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The Church

Sketches of the Past — No. 122

Our last article closed with an account of Sister White's vision given to her at Parkville, St. Joseph County, Michigan, January 12, 1861. In the room, and near the stand, sat Police Judge Osborne, whose wife was a Sabbath-keeper. By his side sat Mr. Shelhouse, owner of a large woolen factory in the place. His father was elder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Colon, about six or more miles away. These men were leading men in the Republican Party. They looked at me and shook their heads when Sister White told what was coming. I, in turn, looked at them, and nodded assent to what she was saying. This seemed to surprise them. Little did they realize that when she said, "There are men in this house that will lose sons in the war," they were among the number.

One year from that time, I spoke in the same house. These two men sat together, in the same seat. My subject

was spiritual gifts. In illustration of the gift, as manifest by Sister White, I referred to the vision of January 12, 1861. As I referred to what she said about the war, there was no shaking of the heads of these two men, but instead their faces were in their handkerchiefs, and they sobbing bitter tears. Alas! One had lost his only adopted son in the war. The other had lost one son on the battle-field, and another was at that time a prisoner in a Southern prison.

In our last we noted how rapidly came on the fulfilment of the prediction that a number of States were going to join South Carolina. February 1, only twenty days after, six States had joined South Carolina in the proposed separation from the Union. On February 4 the representatives of these seven States met at Montgomery, Alabama, and elected Jefferson Davis as president of the Southern Confederacy. Thus the move had already been made which the Lord had shown would lead to "a terrible war." Of this we will speak further on in our narrative.

There was a circumstance connected with the Parkville vision of Sister White, so near like that connected with Daniel's vision, as recorded in the tenth chapter, that it may be well to call attention to it. As stated in Dan. 10:7, he was taken in vision in the presence of his associate rulers, who were Chaldean pagans. Had they remained, they might have seen Daniel in "open vision." Instead, when the power of God was manifest which put Daniel in vision, it frightened them. It was a power with which they were unacquainted. Daniel says, "I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves."

The company at Parkville were brought out in 1859 by Elder Andrews and myself; but I had not been there in many months. In that interim a physician had moved into the place who was a spirit medium. We learned of him, after the meeting, what we did not know before. It seems he had sent word to other mediums, inviting them to the dedication. He told them, "Mrs. White is to be there, and you will hear something good, for she consults with a higher grade of spirits than we do." He of course meant spirits of the dead. We believe she has communications from holy angels, and spirit mediums from fallen angels. He further said: "If Mrs. White comes, she will probably have a vision. If she does, I know just what it is, as a physician; and if she has a vision, I will bring her out of it in a minute."

After Sister White was in the vision, Brother White explained her condition, and requested any who wished to do so to come and examine her. Just then, some one in the back part of the house, where the doctor stood, said, "Doctor, go ahead, and do what you said you would." We knew not, as yet, what that meant. Brother White, on learning that there was a doctor in the house, invited him to come forward. The doctor started in a confident, pompous manner; but when he was about half way down the aisle, he suddenly stopped, turned deadly pale, and began to shake from head to foot. Brother White urged him to come forward, and he advanced about half of the remaining distance, but stopped in more terror than before. Brother White then went to the doctor, put his hand on his shoulder, and urged him forward. The doctor made a careful but hasty examination of the pulse,

heart, and breath, and said, "Elder, her heart and pulse are all right, but there is not any breath in her body." Of course he found a different case than he expected. When he had finished his examination, he made all haste for the door, trying to get out of the house. Those at the door would not let him out, but said, "Go back, and do as you said you would." Brother White, seeing the man trying to get out, said, "Doctor, please report to the audience the result of your examination." The doctor said, "Her heart and pulse are all right, but there is not a particle of breath in the woman's body." The people near the door then said, "Doctor, what is it?" He replied: "God only knows. Let me out of this house." They stood back from the door, and he fled. We saw no more of him in our meetings. Judge Osborne said to me, in reference to the doctor's maneuvers: "It was evident to all of us that the spirit that controlled the doctor as a medium, and the Spirit that controlled Mrs. White in vision, had no sympathy with each other. The doctor's actions made us think of the evil spirit that wanted to know if the Lord had come to torment him before his time."

J. N. Loughborough.

A New Plan

Our Sabbath-school offerings have now reached so large a sum that it is thought we may safely have a special object for which we may set apart the gifts of

One Sabbath in Each Quarter

without crippling the work that must be supported in the "most needy fields," for which purpose the Sabbath-school offerings have been used for some time. The General Conference Committee has set apart the last Sabbath in each quarter as a day when the Sabbath-schools in the home land may donate to a special field, the field to be designated from quarter to quarter by the General Conference Treasury Department.

