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Sketches of the Past — No. 121

There are many things clustering around the year 1860 besides those already mentioned. It was during that summer and autumn that the campaign was on to decide the question whether Lincoln or Douglas should be president of the United States. Feelings ran high between men of Northern and Southern principles. In the North there was an extensive circulation of a book written by Hinton Rowan Helper, entitled “The Impending Crisis of the South.” It was evidently calculated by the author to show that the Southern people were really not capacitated for any great achievements. In one of his illustrations was a description of a funeral. The hearse was from the North, the harness on the horses was from the North, the coffin and its trimmings were all from the North, and even the whip in the hands of the driver on the hearse was of Northern manufacture. The same lack of manufacturing skill he sought

to illustrate even in their house furnishing, farming implements, etc.

Whether it was his design to deceive the people of the North or not, he most surely did it, and left the impression on the mind of his admirers that the people of the South were a sort of pusillanimous race. He forgot to say that their young men of sporting turn were well skilled in bringing down the bird on the wing every time.

Very soon after the election of Lincoln, it was clearly evident that the South were greatly displeased. They did not wait for his inauguration, March 4, 1861, before making this manifest; for on December 20, 1860, the same South Carolina which was in the “nullification” difficulty in 1832, and defeated by President Jackson, now passed a secession ordinance, thereby plainly declaring their intention to sever completely their connection with the United States of America.

The idea of the situation in the South, as entertained largely by the Republican Party of the North, who had elected Lincoln, was fairly expressed by Horace Greeley, in his issue of the *New York Tribune* the first week in January, 1861. He set forth the idea that South Carolina’s thinking to separate from the Union was preposterous. He illustrated the case by the story of a Scotch boy in England who was trying to press his way through a hedge, back of a garden, to get some of a gentleman’s “wall fruit.” It happened that the man stood near the place where the lad was working, and as his head came through, the gentleman called out, “Where going, Sante?” The lad suddenly drew back, and replied, “Bock agin, sor.” Greeley said all it needed was “some one with the sternness of Jackson to say, ‘South

Carolina, where are you going?’ and they will say, ‘Back again into the Union.’”

In the second issue of his paper in January, 1861, Greeley said: “Talk of South Carolina going out of the Union! A few old women with broomsticks could go down there and beat out all of their rebellion.” This was the real idea of the Northern Republicans, who had elected Lincoln.

Right here I wish to speak of what occurred just at that time, which brought light on the situation to Seventh-day Adventists. On January 12, 1861, Brother and Sister White, J. H. Waggoner and I attended a meeting at Parkville, St. Joseph County, Michigan. It was the occasion of the dedication of their new meeting-house. A large congregation assembled. Brother Waggoner gave the sermon, and Brother White made the dedicatory prayer. Sister White followed with a very powerful exhortation. Then, as she sat down in the chair, she was taken off in vision, which lasted some twenty minutes or more.

After coming out of the vision, she again addressed the people, relating what had just been shown to her in the vision. She said: “Men are making light of the secession ordinance that has been passed by South Carolina. They have little idea of the trouble that is coming on our land. No one in this house has even dreamed of the trouble that is coming. I have just been shown in vision that a number of States are going to join South Carolina in this secession, and a terrible war will be the result. In the vision I saw large armies raised by both the North and the South. I was shown the battle raging. I heard the booming of the cannon, and saw the dead and wounded falling on every side.

I was then taken to hospitals, and saw the sufferings of the sick and wounded prisoners. I was taken in the vision to the homes of those who had lost sons, brothers, or husbands in the war. There was distress and mourning all over the land."

Then, looking carefully around the house, she said, "There are men in this house who will lose sons in that war." Recollect, that vision was given January 12, 1861. When we come only to February 1, 1861, six States had joined South Carolina in secession. These were what were then called "the cotton States;" namely, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

J. N. Loughborough.

The World's Best Friend

Of all the men that this world has known, Jesus was the man who was its greatest friend. He knew better than any one else just how to be its friend. He knew the depths of its sinfulness. He knew the greatness and the egregiousness of its mistakes. He saw its attempts to rise, and its failures. All through life He was ever trying to manifest this friendship; and His many acts of kindness and the multitude of His words of cheer and graciousness show the genuineness of it.

Jesus began to be the world's best friend long before His public ministry began. He was its friend even when a mere lad playing in the dusty brown streets of Nazareth. I can almost see those clear blue, luminous eyes of the boy Christ so yearning and so full of appeal—as they beamed good will into the souls of His comrades who played with Him or walked into the hills with Him as He studied natural history. I believe, that those sharers of His companionship recognized the wholesomeness of His example, and that every new walk with Him gave them new enthusiasm for righteousness, and greater regard for the God of their fathers. I must believe, too, that some of these young men, through their early confidence, came to believe on Him in later life as the Saviour of the world; for I can not imagine that the power of His young life was fruitless, and that Jesus in His youth was not preparing souls to accept Him when He was later revealed as the Christ.

