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## The Field

### CALIFORNIA Graduating Address

[Given at the St. Helena Sanitarium, April 16, 1912]

We gather here to express our appreciation and approval of the life-work chosen by these young men and women. We are here to help them celebrate the “commencement” of their real service. We pause for a few moments, and take a survey with them of what is involved in the choice of these nurses.

A cry has reached their ears, an appeal has touched their hearts. Misery and wo of suffering humanity have borne in upon them, and they have been touched with the feelings of others' infirmities.

They have studied the life of the great Master, and have noted that He spent most of His time in relieving the physical distress of the multitudes which thronged Him. They have noted that two out of every three miracles which Christ performed had to do with alleviating bodily suffering; that the healing of the soul most often occurred as the climax to His vital touch; that the evidence of His divine mission and commission, as stated by Himself in response to John's solicitous inquiry, was that “the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them;” and that the apostles received as parting instruction the command to preach the kingdom and heal the sick.

This group of workers before us, having for their great life purpose the walking in His steps, have plunged into the great tide of human wo, to alleviate the suffering, and to rescue, as far as it is in their power, their fellow men who are rushing on to certain physical, moral, and spiritual wreck and ruin. They wrestle against flesh and blood. They face dangers both seen and unseen. They, above all people, fulfil the divine-human conception that “greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

The life of nurses is fundamentally one of self-denial and self-sacrifice. It is theirs to spend and be spent entirely for others. Often shut in by four walls, they deny themselves necessary rest, sleep, and association with friends, and night and day engage in a hand-to-hand conflict with disease, in their endeavor to drive away the specter of death which is always hovering near. They deny themselves the comforts of home, and

often the possibility of making a home and nest for themselves, and theirs is a hospital life or a life in the homes of others. Multitudes of nurses who spend their lives ministering to the needy poor in every city, loudly evidence that the ranks of nurses are filled with those who are willing to deny themselves remuneration, financial or otherwise, save that of the real joy which comes from the reaction in bringing blessing and comfort into the lives of others.

It is true that there are exceptions which prove the rule. Occasionally one finds, as has been stated, that—

“The modern nurse  
Is sometimes a curse;  
She'll slander disperse;  
She'll empty your purse;  
And you'll find yourself lucky  
If you don't need a hearse.”

But these sentiments are not appropriate for the nurses here before us this evening.

Nurses are heroes, and that in the truest sense of the word. Probably more real heroism is displayed by nurses than is manifested among any other class of workers. It is the heroism which is quietly displayed without any expectation of notice or reward so far as this world is concerned. In epidemics of virulent disease, when the outside world is glad to be excluded, and as far as possible separated from the danger zone, a band of nurses is always ready to march into the valley of death, without faltering or hesitating, never thinking of or fearing danger, and minister to the death-stricken victims, generally entirely unnoticed except by the all-seeing eye that takes note of all the deeds done in the body.

In the great yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia, a public meeting was held, and a call was made for volunteers to go

into the hospitals and nurse the unfortunate victims of this disease. Stephen Girard, the great philanthropist, among the very first stood up and proffered his services. His friends tried to dissuade him, saying it was his duty to let less influential persons, and those who would be less missed than himself, risk their lives. But Girard would not be dissuaded. He felt that it would be the highest type of service to give *himself* to nurse these patients, to work by their bedsides, and with his own hand wipe the death-sweat from their brows.

A corps of faithful nurses has taken its stand along with Sir David Bruce in Uganda; and every day, at imminent risk to their lives, these nurses attend to the cases of sleeping-sickness. This terrible malady has already decimated a very large area in Central Africa, an innumerable number of natives having succumbed to the disease. Not a single case has ever been known to recover. This disease is transmitted by the bite of a fly. These physicians and nurses are constantly in danger of being bitten by the fly. Recently one of the nurses, while engaged in his work, became infected. Doctors and nurses worked night and day for him, but to no avail. He succumbed to the disease, a real hero, dying at his post of duty. His associates, also heroes, as he was, work on, hoping that as the result of their labors they may discover some means of rescuing their unfortunate fellow men from the throes of this dreadful malady, for which as yet there seems to be no escape but by death.