March 30, 1912

The new plan goes into effect the thirteenth Sabbath of the present quarter — March 30, 1912. The first special enterprise is the cities of India. Perhaps some will remember the intense interest that was manifest in Calcutta in the winter of 1898-99, when Elder D. A. Robinson began his work in that city. When he began his lectures on the signs of the last days, and the coming of the

Lord, the street in front of the theater where the meetings were held was fairly blocked with the carriages that came, bringing the people to hear the message. His death stopped that work. Since that time calls have repeatedly come for evangelists to enter Calcutta and other cities of India. Each year the call has grown more urgent and more imperative. From the standpoint of the treasury, the enlargement of the work in this way seemed quite impossible; but the need was so urgent that Brethren G. W. Pettit and J. M. Comer, with their wives, have been sent to India to open up work in the cities. They are now there. The need for means to carry on this work is immediate and most urgent. It is hoped that the Sabbath-school offerings on the thirteenth Sabbath of this quarter may be so liberal that this work may be quite fully established. Let the unconscious call from the millions of India sound in our ears until it is our chiefest delight to respond to that call. Brethren Pettit and Comer understand that on March 30 the Sabbath-schools in this country will remember them and their work in a substantial way. Let us not disappoint them.

Pray as You Give

Let every giver pray, on that day, that God will bless his gift and bless the work in India. By intelligent, prayerful, cheerful giving, our gifts may be multiplied as were the five loaves and the two fishes, and a multitude blessed thereby. Pray as you give. On that day, let there be a season of prayer in every Sabbath-school in behalf of the cities of India.

How to Send the Money

The offering is to pass through the regular channels to the mission field. In sending Sabbath-school money for missions to the treasury, state how much of it should be set apart as the thirteenth Sabbath offering to the cities of India. This, as well as other Sabbath-school offerings to missions, will be counted on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. May God give us liberal hearts. May we each receive the blessing that comes to him who by self-sacrifice is hastening the footsteps of the coming King.

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer,

Cor. Sec. S. S. Dept. of General Conf.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Missionary Work

The Men and Religion Movement

Two weeks ago we gave a brief account of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, something of its plan of campaign, and the work carried forward in San Francisco by one of its teams. The eight-day campaign has now closed in San Francisco, and a similar work has begun in Oakland. As stated in that reference, this is one of the most influential of modern efforts for Christianity. Mr. Robert T. Moore, pastor of the St. John's Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York, who took a leading part in a general way in connection with the work in San Francisco, explained that the thing now needed above everything else is the putting away of petty differences between the churches, and the waging of one mighty force of Christianity against evil. Before the Church Federation Society of San Francisco he congratulated it on the progress that has been made in getting away from the "traditions" of the past, and stated that denominational lines are fast fading away.

There are many excellent features to this great movement. There is no question but that it is in the forefront speaking and working against many forms of sin, and educating the people along lines of practical Christianity. Mr. Raymond Robins, specialist on "social service," gave a masterly address before 350 of the leading clergymen and business and professional men of San Francisco. He said: "As surely as there is a 'come' in the gospel, there is a 'go.' There is a definite command to every man who 'comes' to go forth and carry the gospel to other men." He then spoke especially with reference to industrial and social conditions that are choking the spirit of Christianity and hindering its growth today, and laid the responsibility of these conditions to quite an extent upon the church. While we could not fully agree with him as to the place the church should take politically in bringing about ideal conditions, yet he brought out many excellent points on practical, definite help for others, which are certainly in harmony with the gospel. These advance moves on the part of others should stir our hearts to more definite effort in behalf of the message that we know must finally bring the help this old world needs.

On this same evening the Rev. Mr. Moore touched the point in regard to Sunday legislation which we feared was a part of the program of the Men and Religion Movement. He said that the movement stood for the following:

1. Faith in Jesus Christ.
2. The possibility of making some changes in the church to advantage.
3. God's book the only influence with which to reach men.
4. God's day.
5. Realism of religion.
6. Moving forward with God.
7. Sharing of responsibility by every one.
8. Belief that God is now planning a mighty movement.