If I read anything between the lines of the gospel story, I read the big souled yearning of Jesus for the salvation of the

young men of His time. A yearning desire, too, it was, that He might find some way to reach down into their hearts and get grip upon their souls before the tempter could steal them away into prejudiced manhood.

Jesus Christ is to-day the friend of young men, and He is longing to manifest His friendship. For this manifestation He has but two means to reveal Himself—through His written word and through His disciples.

Many will not read our Bibles nor listen to our sermons, but they will all read our lives and take kindly ministry and accept a friendly word. Jesus Christ has appointed us to make friends for Him, giving to us the ministry of reconciliation. He wants you and me to go out into the markets, the factories and workshops, into the high schools, into the colleges and universities, and show to young men everywhere His attractiveness and His beauty. Jesus Christ is attractive to men to-day; and if He is held up in His true beauty, young men will again seek to know Him.

The other day I took a trip through Ventura County, visiting the high schools, and everywhere I found young men who were glad to know Jesus Christ. This little tour has been one of the most remarkable of all that I have ever experienced. Especially at Santa Paula was the occasion of my visit made happy. Mr. Jones, the principal of the high school, gave me a twenty minute period at the morning assembly to speak on Christian temperance. The interest of the students was so keen that he immediately asked me to meet the young men in the science hall for another lecture, telling them that opportunities to hear such things did not come often, and that they ought to take advantage of them. Though it was the week for the monthly tests, Mr. Jones told me to take whatever time I needed to present my subject. The Lord helped me to get such a grip on the ears of that group of young men that when the recess period made it necessary to close the lecture, they grouped about me imploring me to tell them more. That looked good to me. And it looked good, too, to the principal of that high school. To my surprise he asked the students if they desired to have me speak to them again that day in the afternoon, to which they responded, "Indeed!"

That afternoon the students seemed more interested than ever, and gave me

the most ideal attention as for fifty minutes I again conversed with them on principles of right and clean living; and when the next recess came they again grouped about to interrogate more about the themes on which we had dwelt. And then after school several of the students met me on the street to ask about our medical school at Loma Linda and to tell me that they wished sometime soon to visit us.

The next day Miss Ada B. Cummings, the county president of the W. C. T. U., arranged to have me taken by auto to Simi, a little village back in the hills, so that I could speak to the children there in the school. Never did I feel more as if I was a missionary than while there. Never had I seen children who seemed so deprived, and who had such a knowledge of vice. The teacher was utterly at a loss to know how to deal with the situation. We are told that even some of these little towns are already as wicked as Sodom, and Simi is not on the list of exceptions. I gave those pupils a talk straight from the shoulder, and organized the boys into a Sir Galahad Club, in which each was to be a knight errant to stand for clean living and clean thinking, and stand as a soldier to fight against sin. The teacher seemed more grateful for this than her words could express, and begged that I come again to help her cope with the situation. There she is all alone thirty-five miles out in the country, striving to help those people, and I believe she should have our prayers. God has noble souls whose names are not enrolled on the lists of the famous, who are doing His bidding more than many who are known world-wide, and they shall have big rewards for their faithfulness when the Master comes to pay for services in long cons of eternal life.

The trip that day covered eighty miles, and when I returned to Santa Paula I addressed the Parent-Teacher Association, where I spoke on the subject of the relation of diet to morals. This address was well received and an invitation was extended to speak before the association again at my first opportunity. I had a similar experience at Fillmore, where I spoke before the association on Tuesday afternoon.

To-morrow I shall go to Pasadena to speak there in the schools for two weeks.

We shall ask you all to pray that the Lord may prepare the hearts of young men everywhere to accept the gospel of

His grace as the workers in the vineyard present Jesus Christ as the best friend a young man can have.

Edmund C. Jaeger.

Riverside, California, February 18.

One missionary enterprise which Brother Jaeger failed to mention in his interesting report is that of supplying the *Youth's Instructor* in short subscriptions to those boys who show an interest in things uplifting and religious. In a personal letter he writes, "There are a half dozen boys who ought to be getting it now who are on the waiting list." And he pleads for help from some young people or Volunteer societies in this enterprise. \$1.00 will supply two boys with the *Instructor* six months. Wouldn't you like a small part in such a work among the boys? Brother Jaeger will be glad to hear from you if you do. Address him at 1462 W. 6th St., Riverside, California.