During the epidemic of plague a few years ago in South Africa, many of the nurses succumbed to this disease, contracted while at their volunteer posts of duty, nursing the plague-stricken victims. High on the walls of the Hall of Fame there should be engraved an inscription to the unnamed, unknown, and unnumbered multitude of faithful nurses who have fallen at their posts of duty while in the performance of their Heaven-imposed work of giving their lives in service for their fellow men.

The work therefore demanded of nurses calls for courage, and we find this requirement largely developed in the average nurse, and it grows with experience. It is said that the greatest difficulty, in dangerous occupations, is to get men to sense sufficiently their danger, and to avoid unnecessary risks. Familiarity develops disregard, until there is utter abandonment of the thought of personal

danger. This is particularly true in the life-work of nurses, and courage is never lacking when duty calls them. No matter how dangerous the work, they are "never wanting there."

A few years ago the largest sanitarium in the world burned. There were three hundred patients in the building at the time. Through fire and smoke the nurses fearlessly forced their way until every patient was brought to safety. Such courage represented the gradual development that comes in the lives of nurses through more or less constant contact with danger.

Another necessary element in the development of a nurse is *patience*. Often she has to meet a multitude of petty annoyances and inconsistencies, to respond to unreasonable requests, yet all must be borne with a calm and sweet resignation, with no unkind thought in the heart nor impatient word on the lips.

Cheerfulness, born of a merry heart, which "doeth good like a medicine," is fundamental in the evolution of a nurse. Sunshine in the heart, radiating through the features, turns the faces of patients toward health, just as the rays of the sun attract the faces of plants.

So also must nurses be hopeful, that their optimism shall place the best construction upon every symptom, that shall allay their patients' every fear, and even in the presence of apparently discouraging prospects, shall inspire hope, good cheer, and buoyancy that will turn the tide toward a favorable termination.

*Tenderness* and *gentleness* are primarily involved in the development of a nurse; and without these, all else is useless. And by *tenderness* we do not mean that outlined in the senseless prattle which says, "I am so tender-hearted I can not bear the sight of suffering," and which ends at best in a tear or a long-drawn sigh; but that genuine tenderness which suffering spurs on to action, which, while it weeps with those who weep, yet can not allow the vision to be dimmed by a sympathetic tear which would interfere with action, but which will lead to seeing gladly, if need be, a limb sacrificed in order to save a life. This is *real* tenderness.

Above all, nurses must possess, and be possessed by, love. They must have love for the Master who gave them their call; love for the work to which they are called; love for the patients to whom they are called; love for the world in which they are called. This love will lead to a

*consecration* of soul, body, and spirit to the work of the real nurse. And here is where we feel that we have cause for special rejoicing in the commencement exercises of the hour. Here is a company of young people whose hearts God has touched; whose vision has been enlarged so that they take in the world and its needs, and which has led them to fit themselves as medical missionary nurses. We see before us a fulfilment of one of the great purposes and objects of this school—the training of medical missionaries whose field is the world. And we further see what is involved in the choice of these young graduates.

[At this point the address dealt with the need for medical missionaries, and concluded by saying:]

It is now a serious question with all missionary societies as to whether any missionary should be sent out without some knowledge of the healing art. The medical missionary is honored and welcomed always and anywhere in the foreign fields. National and religious prejudices vanish before him, and in one year he can do what it would take another missionary many years to accomplish. Many who are studying the great problem of the evangelization of the nations, agree that the consecrated medical missionary and the well-equipped hospital are most important elements of success in the foreign fields.

Dr. Livingstone said, "God had only one Son, and He gave Him to be a medical missionary."

These young people before us, whose commencement we are here to celebrate, desire to walk in the path of the great Medical Missionary; they have responded to the call; they enter to-night upon their chosen life-work. We are here to congratulate them upon the successful completion of their foundation work. We are here to bid them Godspeed in their work. And we say to them: Rejoice, young people, in your youth. Be strong in your chosen calling. May your daily labor of love be crowned with everlasting success, bearing fruit both in this world and also in that which is to come. And at the conclusion of your life-work in the great cause to which you have devoted yourselves, may you hear the approval of the great Master, when He shall commend faithful medical missionaries in these words:

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me

in: naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me." "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

George Thomason, M.D.

**St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings**

A committee has been appointed to look after the matter of placing boxes for literature along the public roads.

We were glad to learn, through a letter from Honolulu, that our books sent to the prison there, had been received, and were being read. The money for their purchase was donated during the convention held at the sanitarium in December.