On number 4 he said: "Some believe we ought to observe the real Sabbath. The Men and Religion Forward Movement is going to lay emphasis on this claim of the divine. Many do not appreciate the fact that in his service in life, man's available resources will all be quickened and strengthened because that seventh day is given him for rest, thought, and prayer. God Almighty knew just what it meant when He said, 'Keep holy the Sabbath day.' It is essential to the welfare of our national institutions and public integrity to preserve that Lord's day. Some may not be agreed about its observance. We believe it can be restored, and the Men and Religion Movement is set to the restoration of the sanctity of the Christian sabbath."

Thus we can see the trend of modern religious thought. The issue of Sunday observance is brought closer and closer, even as outlined in prophecy. It means that the coming of our Saviour is getting nearer. Let us gather inspiration from that which is good in these great Christian movements, believing that in them God will lead many honest Christians to search the Word, and prepare their minds for the receiving of the third angel's message. It may be our privilege to carry that message to them.

Since preparing the foregoing portion of this article, I have had the privilege of attending one of the last meetings of the Men and Religion Movement held by the team in Oakland.

It was truly an inspiration. These men are grappling with the largest social and moral questions in the land, and they have been studying their subjects. The Missions Committee showed

by charts how many of each foreign nationality there are in San Francisco and Northern California.

Note the missionary policy outlined. There are splendid points here for Adventist churches as well:

"A MISSIONARY POLICY

"In General

"Fully two thirds of the members of the churches are yet to be enlisted as intelligent, systematic supporters of the missionary enterprise.

"To reach these, a comprehensive, continuous program of missionary education and giving is required, of which the following are the essential points:

- "1. A representative Missionary Committee in every church.
- "2. Unified, systematic missionary education.
- "3. Weekly missionary offerings through the Duplex Envelope.
- "4. A systematic and complete canvass of every member of the church and congregation.
- "5. A program of prayer for missions.
- "6. Participation in local missionary activity, with continued effort for the recruiting of men for the ministry, and for missionary service at home and abroad."

The boys' leader presented a carefully prepared outline for holding the boys within the influence of the church, in which the following points are mentioned:

"A Reasonable Program for a Local Church Work with Boys between 12 and 20 Years

"Purpose

"To lead and train boys in Christian manhood by a recognition of the boys' fourfold life — physical, social, mental, and spiritual (Luke 2:52).

"(a) Clean sport, clean thoughts, clean habits.

"(b) Uncovering the spirit of service — work for boys by boys."

"Organization

"The present existing form in the church —

"(a) Organized Boys' Bible Class. (See Secondary Division Leaflet No. 2, Int. S. S. Association.)

"(b) Boys' Brotherhood, Church Club, etc. Organized Boys' Bible Class most logical form."

The subject of Bible study and prayer was presented, of which the following items in their program speak for themselves:

- "1. Weekly council of all Bible study leaders.
- "2. Teacher training classes. (Teacher Training Leaflet No. 1)
- "3. Bible classes for men. (Adult Division Leaflet No. 2)
- "4. Bible classes for boys. (Secondary Division Leaflet No. 2)
- "5. Boys' Bible class department."

The evangelism program is:

"I. Training classes for personal evangelism. Teaching men: (a) To pray. (b) To live the Christ life. (c) To know men. (d) To handle the Word.

"II. A simultaneous campaign for personal evangelism.

"III. Coöperation with Community Extension and Auxiliary Towns' Committees. Organizing of Evangelistic Bands for delegation work.

"IV. A special evangelistic campaign for men and boys in each local church at an early date.

"V. Occasional evangelistic institutes.

"VI. Regular meetings for prayer. 'And the Lord added to them day by day those that were being saved.' Acts 2:47."

For community extension, the following are some points suggested:

"V. Assign extension work to local churches or Brotherhoods or Bible Classes, but under direction of the Inter-Church Committee.

"VI. Coöperate heartily with the committees on evangelism, boys' work, Bible study, social service, and missions. Cheerfully assume your share of the auxiliary city work. The smaller cities and towns need extension work."

"VIII. Open-air and tent campaign in the summer. Take this under consideration early in the year. (See Lesson 8 in Manual.)"

"X. Annual field day in churches on community extension."

"XII. Prayer. The whole campaign should move in an atmosphere of prayer. Pray about difficulties, opening new points, securing workers, personal cases, etc., etc. God the Holy Spirit should be the true Leader and Executive of this mighty department of Christian service."

The social service includes twenty-five items, largely pertaining to bettering municipal conditions, such as:

"2. Adequate inspection and enforcement of Housing and Sanitary Code."

"9. Better equipment for municipal wood-yard and lodging-house and development of free employment bureau."