J. R. F.

Address Given by Elder F. M. Wilcox Sabbath, March 2, 1912, to the Mountain View Mission-ary Volunteers

One fact which must have impressed itself upon the mind of every one here is that the present age is an age of opportunity. And it is just as true that it is most decidedly the age of the young. In every line of business and in every profession, the young men and women of to-day are leading out. This is true in every branch of the world's great work. The old men are acting as counselors. By their years of experience and study and by their mature judgment they are qualified to advise. But it is upon the shoulders of the younger generation that the burdens of the world are resting to-day.

The same conditions obtain in the Christian life and the church. God has given the church a work to do in this day and age such as it has never been called upon to do before. This is true particularly of our own church and work.

The continual demand of our Mission Board is for young men and women. When they have a hard problem to meet or a difficult language to be learned, they do not call on men and women with gray hair, even though they may have grown old in Christian work. They call for a young man or a young woman who is in the receptive stage of life; those who can easily and readily adapt them-

selves to new and trying conditions; those who can acquire a difficult language in the shortest space of time.

This is not an age for the weakling. The weakling will invariably fall behind in the great and strenuous race of to-day. Young men and women who are weak, whose characters have not been rooted and grounded in the Christian faith, will not be able to stand in the trying times which are just upon us. The times in which we live demand men and women of character, men and women of power, men and women who have made the Word of God their study and counselor, men and women who have lived with Jesus and learned of Him. The weakling does not fulfil these conditions, consequently he must in the very nature of things fall behind.

Young men and women who succeed to-day must have the quality of steadfastness. I have known young people who could be strong for a moment of time. They could rise on some occasion or in some crisis and be a power for a moment. But after the moment had passed they would drop back again. This is not the characteristic which is needed to-day. This fleeting kind of strength of purpose and of character is not the kind that wins the battles of to-day.

You may have the kind of steadfastness that really is needed, but the world may not recognize it. They may not regard you as brilliant. In fact you may not be brilliant. But you can be faithful. You may not be able to dazzle the world by your genius, but you can be a plodder in the great world's work. And I want each of you to know that in my estimation it is the faithful plodder that most frequently wins out when the actual test comes. And do not forget that in a great majority of cases that which makes the success of the world's leaders possible, is the work of the faithful plodders that are following and pushing on behind.

I used to think of boyhood and manhood, girlhood and womanhood, differently than I do now. When I was twelve years of age I looked forward to the time when I would be seventeen or eighteen, and of the changes that would come in my life before that time. But when I reached that age, and as I have grown older year by year, I have come to realize that added years alone do not bring about the changes we so earnestly desire.

I know now that these changes are

brought about in various ways, and that the age of a man or a woman affects these things only incidentally. When there comes into the heart of a boy a desire and a determination to engage for himself in the great battles of life, when there comes a conviction and a settled purpose to fight and to win, and especially when he hears the call of God ringing in his ears, that boy or young man has awakened into manhood.

And so it is with a girl. When she feels an ambition of the right kind, a fixed determination to take her place in the world, a resolution to study and prepare herself, by whatever means she may have, to make of herself that which will be for her best good and the best good of those about her, then she is wakening into true womanhood.

I know of a boy of twelve who grew to manhood in a single night. His father died, and with his death there came to the boy a realization of the fact that he was the only support and stay of his widowed mother and his younger sisters. He nerved his arm for the fight before him. To all intents and purposes he became a man, because he heard the call of God ringing in his ears. He felt the weight of responsibility resting upon his shoulders, and he rose to the situation like a man.

And so as I have said, it is true in each case, in your life and in mine. When we have heard the call of God to our life-work, even though we may not see very far ahead of us, may not see the end from the beginning as the Father above does, then we are waking into true manhood and womanhood, and not until then.

Another thing which the young who expect to succeed must have is ambition — ambition of the right kind and plenty of it. Once having heard the call to their life-work, they must have and cultivate an ambition to succeed. I have many times been pained to see young people who do not seem to be possessed with a very high or noble ambition. They were content to take things as they found them. They were content to let circumstances fashion and mold them, instead of making themselves, by God's help, master of the circumstances that confronted them.

I have known young men and women who seemed to have no high ideals — no ideals of any kind worth speaking of. Such are to be pitied. And we do pity them. It often happens that we may

have the opportunity—the privilege, I may say—of inspiring in such lives a desire for higher and nobler things than they have ever known before. This is one of the things which you and I are in the world for to-day. May we ever be true to that trust.