Brother L. M. Bowen, business manager of the sanitarium, has been chosen as president of the board of directors, to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Elder H. W. Cottrell. Brother Bowen left for San Francisco and Hughson on Sunday.

During a recent visit of Brother J. R. Ferren, the sanitarium family decided to order one thousand copies of the special religious liberty series of the *Signs of the Times*. Brother Ferren gave a very interesting talk, on Friday evening, at the Missionary Volunteer meeting. He met with the Napa church Sabbath.

Mr. Karl Murphy, Miss Julia Jacobson, Miss Ethel Bean, Miss Lydia Cooper, and Miss Clennie Ream, of the training school, accompanied by the writer, spent several days in Napa, in the interest of the *Temperance Instructor*. The Lord blessed, and gave us access to the best homes in that city, and we succeeded in interesting them to carry on work with the paper themselves. We were hospitably entertained by Brother and Sister Drake and Brother and Sister Sanford.

A meeting was held in the class room on Sabbath afternoon for the purpose of reading three letters written to the Young People's Society. One was from Mr. Holmes, a former patient here. The second was from Miss Bessie Young, who was until recently a member of our society, but is now a self-supporting missionary among the Japanese in Hono-

lulu. She is taking up the study of that language with one of the secretaries of the vice-consul. The third letter was from Chandler Harris, in China, and related many of their experiences and journeys since they left the sanitarium about a year ago. The letter closed with an earnest appeal for many to "come over and help us," and to come now.

April 21.

The patronage at the sanitarium continues to improve.

The class work has been so arranged that the seniors are privileged to attend Dr. Thomason's Monday evening question box.

Miss Winnifrid Escott, a member of our last graduating class, has been called to assist in the dispensary work in San Francisco.

The church school will give a program at the sanitarium on Sunday evening, May 5. This will be in charge of the principal, Max Hill.

The natatorium looks like a new building, having received a fresh coat of paint on the outside. The ceiling has also been whitewashed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kimlin and family, of Battle Creek, Michigan, were the guests of the sanitarium over Sabbath. Mr. Kimlin will locate in Seattle.

Four hundred eighty *Life Boats* have been paid for by the sanitarium helpers. These will be placed in the prisons at Honolulu, Carson City, Folsom, and San Quentin.

Mr. Cecil Gates, of Astoria, Oregon, has been admitted to the junior class of our training school. He arrived this week to take up the work, and is preparing for the foreign field.

Sister Kerr, of Honolulu, will sail for the coast on the Sierra May first. Sister Lena E. Williams, who is the wife of our minister at that place, will accompany Sister Kerr. They will receive a cordial welcome from the sanitarium family. Sister Williams is coming for treatment, as she has not been well for two years.

Brother Clarence H. Jones, a graduate of the St. Helena training school, of the class of 1910, has accepted the position of head nurse at the Glendale Sanitarium. He will also assist Dr. Comstock. He and his family will leave the sanitarium on Monday. Brother Jones has had charge of the gymnasium work for the patients, and has also taught the physical culture classes for the training school students. He has assisted in the choir and led the singing of our Missionary Volunteer Society. He and his family will certainly be missed by the sanitarium family.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

April 26.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA  
Conference Notes**

Elder F. E. Brown shipped his tent meeting outfit from the conference warehouse to Lindsay April 18.

April 17 and 18 Elder Behrens, with Mrs. T. D. Robison, met with the Island church to consider church school work.

Elder J. R. Patterson reports from Monterey a good interest in the meetings. Three have responded to the gospel invitation.

Elder J. H. Behrens reports that a very desirable location for the camp-meeting has been secured at Reedley. The lots are east of the grammar-school, and one block west of the Southern Pacific station, and two blocks west of the Santa Fe.

Rents on tents for camp-meeting will be as follows:

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| 12 x 17 tent .....   | \$3.50 |
| 12 x 17 fly .....    | .75    |
| 12 x 17 burlap ..... | .75    |
| 10 x 12 tent .....   | 2.50   |
| 10 x 12 fly .....    | .50    |
| 10 x 12 burlap ..... | .50    |

Orders for tents should be sent to S. G. White, Box 1304, Fresno, California.