"12. A down-town center for men."

"24. Investigation of unemployment and development of a program that will provide free employment for all persons able to work."

Such activity should be an encouragement to every Christian worker. While we can not join in all the forward moves, and see danger in the federation principle, yet we can not but be impressed with the zeal of these men of high ideals, and the fact that surely some of them may sometime, through the providence of God, be brought to see the light of the message. So let us be inspired by their activity, lend support to every move that is right, and seek to sustain that Christ-like attitude toward the work that will mean the most in influence for the spread of the message.

J. R. Ferren.

The Temperance "Instructor"

This is a strategic point in 1912. The quivering presses are turning out thousands of copies of the Temperance Annual. As this splendid paper comes from the press, there rolls upon our shoulders the tremendous responsibility of seeing that our young people do what they can to circulate it;—not a few copies here and there, but at least five hundred thousand copies in our nation. The Temperance Annual has come to help stay the forces of evil; it has come to help save our American homes from the bloody hand of the liquor traffic. Whether it does this or not will depend upon its circulation. In behalf of the homes of our nation, in behalf of the young men and women and the children, let us enter this campaign in the spirit of earnest prayer, to labor zealously until each of us can say, "Every home in my conference has a copy of the 1912 Temperance *Instructor*."

Here are some plans for the campaign drawn from workers here and there,—plans which are workable, for they have been worked:

1. Place Temperance *Instructor* in every home. Let each society and church be responsible for a certain territory.

2. Place one or more copies in every public school. It is appalling to contemplate how many boys in the public schools—especially the grammar and high schools—are becoming cigarette fiends. See that all teachers are supplied with copies.

3. Give copies to all libraries, reading-rooms, and all public institutions and places where they will be received. The public libraries reach thousands and thousands of young people.

4. Give copies to leaders of young people's societies of other churches. Call at their homes or visit their meetings.

5. Give copies to ministers and Sunday-school superintendents. This plan in one community caused a Sunday-school superintendent to order five hundred Temperance *Instructors*.

6. Call on physicians and other professional men, also on business men, with the paper. Some business men will buy enough copies to supply their employees.

7. Try to introduce the paper to leaders of social clubs. It may help to raise their ideals of social life. These organizations are to some extent responsible for much of the intemperance in our towns and cities.

8. Introduce the paper to all leaders

in temperance organizations,—the W. C. T. U., the Prohibition Party, the Anti-Saloon League, etc. These organizations already look upon the Temperance *Instructor* as a good weapon in the great temperance warfare. Large quantities of past issues have been used by these workers. Let them know that another Annual is now out.

9. See that every voter gets a Temperance *Instructor*. One copy of the last Annual fell into the hands of a banker, and persuaded him to vote for prohibition.

10. Give copies of the paper to Y. M. C. A. leaders. Thousands of copies of the Temperance *Instructor* have been used by these workers in their efforts for boys.

11. Give or sell copies to the soldiers. Intemperance is ruining a large per cent of the young men in the army. Some of these young men, with a little friendly admonition and kindly advice such as the *Instructor* will give them, will be strengthened to stand for the principles of true temperance. Let no community where soldiers are located miss this opportunity to help them.

12. Do not pass the drinking man by. There is a human heart in his bosom. There is a man somewhere beneath the debris of the wrecked life seen by the public eye. One of the articles in the paper will help the worker to have a pleasant talk with the man who drinks.

Our young people who mail copies to friends and acquaintances, should be encouraged to accompany the papers with good personal letters. Finally, every paper circulated should be accompanied with an earnest prayer. Nothing of value was ever done without God's blessing; let us plead for a large measure in this campaign.

Matilda Erickson,
Cor. Sec. Y. P. M. V. Dept.

This issue of the *Instructor* will surely enable our people to strike a decisive blow at a traffic we know to be wrong, in a manner we know to be right. And there has never been a better time to strike than at this time, when the temperance question is being prominently brought before the people of this State and nation.

God Calls for Workers for the South

When you read accounts of the work done in the South, and of the needs of this field, do you ever stop to think that

God is calling you to help in bringing the gospel to those who know it not? Do you ever have the desire to come South and work for the Lord in saving souls who are hungering for the truth?

The time is not far in the future when thousands of people will be doing self-supporting missionary work. As we near the end, we will see those who have been standing idle in the market enter the work or take up self-supporting missionary work, and accept for wages "whatsoever is right."