In connection with ambition, we should never forget that there is the right kind and the wrong kind of ambition. God does not want us to be dissatisfied with our lot in life. We all know of some people who are not satisfied. I know, personally, of a young woman who complained of her lack of opportunities in life. She said she could not live in as nice a house as she would like. She could not wear clothing as fine as others she knew. She did not have as much money to spend as others with whom she associated. She could not claim the place in the society of the world which others occupied. In fact she was filled with a spirit of dissatisfaction and repining. It is a fact that this young woman actually pined away, and because of her repining she went down to an early grave.

God wants us to be satisfied with our lot. Even though we may not have the opportunity we crave, the health and the wealth we would like to have; even though circumstances may seem to be adverse in many ways, I firmly believe that God wants a high and holy ambition burning in the heart of every young man and woman in the world to-day. After that, if the young man will but serve faithfully, to the best of his ability, doing what he can and all he can for the uplift of those about him, studying to show himself approved unto God, then God will accept him and his work. He will be blessed and made a blessing in the field where he is. And God Himself will speak the "well done" at last.

The man or the woman without high ideals is, as I have said, to be pitied. So also is he who feels that his ideal has been attained. There should be no ideal short of perfection itself, but it is sad to think there are many who are satisfied with achievements already made. I recall the story of a sculptor who was exhibiting his latest work to a friend. As they looked at it, and the friend was praising and admiring the statue, the sculptor said, "From this time on I will be on the decline." The friend remonstrated with him, saying that he was still young, he was strong, and should be in his prime. But the sculptor said: "No; I have reached the place where I can find

no fault whatever with that work. I have reached my ideal. Hereafter I must be on the decline."

So it is to be hoped that each of us will ever have an ideal higher and holier than anything we have yet attained. It will be one of our privileges throughout eternity to study the perfect Pattern that is ever set before us. Just so long as God is higher and holier than we are, just so long may we strive for the ideal which one and all of us should have.

I remember when our mission ship Pitcairn was being fitted up for her voyage to the South Seas, a letter came to me from a young man in Battle Creek. He said he wanted to be a missionary, but he had never been given a chance in all the years he had spent there, that he had never been able to do any missionary work there. He was sure that if he were permitted to go as cabin-boy on board that ship, he could do a great work as a missionary. I had to tell him that if he had never found an opportunity to do missionary work there, I was sure he would never be able to find any to do in a heathen land. A journey across the sea will never work such a miracle as that.

And so it is with this Missionary Volunteer Society right here in Mountain View. If you fail to find missionary work to do right here in your own town, in your own church, in your own home, you will not find it in a heathen land. There is no one of us who could not begin right at home by being better and more helpful as brother or sister, as father or mother, in our own home. We can all be more careful and more considerate with those about us, those with whom we associate in our daily work and lives.

And let us ever remember that missionary work does not consist alone in giving money to send the gospel to the heathen. It is not confined to the giving of Bible readings to our neighbors. It is to go about daily doing good; as the Master Himself did. That is the basis of Christian life and growth. May we have the spirit which actuated Him. If we will do as He did, we will have the blessed privilege of meeting our friends, neighbors, and loved ones in the kingdom of God.

The great demand to-day is for men and women of consecration; men and women who have definitely and finally placed their lives and their all on the altar of service. Men who are strong,

steadfast, ambitious, are needed to-day. But over and above all, the world, and the work of God in the world, need strong young lives which are thoroughly consecrated to the work before us.

One of the saddest things we can see is that of a young man gaining an education, or winning material success in this world, at the expense of his Christian experience—at the expense of his connection with the living God. It is sad to think of a young life striving for success and leaving God out of his reckoning. The great Master-mind of the universe wants all young people to yoke up with Him. In this way, all Christian people will agree that final and eternal success may be sought and won.

The idea of service has been suggested. Next to prayer and Bible study, I firmly believe there is nothing which so well qualifies young lives for effective service, as a practical, every-day application of the principles we have been talking of here to-day. Nothing tends more strongly to fix these principles in our minds and hearts as service for God and service for each other.

To-day the great question in our minds should be, Where and when shall we begin to work for God? The answer is, Here and now. Begin to work in this church, in your home, in this community. And begin to-day. And God will give you souls for your hire. You will in every way be better fitted for the present life, and for that longer, higher, better life to come.