**Monterey**

The following is an article taken from the *Monterey American* of April 15, 1912:

**"BUSY WEEK IN ADVENTIST  
CHURCH**

"The Seventh-day Adventist church was a scene of universal activity Saturday and Sunday.

"The first session of a Sabbath-school convention was held Saturday at 11:15. Nearly the whole day was spent in the reading and discussion of interesting papers. Sunday was also well filled in the same manner. The principal subjects taken under consideration were as follows: 'The Need of Consecration,' 'Coöperation in the Sabbath-School,' 'A Model Secretary,' 'The Needs of Our Children,' 'The Relation the Sabbath-School Sustains to the Mission Fields,' 'How to Prepare the Lesson,' 'Opening Exercises,' and many other topics of interest. Those who took the most active part in the discussions were Elder J. H. Behrens, Fresno; Elder E. H. Adams, Hollister; Mrs. T. D. Robison, Fresno; Mrs. A. L. Patterson, Miss Edith Barnes, Messrs. L. Sharps, A. B. Wilcox, G. A. Truesdell, A. R. Hill, and the pastor, J. R. Patterson, Monterey.

"Last Friday night Elder J. H. Behrens preached on subject announced, 'How the Bible Vindicates Its Own Claims.' Saturday night Elder E. H. Adams preached, using for his text Heb. 12:6, 'Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.'

"When the service closed Sunday noon all went to the beach for a three-hour social outing. During the time, a splendid lunch was served by the ladies. Many who had been quiet during the discussions of the day, acted much differently at lunch time. They were far from being content to be simply listeners and lookers-on. No one wished to be left out of this part of the program. At 7:45 all gathered again to listen to Elder J. H. Behrens deliver the evening discourse. The burden of his sermon was, 'Take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day.' He vividly portrayed the importance of being clothed and protected. Said he: 'This is a day of great danger, for it is a day of wily temptation. It is also a day of great privileges, for it is a day in which we may gain great victories. Victory is yours. There is power in God at your disposal if you lay hold upon it to make you an overcomer. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." Civil legislation or civil government never has and never can change men's hearts, but there is a power which can, and that is the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.'"

J. R. Patterson.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

### Conference Items

Elder J. N. Loughborough spoke to the brethren and sisters of the Lodi church Sabbath, April 27.

Elder C. M. Gardner and Brother B. E. Baldwin will open a tent meeting at Turlock the coming week.

We are busy laying plans for the coming camp-meeting in Sacramento, June 6 to 16. Remember the date.

W. P. Dayton and wife left April 22 for Sacramento, where they will engage in the tent work for the summer.

Elder A. J. Osborne will leave Modesto, where he has been laboring the past winter, the early part of next week, to take charge of one of the tent companies in Sacramento. Brother B. T. Myers, of Lodi, who is already in the field, will connect with him for the summer in the tent work.

Mrs. C. L. Taggart spent Thursday, April 25, in Stockton with her sister, Miss Brayshaw, who is one of our Bible workers, assisting with some of the work at that place. Miss Brayshaw has a number of interested readers in the city, and we hope to see in the near future further results from her efforts.

Elder T. H. Watson, who has been laboring at Manteca for the past few weeks, called at the conference office Tuesday, April 23. He reports that the work is onward in that part of the field. Many are deeply interested in the truth, and others have taken their stand with us in the message. Prejudice was broken down, and a spirit of love was manifested at the close of the meetings.

Verah MacPherson.

## Educational

### A Correction

If I had known that my talk on education, given at the Pacific Union Conference in Los Angeles, was going to be printed in the RECORDER, and if I had had opportunity of revising the stenographic report, there would have been opportunities for improvement. But

since the report has been printed, it is perhaps not worth while to attempt any revision except to correct one statement where I am made to say exactly the opposite of what I intended to say. In the first column on page 15, I advised the academies to leave off their short courses, and devote their energies to the building up of the regular academic course, and providing better facilities for carrying on their instruction. Continuing, the report reads as follows: "I do not refer at the present time to the normal course. While that is different from what it is in other parts of the country, there are probably no natural reasons that make it different." What I intended to say was just the opposite; namely, "There are probably natural reasons that make it different."

Some of these conditions are as follows:

1. Fernando Academy was located at so great a distance from Healdsburg College that early in the history of the academy the necessity seemed apparent for having a normal department for the training of teachers for Southern California.

2. The closing of Healdsburg College for two years made the necessity for the normal department at Fernando even more apparent.