When you wait for some one to put you to work, you are wasting many precious moments. How do people know you want to work? They do not always come to you and ask if you are looking for work. Christ says, Go work in My vineyard, and I will pay thee whatsoever is right. That is your invitation. Will you accept or refuse?

You may make excuses when the call comes to you; and if you persistently refuse to go where God calls, you will be excused, and others will take your place. But think of the rich reward and the experience that may be yours if you will but accept the invitation.

You say, "What can be done?" What has been done? This field has been neglected so long that we need not look very far for opportunities to work. How then can you ask, "What can be done?" There are many things that may look as if they were almost impossible of accomplishment; but the Lord has blessed those who have been working in this field, and as a result, souls have accepted the truth.

The Lord has built up over twenty small schools in the South. A number of people have begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of the work done already. Much more should have been done; but where are the workers? The Lord has been calling attention to this field for over twenty years, and yet we have passed by on the other side.

Young, able-bodied men and women are wanted to push the work forward—men and women who are willing to consecrate their lives to the service of the Lord, and say, as did Nehemiah, "Come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach." We are told by the Spirit of prophecy that the neglect of the Southern field is a reproach to every professed Seventh-day Adventist. Come, and let us remove this reproach that has been upon us so long. For twenty years we have been

told this field should be worked, and now we must redeem the time that has passed in idleness. It will take hard work, but we can do it if we will take hold with a will. "And the wall was built," "for the people had a mind to work."

I often look back to my home State — California; and as I think of the many young people there who are doing little or nothing in carrying the truth to others, I long to see them enter this field. There are many who would come if they only felt the need of the South. Will you not make this field a study, and then come believing the promise of God to keep you?

Medical missionaries, canvassers, teachers, and Christian farmers are needed. Are you not one who should be here? Are you not coming soon to help carry the truth to the thousands who are calling for help? Think seriously of this matter, and then respond.

J. E. Hansen.

Madison, Tennessee.

Rome's Estimate of Her Own Literature

It must be acknowledged by all observing people that the Roman Catholic Church has demonstrated her ability to take advantage of every means to instill her doctrines into the minds of the people. The one factor above all others which she employs in her work of proselyting is literature. The *Western Watchman* (Catholic) of May 6, 1909, contained a plea by Archbishop Soldeville y Romero for the support of Catholic publications, as follows:

"There are many rich persons who give money for the erection of churches and monasteries. Such generosity is very praiseworthy, but, unfortunately, a political change is sufficient to annihilate these works, whilst, on the other hand, the good wrought through the Catholic press can never be destroyed. Is it not, therefore, preferable to found and sustain first-class Catholic periodicals to defend the true cause? We live in an age in which it is necessary to support morally and materially the Catholic press, the most reliable defense of Christ's church. May God inspire us with our sense of duty towards Catholic journals and journalists."

Is there not a lesson in this for us when we consider the importance of the last message of warning, which must be disseminated largely through the printed page?

K. C. Russell.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Central California						
A. G. Westphal	P.G.	23	8		\$43.00	\$4.50
Harry C. Bond	G.C.	21	3	\$2.00	9.00	
2 Agents		44	11	\$2.00	\$52.00	\$4.50

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 1, 1912

Central California						
A. G. Westphal	P.G.	18	9		\$45.50	\$5.50
Geo. W. Eddy	D.R.	15	1	\$7.75	10.75	
Miscellaneous 40 per cent books					16.10	
Miscellaneous 50 per cent books					71.35	
				\$7.75	\$143.70	\$5.50
Southern California						
Albert Muth	Heralds	21	8		\$16.00	
Otto Scheuberth	Heralds	21	9		21.00	
E. R. Button						\$28.50
Miscellaneous					41.20	41.20
		72	37		\$78.20	\$69.70

Pacific Press Notes

On a post-card giving pictures of the governor of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and the chief of police, Saltillo, Brother J. A. P. Green, who with two of his men and a ton and a half of "Patriarchs and Prophets" recently went into the southern part of Mexico, writes:

"All things come to him who waits." In Saltillo, Coahuila, we waited in the government palace building fifty-five minutes to see the governor, and I thank God for the results:

"Rafael Cepeda, governor of San Luis Potosi, visiting the governor here; "V. Carranza, governor of Saltillo, 2 copies, half leather;

"E. Arredondo, governor's secretary; "Adolfo Huerta, chief of police (a prominent Malaco leader), full leather.

"Every one in the room signed. A rare thing—we got two governors in one day."

