs and Prophets.*”

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1911

A series of revival meetings in the Fresno church has just closed, and there are several interested, who undoubtedly will accept the truth.

We are now in the midst of the week of prayer, enjoying the excellent readings. We trust that all our people are receiving the rich blessings that the Lord has for them.

The sales for our subscription books in this union conference during the first ten months of the present year are \$2,417.15 greater than for the same length of time last year. The total sales up to October 31, 1911, amounted to \$25,433.80.

We have just learned that Miss Flora Eggers, who has served for some time as tract society secretary of Southern California, is now taking up work in the Glendale Sanitarium. Brother K. H. Wood has been secured to act as tract society secretary.

Brother Clyde Lowry, of the Pacific Press, spent Thanksgiving at St. Helena. A little spare time was devoted among friends in selling twenty-six copies of "Acts of the Apostles" at the sanitarium and twenty at Angwin. The remaining space in his trunk was filled with other books, which were also disposed of.

It is decided that the bookmen's convention for the Pacific Union Conference will be held at Loma Linda, beginning Tuesday evening, December 26, and extending over the following Sunday. The leaders in the book work in our territory are to be present, as will also Brother

C. G. Bellah, general agent of the Central Union Conference. This will be a most important convention, as it has to do with careful study of the book and magazine work and plans for better organization.

The Lodi normal students' Missionary Volunteer Society have started their missionary correspondence, and have already begun the use of 50 copies of the *Signs* per week. At the convention just held in Modesto, friends there subscribed for 50 more *Signs* to be added to this club, making 100 copies in all for the young people to send out week after week to persons in various parts of the Northern California-Nevada Conference. This work is well organized, and we believe it will accomplish definite results in putting people in touch with the truth.

Much has been said during the past few weeks about the work with our holiday books. Excellent work is being done throughout this union with the small books, and success and good experiences are reported. The orders are already beginning to come in to the publishing house for a large number of the beautiful line of Christmas books to go into the homes of those not of our faith. Four of these prospectuses went to Arizona. An excellent order for books has just been received. One sister says of her work, that she had many excellent opportunities to speak a word for the truth, held two Bible readings, and has opened the way in a number of homes for our tracts and papers.

Elder R. R. Reinhold, connected with the California Conference in behalf of the Scandinavian work, sends the following: "Since I came to San Francisco, I have been busy holding meetings and distributing papers and tracts. For a few months I held meetings in the Laguna Street church every Sunday afternoon. Now we have rented a nice store for our meetings. Sunday, November 19, we had the opening exercises, and the meeting place was packed to the door. The last two Sunday nights have been fairly good. We have some souls very much interested. A few are keeping the Sabbath of the Lord. We are paying \$25 a month for the place, and it has cost us a little over a hundred dollars to fix it up, but we are going to try our best to give

the message to the Scandinavians. We earnestly desire the prayers of God's people."

Heaven-Sent Victories in Canvassing

In the providence of God, I left Loma Linda, California, on November 27 for a long canvassing trip to Arizona. Having sold our Spanish book "Patriarchs and Prophets" twice in this section before, I decided to try our new Spanish work, "Home and Health," though I still carry "Patriarchs" with me, and sell them, too; also "Daniel and Revelation," with "Ministry of Healing."

I first decided to try Metcalf, Arizona, near Clifton and Morenci, a Mexican Spanish town. I looked to God in much prayer for help. He does not fail us when we ask in faith. Ours is a prayer-hearing, prayer-answering God, a loving, kind Father.

The first canvass I made was for "Patriarchs and Prophets" in Spanish. This first man ordered it. Later I went to a mine. Just before I reached there, for the first time I tore the wrapper off my new Spanish "Home and Health" prospectus. The first man I showed it to, ordered one in half leather. The next was foreman of the mine. He also ordered a four dollar copy. He then got the blacksmith to order one of the books. Then the assistant foreman took one. I only put in a short day's work, yet the Lord in mercy gave me a little over \$40 worth of orders that day for books, outside helps, etc. His are all honors.

The following day I got along nicely. That evening after dark, I secured among the Mexican homes four orders, or \$12 worth. The first two days here, of all kinds of orders, amounted to over \$80. Friday was a short day, and I did not do much. After the close of Sabbath, in almost no time I secured two orders for "Home and Health," or seven dollars in value. The first three days here, of all kinds of orders, amounted to over \$102.

The Lord hears prayer. Ps. 102:17. I believe our Spanish books will sell well all over the land. God's angels will go ahead and open the way. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Walter Harper.

December 3.