3. The school at Lodi, following immediately upon the close of Healdsburg College, was based upon the normal idea, and was designed to be first and foremost a normal training school; hence it would have been difficult for this school to give up its normal training course at the reorganization two years ago.

My knowledge of these conditions made me decide, before coming to California, that if I were asked to give counsel, I would recommend the normal departments to be continued, at least until changed conditions might make it appear that they were no longer necessary in the local conference academies. This opinion I have consistently maintained, and still hold at the present time. The insertion of the word "no" in the sentence above quoted makes the meaning entirely out of harmony with what precedes and what follows. There are natural conditions in the Pacific Union Conference that call for normal departments in these different advanced schools, making the field in this respect different from the Eastern union conferences, where there are no normal departments apart from the union conference training schools.

C. C. Lewis.

## The Joint Summer School of the North Pacific and the Pacific Union Conference

It is time that our teachers were beginning to plan for the summer school, and inquiries are already coming in, about the time and the place. In this article I will give all the information I have, and will give further information as soon as possible.

The General Conference council of union conference educational secretaries, held at College View, Nebraska, November 30 to December 6, 1911, recommended "that the union conference educational departments, in cooperation with the union conference training schools, hold summer schools of at least six weeks' duration, at such times and places as may best suit the convenience of all interests."

It is probable, when the buildings of the Pacific Union College are completed, that a permanent summer school will be established in connection with the college, under the joint management of the college and the Pacific Union Conference department of education; but for the present summer it seemed best to make other arrangements.

At the recent Pacific Union Conference, Prof. M. E. Cady, educational secretary of the North Pacific Union Conference, was present, and extended, on behalf of his conference, an invitation to the Pacific Union Conference to join them in a union summer school. His invitation was carefully considered, and the conference passed the following recommendations:

"Whereas, The North Pacific Union Conference has invited the Pacific Union Conference to unite with them in holding a joint union summer school at Portland, offering to bear the entire expense of providing a faculty for the same, and also to furnish free tent accommodations (excepting bedding) to all teachers; therefore,

"We Recommend, (a) That the Pacific Union Conference accept this invitation; (b) That we invite the various conferences of this union conference to send such teachers as their committees may recommend; (c) That the expense of transportation and board at the rate of \$2 a week be pooled, and that the union conference pay one fourth of this amount, the remainder to be shared by the local conferences in proportion to their teachers attending."

After the conference, in consultation

with Professor Cady, a general outline of the work of the summer school was prepared. This outline, together with the other plans for the school, was to be presented by Professor Cady to the North Pacific Union Conference as soon as he reached home, and then the announcement of the summer school was to be placed in the hands of the printer as soon as possible. It is expected that the announcements will be ready early in May. Professor Cady will send a supply direct to each of the local conference superintendents of the Pacific Union, who will distribute them among their teachers. Negotiations are in progress with the railway and steamboat companies for special rates, and announcements will be made later.

C. C. Lewis,

Edu. Sec. Pac. Union Conf.

## Missionary Work

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### More Personal Evangelism

The other day I came across an article entitled "Tracts as Soul-Winners." It told a most interesting story of a tract that reached the hands of the godly Richard Baxter. He was led to Christ by it. He afterward wrote "The Saints' Everlasting Rest," and that book aroused Philip Doddridge to come to the Saviour. Wilberforce was converted through Doddridge's book "Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul;" and then Wilberforce himself wrote "Practical Christianity," a copy of which fell into the hands of Thomas Chalmers, who became a convert and a great worker for humanity. These results, thus united in a chain, all came through one tract.

A great believer in tracts was Dr. Marshman, of India, a vast number of whose natives came to Christ by these silent messengers. When a boy, J. Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to the Chinese, was brought to Christ by a tract; and as a consequence, multitudes in China are blessed in the gospel to-day. The saintly George Mueller, of England, with all his many activities, did not forget the printed page. During his lifetime he distributed over a million and a half of Bibles and Testaments, besides circulating millions upon millions of books and tracts; and vast numbers of people are on their way to the kingdom as the result.