One of our California men—now canvassing agent in Western Kansas—is getting a new experience, so far as weather is concerned. He writes:

"We are having a severe winter here. I presume it is about the same all through the East. Last Sunday the worst storm of the season struck Kansas, and it leaves the western part covered, in some places, with from eight to twelve feet of snow, where it has drifted; the worst in years, so old-timers say. I had the pleasure (?) of walking about nineteen blocks in the worst of the storm, and had to face the wind most of the way. It was a case of have to, as there were no street-cars running, and the hacks were charging about four prices. This is my first experience in a snow-storm, but I feel none the worse for it."

Even in this new experience Brother

Ackerman is talking courage and hope for the year's book work. He says conditions are very favorable, and that he shall work with all his might to bring Western Kansas right to the front in the Central Union's sales this year.

Our office secretaries and field men who are "pushing" tracts, and all our people who are using tracts in their missionary work, should be encouraged by such letters as the following. They show how a single leaflet, tract, or pamphlet may create demand for many more. The first is from an attorney in Columbus, Ohio, dated March 1, 1912: "Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California.

"Gentlemen: "I have seen a copy of your booklet No. 146 and a list of the gospel tracts therein given. Would you send me the tracts stated in the enclosed list, which I take from said pamphlet, by express, C.O.D., amounting to \$1.29? and I will pay for same on arrival.

"Respectfully, "_____,"

(Enclosure cover page of "Rich Man and Lazarus," giving on back full list A.G.L. and B.S.L. tracts.)

The following letter is from a member of an insurance firm in Chicago, dated February 21, 1912:

"Pacific Press, Mountain View, California.

"Gentlemen: "I notice on the three last pages of your book entitled 'Christian Science in the Light of Reason and Revelation,' by R. A. Underwood, numerous publications issued by your concern.

"I enclose herewith my check for \$2.36, for which kindly send me all of the

publications mentioned. Please send me full gilt edge copy of 'Steps to Christ.'

"I am particularly anxious to get several copies of 'Christian Science in the Light of Reason and Revelation.'

"In this connection you might put me on your mailing list, and also send me your catalogue showing your various publications, etc.

"Yours very truly,
"_____,"

Order from this gentleman just received, requests six more copies of "Christian Science and Divine Healing."

Such evidences of how the Lord is using these silent messengers needs no comment. They should encourage us all to sow liberally, regardless of the visible results. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

A Special Need

At the last General Conference Committee meeting, held in Washington, October 24 to November 6, 1911, the following action was taken in reference to the maintenance of the colored orphanage at the Oakwood School, Huntsville, Alabama:

"Voted, That as a provision of support for the orphanage for colored children at Oakwood, we invite the Southern, Southeastern, and Southwestern Union Conferences to appropriate fifty per cent of their April offering for orphanage work to the Oakwood Orphanage; and that we invite the other unions or conferences in America to appropriate twenty-five per cent of their funds from the April orphanage collection to this same purpose."

Nearly all the union and local conferences have already taken action to do this, and we are sure the others will as soon as they have an opportunity.

The time set for this offering is Sabbath, April 6.

The orphanage is now receiving the finishing touches, and will be opened in a few days. We will be able comfortably to care for about eighteen orphans.

The Lord through His servant, Sister E. G. White, has been urging us for several years to provide for our colored orphans, and we are very thankful that the time has come when we can do this. And we believe that our people in this country will esteem it a privilege to help feed, clothe, and care for the worthy colored orphans among us.

I trust all our people will begin at once to lay plans for a liberal offering Sabbath, April 6.

A. J. Haysmer.

The Field

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

News Items

Brother Paul E. Scoggins spent a few days with the Fowler church.

The interest still continues at Tulare, where two sisters are awaiting baptism, and other interested ones have just been discovered by Brother Paul Scoggins.

The Articles of Incorporation and charter for the Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists reached our office Friday, March 1. The Tulare church has the honor of being the first to deed its property to the association. The transfer was effected on March 6.

Brother J. W. Rich, of the Central California Conference, says: "We are still pleased to note that the best bindings of our books can be sold, and are still selling by Brother A. G. Westphal in the Central California Conference. We were much pleased to take notice of his order for delivery yesterday, which consisted of twenty-four full leather, twelve half leather, and one cloth. It might be well also to state that this has been a very successful delivery."

A very profitable two days was spent in convention for the young people at Armona March 2 and 3. The young people's secretary, J. W. Rich, had a well-arranged program, and the papers rendered and talks given were intensely interesting and very instructive. Most of the societies in the valley were represented by some of their members. During the meeting, those in attendance purchased about twenty-five copies of "Acts of the Apostles" and "Advance Guard of Missions."