The Field

From Japan

It may be of interest to the readers of the RECORDER in our conference, and stimulate their missionary activities and strengthen their zeal for the cause of missions, to read a portion of a letter received recently from Brother Charles N. Lake, who went from Mountain View to Japan last August. Especially would we call attention to the last paragraph, where Brother Lake speaks of our young people in America, and how they doubtless would be impressed could they see what his eyes behold over there. The following is an extract from the letter:

"Mrs. Lake and I have been here nearly five months. We have much to learn. Especially of the language is

this true. But we are becoming nicely adjusted to conditions, which, as you know, are quite different from at home. We reside in a Japanese house. The most that can be said for them is that they are well ventilated, especially in winter. Perhaps it is this abundance of fresh air that makes it possible for the Japanese to exist in spite of their insanitary way of eating and living. Now that our winter school is in session, there are four families of us foreigners here in Tokyo. In addition, two other families are located in other parts of the country; too few, I'm sure you will agree, to carry the message to this nation of more than fifty millions. Brother Burden will enter the field the coming summer and endeavor to instruct our canvassers. At present we have a semi-monthly paper and a few tracts only, but hope to get out illustrated 'Steps to Christ' this year, and also make some progress with one or two other books, notwithstanding our very meager facilities. But do you know, Brother Behrens, I like this pioneering constructive work? The General Conference voted us \$40,000 to buy land and build school and dormitories and a printing plant. This has been cut to \$20,000 owing to lack of sufficient funds in the treasury. But we are thankful for this, and will proceed to locate and build economically, as we must.

"Words could not be spoken that would make me realize the spiritual needs of the Japanese people so much as actually seeing and hearing some of the things one sees and hears in this great city. Buddhist and Shinto temples are numerous scattered about the place. Millions of dollars are represented in these costly properties. A visit to any of them at any time of the day or late into the night will show worshipers before shrines mumbling prayers for the dead and living. A coin is invariably thrown into a convenient receptacle, the worshiper's hands are clapped two or three times to gain the attention of the spirit addressed, and the prayer is begun. At Asakusa Park, where one of the largest temples is, one may see a score or more persons at one time thus engaged, the personnel of the crowd constantly changing. But the thing that touches me most and makes me feel like working the harder, is to hear the dismal muffled clang of a gong, which is struck by a big knot in a rope suspended from above and hanging down in front

of the gong. One can hear the clang of these gongs for a quarter of a mile or more. It is always a reminder of the fact that some poor, ignorant devotee is blindly groping for that peace and comfort which are only obtained from the true, living God.

"Our Japanese servant-girl, twenty-four years of age, came to us and is working for \$5 a month, just so she could learn English. She left a \$10 job in an embroidery store. She is getting more than English, you may be sure, and we hope she will become one of our number before long. At present, and for nearly three weeks past, she has been confined to her bed with a severe case of pleurisy, but it is working out for the best. Mrs. Lake did what she could for the girl; gave her fomentations, etc. Sister Cornish, who has charge of our girls' dormitory, and who, by the way, is a graduate nurse from one of our Southern California sanitariums, happened to call on us at just the right time, and rolling up her sleeves, gave that girl such splendid treatments as to leave her and all others concerned most happy. Then she sent a Japanese nurse who had served in our Kobe Sanitarium, and who understands her business too. That girl stayed right on the job for two or three days, and gave numerous treatments, nor did she overlook the equally important work of helping our girl spiritually. Why, they have been having regular miniature camp-meetings together. They sing hymns, read their Bibles, and pray. Really, Brother Behrens, I never saw anything like it before. Yesterday noon, Mrs. Lake happened out in the kitchen as the nurse was about to partake of her Japanese dinner, which was spread out on the low sink. She found the girl asking the blessing. To-day a young couple called, and before leaving we heard them praying, and not in a muffled way either. How thankful I would be if all our American young people could see and hear all this that I am telling you about! They would be refreshed, and would surely say that their sacrifices for foreign missionary endeavor were well worth while. Indeed, I think it would be a stimulus to greater effort."

J. H. Behrens.

As we associate together, we may be a blessing to one another. If we are Christ's, our sweetest thoughts will be of Him.—"Desire of Ages."

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

News Items

Elder J. H. Behrens occupied the time in the Fresno church last Sabbath morning.

A number of the young people from Fresno went to Armona to the young people's convention March 2 and 3.

On the evening of February 21 a very pleasing program was rendered by the pupils of the Bakersfield church school.

The school garden work is taken up with a great deal of interest in a number of schools. The Fresno school has some really fine gardens, and is making a specialty of peas.

Elder J. R. Patterson writes that his visit to San Luis Obispo was a very profitable one. He also reports new Sabbath-keepers from Sur and other places in and about Monterey.

A consignment of 1,684 pounds, consisting of olives, raisins, dried peaches, wine, honey, etc., put up by Brother Milton K. Dymot, of the Fresno church, has just been forwarded to the workers in China, one half to go to Hongkong and the other half to Shanghai.

S. G. White.

Wallace Church

Elder J. H. Behrens spent Sabbath and Sunday, February 24 and 25, with the brethren at the Wallace church, which is situated about twenty-five miles from Madera. Being so far from the railroad, these brethren and sisters seldom enjoy the visit of a minister. As this is the only church within a radius of twenty-five miles, the meetings were well attended by those not of our faith.