Yes, reader, the bountiful sower will reap bountifully. Results are bound to follow the "liberal and continuous seed-sowing," of which Brother Ferren writes in the new booklet on tract circulation, "Like the Leaves of Autumn." We were made glad the other day, when a brother ordered one hundred and sixty copies of this splendid booklet, saying, "It's time we had a revival in our tract department." This booklet, containing interesting paragraphs on experiences and methods, and also a complete list of our tracts, is sent free to any one. Order of your tract society. Carry a copy with you. Urge all our members to obtain a copy. It will help them in their personal work.

Now, let me add a few more lines. I want to tell you something. There is no one thing that I regard as more vitally important to the growth and efficiency of the missionary society as an organization of the church, than a steady and organized effort in *personal evangelism*, and *personal evangelism with present truth literature*. It is safe to say that the printed page is the only means of reaching the majority of the people with the message, and every member of the church can have a splendid time in helping to do it!

Reader, *pledge yourself* to this personal service. *Get others to enter it*. If all were engaged, as *all* should be, in daily witnessing for the Master, in conversation or with the printed page, the spiritual life of our people would be so stimulated and deepened that the entire church would quickly feel the throb of new spiritual energy. The work requires tact; but good sense, guided by enthusiastic love for Christ and for those whom He came to save, would make this united and earnest effort wondrously effective in forwarding the message.

We need more of that *first fine enthusiasm* which characterized the early history of our movement. And we need the divine fire to keep it ablaze.

We read that "the word of God was proclaimed of Paul." Our chief business as Christ's disciples is to proclaim His love and His truth. Are we faithful to the trust?

"I sent my love to you every day!" said a little girl, indignantly, to a sick friend who was beginning to be convalescent, and felt hurt because no word of remembrance had come to her. "They just took it and kept it all themselves." The childish way of looking at it sets in strong light the meaning of an unde-

*livered message.* Christ sends His love, His truth, to men, with each returning day — *sends it by us. Do we deliver it?* Or do we take it and keep it all ourselves? What does He think of us as messengers?  
Ernest Lloyd.

### Temperance "Instructor" Endorsements

The way in which the temperance question is being handled by our people is not in harmony with the necessities of the times. The work of making known our belief in matters of temperance should now be entered into most heartily.—  
*Mrs. E. G. White.*

*Los Angeles Young Men's Christian Association — Boys' Department*

"I am very glad to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the work which you are doing for the uplift of boys in our community. Your recent talk to our 'gym' boys was a most helpful one. I am also very much pleased with your publication, the *Temperance Youth's Instructor*, which was distributed among our members, and proved very helpful as well as instructive.

"With best wishes for your continued success in this great work, I am —

"Very sincerely yours,

"(Signed) H. D. Cross,

"*Director Boys' Work.*"

*The Fifth Street Store, Los Angeles*

"I congratulate you upon the recent issue of the *Youth's Instructor*, which appeals to the better self in every way. The copies of the last issue which we distributed among our employees brought a great many good commendations and some results.

"We would thank you at some future time, when you have an extra good number, to send us a quantity of the issue, as we will be able to use them. Thanking you for your personal interest in our educational work, we are —

"Yours very truly,

"Muse, Faris, Walker Co.,

"(Signed) M. Walker, *Manager.*"

### "All Busy with the Work of God"

Everything in this world has a use. The very perfume and color of flowers are intended for the attraction of birds and bees, that the pollen may be scattered and the seeds sown broadcast. "There is nothing, save the selfish heart of man, that lives unto itself. No bird that cleaves the air, no animal that moves

upon the ground, but ministers to some other life. There is no leaf of the forest, or lowly blade of grass, but has its ministry."

All creation is connected by successive links of service; but if one link ceases to serve its use, it is broken off and cut out of the chain. In the human body is found an apt illustration of this. So long as our muscles are in use, the blood supplies them with nutriment. The more they are used, the more nutriment they require, and the more they receive. Directly, however, we neglect to use a muscle, it ceases to receive its former supply, and begins to waste away, or atrophy.

So it is with the church. Why is it that Mohammedanism reigns over the North African seaboard, and throughout the vast tracts of Turkey and Asia Minor? — It is because the Moslem conquerors found an atrophied church. And why were "the seven churches" of Asia, to which John ministered, reduced to this condition? — *Because they ceased to be missionary.* They kept for themselves what they were intended to pass on.

In the book of Acts we find all believers witnessing for Christ and working for souls. We read that after the persecution which arose concerning Stephen, the church was "all scattered abroad," "except the apostles," and "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."

Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, in a comment upon this scripture, says: "The fact that the apostles remained at Jerusalem is specially noted to show that those who were preaching the word were ordinary disciples. And there is not throughout this first volume of church history — the Acts of the Apostles — the slightest sign of artificial discrimination between disciples; they were *all busy with the work of God.*"

We shall never win in this cause until disciples, as a whole, again take up the work. It can never be done by any class. It must be recognized as the individual duty of believers. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth . . . and shalt believe with thine heart, . . . thou shalt be saved." Let us see to it that atrophy and casting away do not befall our lot. Let us beware lest a curse come upon us for hoarding the living manna. If the message is made known to us, *we must pass it on*, else we shall incur the penalty of being cast away on the scrap-heap. God is counting on us to help Him in His world-wide program. The

message *must* be preached to every creature; and if we fail to do it, God will call into existence those who will. In any case, wherever we may be placed, in whatever situation, let us go "preaching the gospel."  
Ernest Lloyd.

## CALIFORNIA

### Gleanings from the Field

I feel sure that all who have been reading the *RECORDER* the past few weeks, as it has given the wonderful talks of Elders A. G. Daniells and G. B. Thompson at the institute in Los Angeles, have felt their hearts burn within them, as they responded to the earnest appeals of the Spirit for a renewed consecration in the Master's service; and I hope it has been an inspiration to us all for a renewed zeal in doing missionary work with our neighbors.

There are so many things we all can do in spreading the message, and letting our lights shine! I have made many appeals, through these columns and otherwise, with more or less success, for workers, always hoping it would be better, but hardly looking for a response from the source from which one has come.

When I returned from the institute in Los Angeles, I was glad to learn there was a young lady selling *Signs*, so took the first opportunity of calling to see her. She proved to be a nice appearing young woman; but when I asked her about her religious convictions, one can hardly imagine my surprise when she informed me she was a *strict* Roman Catholic. Of course she is selling magazines for a purely commercial purpose. I simply mention this to illustrate what the Lord is doing in raising up some one to carry the message.

I can not say as to how long she will continue in this work, but I can see in this a warning to us to be more diligent in our work of scattering seeds of truth. She is selling about an average of 250 *Signs* a week.

The Master calls you to go labor to-day in His vineyard. Will you come?

### Report of Magazine Work

|               | Hrs.   | Copies | Value    |
|---------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Mrs. Graves,  | 4 wks. | 1,000  | \$100.00 |
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W. D. Fleming,  
*Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.*

California Conference Report of Church Missionary Work

Let us all try to report the little things, that we may have a large total.

|                      | Healds-<br>burg | Enceta | Morgan<br>Hill | James<br>Harvey | Totals |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Missionary visits    | 13              | 11     | 9              | 5               | 38     |
| Hours help work      |                 | 6      | 7              |                 | 13     |
| Sick visited         | 3               | 3      | 1              |                 | 7      |
| Tracts sold          |                 |        |                | 50              | 50     |
| Clothes given        | 29              | 8      |                |                 | 37     |
| Tracts given         | 34              |        | 6              | 38              | 78     |
| Papers received      |                 | 74     | 190            |                 | 264    |
| Papers given         | 144             | 119    | 60             | 972             | 1295   |
| Books lent           | 2               | 1      | 4              | 12              | 19     |
| Reading racks filled |                 |        |                | 70              | 70     |
| Letters written      | 1               | 7      |                | 5               | 13     |
| Letters received     | 1               | 2      |                | 2               | 5      |
| Subscriptions taken  | 32              |        |                | 1               | 33     |
| Papers sold          |                 |        |                | 7               | 7      |
| Bible readings       | 6               | 2      | 2              |                 | 10     |
| No. attending        |                 | 2      |                |                 | 2      |
| Books sold           |                 |        |                | 4               | 4      |

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 1912

| Agent                     | Book | Hrs. | Ords. | Helps | Value   | Delivered |
|---------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Central California</b> |      |      |       |       |         |           |
| J. V. Pierson             | S.D. | 15   | 11    |       | \$16.50 |           |
| A. G. Westphal            | P.G. |      |       |       |         | \$9.00    |
| 2 Agents                  |      |      | 11    |       | \$16.50 | \$9.00    |