As the result of this convention, many felt to reconsecrate their energies and lives to the work of the Master. Some of the papers rendered will appear in the pages of the RECORDER in the near future. Some of the subjects considered were as follows: "The Mental, Physical, and Moral Effect of Bible Study;" "The Morning Watch; Its Place in Our Young People's Work;" "A Young Man's

Every-Day Christianity;" "The Young Woman and Christian Work;" "The Value of the Reading Course;" "How Can Seventh-Day Adventist Young People Encourage and Assist Each Other?"

S. G. White.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

The conference committee is now in session.

Brother A. A. Cone, from Mountain View, called at our office the past week.

The revival services conducted in the Lodi church are well attended.

Brother W. D. Fleming, of Oakland, and Brother Rich, of Fresno, called at the office the past week.

Let every one remember our camp-meeting and conference to be held at Sacramento, June 6-16.

Brother J. D. Alder, who is laboring at Fort Bidwell, reports the work still progressing in that field.

Elder A. G. Daniells spoke to a large congregation in the Lodi church Thursday evening, March 7, giving a sketch of the work in Europe, which was listened to with much interest.

Brethren Angell and Bohna, who have been engaged in the merchandise business at Lodi since last fall, have recently sold their store and stock on Lodi Avenue. Brother Bohna expects to enter the work in the near future.

Brother W. A. Johnson, from Modoc County, arrived at Lodi Wednesday, March 6. He will attend the workers' meeting here Sunday and Monday, March 10 and 11, then will go on with the other workers, who will leave in a body for Los Angeles Monday night, to attend the ministerial institute and the Pacific Union Conference at that place.

Elder C. M. Gardner reports the following from Turlock: "Many interesting and profitable services have been held in Turlock the past week. During the

revival meetings, more than fifty came forward for prayer and consecration, and out of this number nineteen names were received for baptism, sixteen of whom received the rite last Sabbath, and four others were received into the church." Surely the work is onward.

We received the following from the pen of Brother B. E. Baldwin, who has been laboring at Reno, Nevada:

"The work is onward and upward. Space will not permit the writing of various bright experiences. As usual, the brightness has been marred by death. As the brethren, advanced in years, with tear-dimmed eyes spoke of the sadness and gloom that settled like a pall over the Reno church when the news came of the death of Sister McCubbin, it was touching indeed. The pathetic remarks revealed the fact that the home, the church, and the community had lost a friend. This bereavement and sadness helped to impress vividly upon the mind the fact that the great Life-Giver will soon call forth the sleeping dead, and the necessity of preparing for this great crowning event.

"Sabbath, February 17, four were baptized. The candidates were asked to state why they wished to be baptized, and the response was cheering indeed, bearing strong evidence of the mighty power of God."

Verah MacPherson,
Conference Secretary.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Brother T. D. Sanford was called to San Francisco to assist in caring for a patient in a very critical condition.

The members of the public speaking class presented Chaplain C. L. Taylor with a book entitled "How to Speak in Public."

Mrs. Floyd Jones, who has been at the "Retreat" for some time, left for home on Thursday much improved in health.

Mr. Walter R. Burgen, who has charge of the Reporting Bureau of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, is spending a short time at the sanitarium, and will speak at the Missionary Volunteer meeting on Friday night.

Elder W. C. White spoke to the young people on Friday night at the Missionary Volunteer meeting. He presented the members of the society with a quantity of tracts, "Sowing beside All Waters," which they are to mark and mail to friends. He spoke of the work in South America and in various other fields.

Elder and Mrs. A. G. Daniells were guests of the institution on Monday, leaving early on Tuesday to visit at Pacific Union College. Elder Daniells gave a most interesting talk in the sanitarium chapel. At its close he urged all to be faithful, as after years of waiting we are just on the borders of the eternal world. He exhorted all to be of good courage.

April 16 has been chosen for the commencement day exercises of the Sanitarium Training School. The members of the senior class are as follows: Miss Jessie Johnson, of Escondido; Miss Anna Anthony, of Healdsburg; Mrs. Cora E. Bunch, of the sanitarium; Miss Alleine Smith, of Texas; Miss Winnifrid Escott, Caterham, England; and Mr. D. W. Sargent, Isle of Wight, England.