Sabbath morning Elder Behrens spoke on "The Love of God," and in the afternoon gave a brief history of the Christian church, after which the church building was dedicated to the service of God.

This meeting-house was erected some years ago, but was never completed until within the last few weeks. It was dedicated free from debt.

Two meetings were held Sunday, and they were well attended, and much interest was manifested, even by those of the outside. This was the first church

service many had attended in years, and all felt that they had received a blessing. A number of those not of our faith knelt in prayer at the last service, and all expressed their desire that they might have such privileges oftener.

Tressa Belvail.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

A. J. Osborne is still at Woodland, as some interest is manifested there.

Elder T. H. Watson met with the Manteca church Sabbath, March 2.

Elder F. De Witt Gauterau is assisting with the revival services at Lodi.

Three more souls have been baptized and received into the Sacramento church.

Miss Lida Ackley spent a few days the past week with the Hughson and Turlock church schools.

Elder Henry Shultz spoke to a number of the brethren in the Lodi church Tuesday evening, February 27.

Brother W. S. Holbrook reports another accession to the faith at Oak. Surely the work is onward.

Brother W. P. Dayton spent a few days at Oakdale the past week in the interest of the canvassing work.

The Bible study services are well attended at Acacia Grove under the instructions of Elder Henry Shultz.

Brother Fred Brink is still laboring in Thermalito. Indirectly we hear that he has some interest at that place.

We are pleased to report that a Sabbath-school has been organized at Wil-lows, and the members are very much interested in their work.

Dr. R. A. Buchanan, who has been receiving treatment at the St. Helena Sanitarium, is expected home in the near future. We are all pleased to receive this word.

A number from Lodi attended the Sabbath-school, missionary and young people's convention at Stockton Sabbath, February 24. A very interesting program was rendered, and all report a profitable and enjoyable time.

Miss Alice Brayshaw, our Bible worker in Stockton, reports that three of her Bible readers have begun keeping the Sabbath, and a number of others are deeply interested in the truth. She also states that she has had many precious experiences since entering that field of labor.

There was some bedding furnished last year to the conference to provide for the ministers from abroad, but we did not have as much as we needed. Doubtless there are some of our good sisters who would like to furnish the conference with sheets, comforters, pillows, etc., this year. It will not be long until the date will be here for our camp-meeting and conference. We are glad to hear that so many are planning to attend. We will all remember the date—June 6 to 16; and the place—Sacramento.

Verah MacPherson.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Glendale Sanitarium Notes

The sanitarium is enjoying good patronage.

The new wards are completed, in use, and much appreciated.

The city treatment rooms are enjoying an increasing patronage.

Several members of our new nurses' class were baptized and joined our church here at Glendale.

Dr. H. F. Rand and family are comfortably settled in Glendale. The children are attending our church school.

We had the pleasure of having Elder J. N. Loughborough with us for a time. We all enjoyed his encouraging words.

Dr. Rand has hours at the sanitarium from two to four P.M.; in Los Angeles, 417 West Fifth St., from nine to eleven A.M.

Brother J. J. Wessels, our business manager, is enjoying a visit by his brother Dan from Winona, Northern Michigan.

Sister Flora M. Eggers is now acting as our cashier and bookkeeper. Brother Blair Miller is stenographer and assistant in our office work.

We are glad to have Dr. Hall, a student of the Medical Missionary College at Loma Linda, with us to assist in our medical work for a little while.

Dr. Rand makes weekly visits to the various churches surrounding Los Angeles, taking up subjects on health reform. These churches manifest a deep interest in this work.

Grandma Wessels is expecting to return to her home in South Africa on the 6th proximo, and will be accompanied by her son Dan and nurse Pearl Olds. The sanitarium family will miss grandma.

Evangelistic and medical lectures are conducted in connection with our city treatment rooms, where we have a fine hall with a seating capacity of about two hundred. The attendance is good, and the meetings are appreciated. Several have already taken their stand for the truth. Meetings are held every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock for the benefit of the new believers.

We are all of good courage in this work. Let the brethren throughout the field pray for the work and workers at this place.

Office.

February 26.

Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The ninth annual session of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Phoenix, Arizona, in the Seventh-day Adventist church, April 2, 1912 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held at 10 A.M., April 2, 1912.

H. G. Thurston, *President*.
M. T. Poston, *Secretary*.

"To the consecrated worker there is wonderful consolation in the knowledge that even Christ during His life on earth sought His Father daily for fresh supplies of needed grace; and from this communion with God He went forth to strengthen and bless others."

Calls from the Field

The Lord is calling for a number of real "heart missionaries" to go into these cities and proclaim the message of His soon coming.

He has said He has many for us to teach the way of truth and life. Reader, do you not want to join the Lord's army of workers here, and help prepare a people to meet their God, and our God? If so, now is the time to start. Do not delay longer, as every day many souls are passing into eternity without being prepared to meet the judgment. He is calling *you* to labor to-day in His vineyard. Do not ask to be excused.

He has promised to send two angels with every one who enters this work. Could you ask for better company?

We want some earnest young men to come into these cities, and earn scholarships by selling our truth-filled magazines to the people in their homes. It can be done easily, and we have the very best territory one could ask for around the bay. Also earnest young ladies may do the same, as you can see by the following records.

I will be glad to communicate with any one thinking of taking up the magazine work.

Report of Magazine Work for Week Ending February 24, 1912

| | Hrs. | Copies | Value |
|---|------|--------|----------|
| Mrs. W. D. Fleming | 26 | 548 | \$ 54.80 |
| Miss Agatha Russell | 30 | 408 | 40.80 |
| Mrs. Graves * | | 1,000 | 100.00 |
| * 4 weeks. | 56 | 1,956 | \$195.60 |
| W. D. Fleming, Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf. | | | |

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

The fifteenth annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, for the purpose of electing four or more members of the board of directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 13, 1912, at 12 o'clock M.

H. W. Cottrell, *President.*
J. B. Giddings, *Secretary.*

Wanted

Good stableman. Must be kind to horses, capable, and industrious.
St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, California.

California Missionary Report

| | Heralds- burg | Morgan Hill | Calistoga | Eureka | James Harvey | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------|
| Missionary Visits | 21 | 12 | 123 | 17 | 15 | 188 |
| Hours Christian help | | 10 | | | | 10 |
| Sick assisted | 23 | | 5 | 1 | | 29 |
| Meals provided | | 1 | 10 | | | 11 |
| Clothing given away | 14 | 18 | 7 | | | 39 |
| Tracts given away | 19 | 25 | 56 | 59 | 100 | 259 |
| Papers received | | 176 | | 12 | | 188 |
| Papers given away | 116 | 133 | 103 | 62 | 1,450 | 1,864 |
| Books lent | 7 | 1 | 8 | | 15 | 31 |
| Reading racks filled | | | 14 | | 112 | 126 |
| Letters written | 7 | | 8 | 4 | 7 | 26 |
| Letters received | 2 | | 2 | | 3 | 7 |
| Papers sold | | | 48 | | | 48 |
| Subscriptions taken | 11 | | 13 | 1 | 6 | 31 |
| Books sold | 15 | | | | 10 | 25 |
| Bible readings held | 15 | | | 2 | | 17 |
| Number attending readings | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Children brought to Sabbath-school | 1 | | 2 | | | 3 |
| Amount collected for missions | | \$12.20 | \$16.55 | \$6.65 | | \$35.40 |

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1912

| Agent | Book | Hrs. | Ords. | Helps | Value | Delivered |
|----------------------------|---------|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Southern California | | | | | | |
| Albert Muth* | Heralds | 66 | 15 | | \$33.00 | |
| Otto Schenberth* | Heralds | 42 | 16 | | 33.50 | |
| Hellen Hunnington | Heralds | 3 | 3 | | 6.00 | \$ 4.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 8 | | 16.70 | 10.00 |
| | | | 42 | | \$89.20 | \$14.00 |
| *Two weeks. | | | | | | |

Sanitarium Food Company

The tenth annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Thursday, March 14, 1912, at 12 o'clock M.

L. M. Bowen, *President.*
L. A. Whitney, *Secretary.*

Papers Wanted

The Young People's Society at Loma Linda desires for rack use clean copies of *Signs, Watchman, Instructor, Liberty, and Life and Health.* Address H. G. Nelson, Loma Linda, California.

Fred W. Temple, Ketchikan, Alaska, desires a large supply of weekly and monthly *Signs, Watchman, Life and Health, Instructor, Bible Training School, and Our Little Friend.* Address, post-paid, so as to reach destination by May 1.

True confession is always of a specific character, and acknowledges particular sins.—"Steps to Christ."

No deep-seated love for Jesus can dwell in the heart that does not realize its own sinfulness.—"Steps to Christ."

Pacific Union Conference Biennial Meeting

The sixth biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California, at 9:30 A.M., March 21, 1912, and continue until the 26th, for the purpose of electing the officers for the ensuing biennial term and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Each local conference shall be entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate in the sessions of this conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional member for every three hundred church-members in the conference.

A ministerial institute will be held in Los Angeles from March 12 to 20, which will precede the opening of this session of conference.