On February 29, the birthday of Dr. Ida Shively Nelson, a large company gathered at the home of Elder and Mrs. Nelson to celebrate the event, as Dr. Nelson has a birthday only once in four years. The evening was pleasantly spent in conversation, listening to vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. E. F. Stow and Ida Stow, Miss Celia Wallack, Miss Grace Van Horn, and Messrs. D. W. and Alfred Sargent.

In a few very appropriate words, Dr. Thomason expressed his appreciation of Dr. Nelson and her work, and on behalf of those present, presented the doctor with a leather bound Tennyson birthday book.

A large and enthusiastic audience, composed of members of the family, guests of the institution, and friends from the Pacific Union College and from St. Helena, gathered in the chapel Sunday evening, March 3, to enjoy the rendition of the sacred cantata entitled "David the Shepherd Boy." The sanitarium chorus which rendered the cantata was composed of more than fifty voices and was assisted by members of the college chorus. All who were present declared it to be among the best things in the

music line to which they had ever listened.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

March 8.

Special Notice

Besides the usual volume of inspiring matter, the *Review* will this year publish thirty articles written by Elder W. A. Spicer on "The Certainties of the Message." These articles will be made up of the principal soul-inspiring facts Elder Spicer has been presenting at our ministerial institutes in the recent past. His presentation of the striking manner in which prophecy has met its fulfillment; the new and impressive historical quotations cited; the clear, concise, convincing setting of the whole message, were so thrilling to our ministers and workers, they have, for the good of our people at large, urged that these institute lessons be printed. They will therefore appear in the *Review*.

"There is no music in a rest, but it has the making of music in it. In our whole life melody the music is broken off here and there by 'rests,' and we foolishly think we have come to the end of the tune. God sends a time of enforced leisure, sickness, disappointments, frustrated efforts, and makes a sudden pause in the choral hymn of our lives. We lament that our voices must be silent, and our part missed in the chorus that goes up to the ear of our Creator. But see! He beats the time with unvarying count, and catches up the next note as if no break had come in between. Not without design does God time the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the tune, and not be dismayed by the 'rests'; for if we look up, we will see God beating time for us. With the eye upon Him we will strike the next note full and clear, and the melody will ultimately grow into the last grand song of triumph which shall resound through all the ages."

I am verily persuaded the Lord has more truth yet to break forth out of His holy Word. . . . I beseech you, remember that you be ready to receive whatever truth shall be made known to you from the Word of God.—*John Robinson, farewell address to the Pilgrims, 1620.*

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The ministerial institute opened in Los Angeles Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Elder A. G. Daniells, the president of the General Conference, has the general supervision of the work, and is giving studies on the importance of the ministry and its development. Elder G. B. Thompson is presenting a line of studies on the Holy Spirit and its work. The present indications are that at least one hundred and twenty-five workers will be in constant attendance at these studies. The brethren in the churches in and adjacent to Los Angeles have very hospitably provided rooms for the accommodation of many of the workers, and their efforts in this direction are highly appreciated. In next week's RECORDER will be found an outline of some of the leading studies presented during this first week of the institute.

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 re-

turn 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.

Well Done

Of the 550,000 Ingathering *Signs* printed by the Pacific Press, less than 5,400 are now left on their shelves. The officers of the Foreign Mission Board and the General Conference are exceedingly anxious that all of these truth-filled *Signs* be placed in the hands of persons who may be interested.

If you can use a number of these, please do not neglect to send in your order. The *Signs* will be sent free of charge, post-paid. It will not be necessary for you to solicit donations — simply hand the papers to your neighbors, place them in reading racks, trains, street-cars, or any public place where they will be found by the people. Sow the seed, and trust God for the harvest.

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The Advance Guard of Missions

Recently the attention of a young man at the Pacific Press on night-watch duty was called to a copy of "The Advance Guard" on a desk in the office. To the offer made that he might read it, he replied: "O, I have been reading that, and have it almost finished. It is the most interesting book I ever read."

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Every Month a Record Breaker

Is the slogan for the *Signs Magazine* for 1912. A good start has been made. January was 6,000 ahead of last year, February was 2,500 ahead, and March bids fair to go 5,000 ahead. Orders are already coming in for April, and an increased circulation is expected for this beautiful and timely number. Ten or twenty copies to a number of our people will be a great help.

Some good experiences are being gained in working with the *Signs*. Sister Wentworth, from the Pacific Press, went out and sold 75 magazines in four hours, and sent in a "hurry up" call for 250 more. It is a pleasure to circulate

The Magazine with the Message.

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.

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