By order of the executive committee.
G. A. Irwin, *President.*
J. J. Ireland, *Secretary.*

"Pull on the oar and not on your influential friends," or the tract society.

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Thirteenth Sabbath Donation

A plan whereby the Sabbath-school offerings on the thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter are to be devoted to a special enterprise has recently been adopted by the General Conference Committee. The first enterprise chosen is the cities in India, and the first Sabbath when this special collection will be taken is March 30, 1912. The General Conference treasury department is to designate, quarter by quarter, the special object to which we may give. While the money given on that day will be counted in with the total contributions, and also with the amount of donations to missions given by our Sabbath-schools, we are asking the local secretaries to specify the amount that is given on the thirteenth Sabbath, so that it may rightfully be credited to the field where it belongs.

April "Signs of the Times Magazine"

Readers of this paper will be interested in the April issue of the *Signs Magazine*. The cover design is of El Capitan, the mighty rock 3,300 feet high, overlooking one of the most scenic valleys in the world—the Yosemite. The contents consist of a number of timely and interesting articles, among which we mention a few: "Fletcherism," by Dr. David Paulson; "Four Universal Empires of Time," by Charles L. Taylor; "Reading the Future," "Justice Turned Backward," "Our Lord's Own Signs of His Coming," etc. These are but some of the good things found in this issue of the magazine. It is a helpful number to place in the homes of the people. Fifty cents pays for 10 copies; \$1 for 20 copies; \$2 for 50. They sell at 10 cents a copy. Why not try a few? Write to your tract society.

The Los Angeles Ministerial Institute

As stated in the official notice of the biennial meeting of the Pacific Union Conference, said meeting is to be preceded by a ministerial institute from March 12 to 20. Elder A. G. Daniells, the president of the General Conference, has been invited to take charge of this gathering. He will be assisted by Elder G. B. Thompson and other instructors. There will be something like five periods devoted to study each day, besides the regular evening meeting. At this gathering nearly all the workers in the local conferences of this union will be present. The institutes of this class that have been held in other union conferences have enjoyed seasons of spiritual awakening. We believe the same results will attend the Los Angeles meeting if all come to this gathering with the determination to drink freely from the wells of salvation.

The institute meetings will be held in the hall at 417 West Fifth Street, which is in the same building with the offices of the Southern California Conference.

Entertainment

All who attend this meeting will be expected to meet their own expenses for room and board. The Southern California Conference has very kindly appointed a committee to gather information as to where rooms for lodging may be secured at reasonable rates, and this committee with its data will be found at the conference office to assist in every way it can. Good meals can be obtained at the vegetarian cafeterias at moderate prices.

Following the session of the Pacific Union Conference in Los Angeles, there will be held at Loma Linda, California, the regular annual meeting of the constituency and full board of the College of Medical Evangelists. This meeting begins March 27, and will be attended by nearly all the presidents of the union conferences in the United States. It is expected that most of these men will be present at the Pacific Union Conference.

The Pacific Union Conference Special Rates

We understand that a number of our people who are not workers are planning to attend the ministerial institute and biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference to be held in Los Angeles. Anticipating that there may be at least fifty persons of this class, application has

been made for the regular convention rate of a fare and one third for the round trip for all who come to this meeting who do not use the clergy permit.

The railroads have granted the concession, and our brethren in the churches may be able to attend this meeting at the special rate, providing there are fifty or more, on the certificate plan. You will pay full fare going to the meeting, taking a certificate receipt from the agent for the amount paid. Bring the receipt to the conference secretary for indorsement, and then you can secure your return ticket to your home at one third the cost of coming to the meeting.

The following railroads grant the concession: The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake, and the Southern Pacific. These rates we understand apply from California points only, excepting that the Southern Pacific Company extends the concession as far east as Hazen, Nevada.

Date of Sale

Tickets for this meeting will be for sale on and after March 9. The return tickets can be purchased as late as April 7.

All should understand that most of the delegates to this meeting will use the clergy certificate in traveling, hence are not counted as part of the fifty; so unless there are fifty or more of our lay brethren in attendance using the certificate receipt, we will not be able to secure the reduction on their return tickets.

J. J. Ireland,

Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

For Sale

Eggs for hatching. White Rocks, \$1.25 for 15; White Leghorns, \$1 for 15; \$5 a hundred. All fine stock. Address Mrs. C. A. Sanford, Mountain View, California.

Cooking Oil

The Sanitarium Food Company, Sanitarium, California, carries the very highest grade of cooking oil.

5 gallon cans \$4.00
1 gallon can95

Write for special prices on Malted Cereal and other foods. Address as above.

The humblest and poorest of the disciples of Jesus can be a blessing to others.—"Steps to Christ."