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 1912

|                            |         |    |    |  |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------|----|----|--|---------|---------|
| <b>Southern California</b> |         |    |    |  |         |         |
| Albert Muth*               | Heralds | 77 | 23 |  | \$50.50 | \$ 4.00 |
| R. I. Witt                 | G.C.    | 30 |    |  | 22.00   | 13.00   |
| Miscellaneous              |         |    |    |  | 2.50    |         |
| *Two weeks.                |         |    |    |  | \$75.00 | \$17.00 |

|                           |      |    |    |        |          |  |
|---------------------------|------|----|----|--------|----------|--|
| <b>Central California</b> |      |    |    |        |          |  |
| A. G. Westphal            | P.G. | 35 | 18 |        | \$85.00  |  |
| J. V. Pierson             | S.D. | 21 | 13 | \$1.50 | 21.00    |  |
| Gertrude Patterson        | G.C. | 6  | 2  | 50     | 6.50     |  |
| 3 Agents                  |      | 62 | 33 | \$2.00 | \$112.50 |  |

|                   |      |    |    |  |          |  |
|-------------------|------|----|----|--|----------|--|
| <b>California</b> |      |    |    |  |          |  |
| W. W. Peterson*   | P.G. | 89 | 49 |  | \$169.50 |  |
| * Three weeks.    |      |    |    |  |          |  |

Victories Through Prayer in Book Work

The Lord does hear and answer prayer. Praise His exalted name. I have just about finished a delivery of nearly \$1,100 worth of books, helps, etc. Above all this, there were many orders for the smaller works, such as "Ministry of Healing," "New Testament Primer," "Steps to Christ," "Coming King," etc.

In addition to all this, I have been blessed in just finishing a new canvass for books, outside helps, etc., that

amounts to over \$860. Then there are a host of smaller orders, like "Ministry" and "Primer," not figured in the above account. That will make it much more. I hope, believe, and pray that many souls may be won for Christ in that great day, as the result of all this literature circulated. I hope to be all through here by the latter part of May. All honors, glory, and praise are the Lord's alone and forever. He gives it all. Ps. 102: 17; 118:23 (margin).

Walter Harper.

Morenci, Ariz.

"The Advance Guard of Missions"

A new book that will surely interest and inspire all who read it—particularly our young people—is "The Advance Guard of Missions." This is made up of thrilling sketches touching upon the most important events in the lives and work of more than fifty pioneer missionaries. It is a highly entertaining work, written in a style that educates and arouses one to action. It has 347 pages, and comes in two styles of binding: handsome red cloth, heavy paper, \$1.50; plain cloth, \$1.00.

Tracts

Our progressive missionary secretary passes on some quotations from Adventists concerning the influence of tracts, that should encourage us all. Here they are:

"It was the reading of 'How Esther Read Her Bible' that caused me to take hold of the truth."

"I don't think I would ever have accepted the truth, had it not appeared so plain to me in the many tracts I read."

"Some one left a tract in the depot. I found it, and sent for others, and soon saw the truth, and took hold of it."

"Tracts brought the truth to me."

"Printed matter left in the house by renters brought the truth to me."

Would you not like to be continually sowing, with the hope of such a harvest? Tract work among individuals is increasing. 290 of the Dollar Tract Package, which contains 120 tracts on twelve different subjects, 1896 pages, were ordered last year. Ought you not to replenish your stock with one or more of these packages. Simply ask your tract society for the "Dollar Tract Package," sending \$1.25 to have it prepaid. You will be much pleased with the excellent assortment, and the Lord will richly bless you in putting people in touch with the truth.

Wanted

At once, fourteen Christian young women to work in the new cafeteria to be started very soon. Steady work, good pay, good home. Send recommendations with your answer to this call. Write at once to E. G. Fulton, 259 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1912

Elder H. G. Thurston has accepted the invitation of the executive committee of the Southern California Conference to take up ministerial labor in that field.

During the seven days ending April 25, Elder G. A. Irwin was with Elder E. E. Andross in Salt Lake City, Utah, where a number of meetings were held with the church in that city.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Utah Conference was held the evening after Sabbath, April 20; and among other matters considered, it was voted to accept the resignations of Elder D. A. Parsons as president, and Brother Otis Fisher as secretary and treasurer of the Utah Conference. These vacancies were supplied by the executive committee's choosing Elder C. E. Ford as president, and Brother C. H. Castle as secretary and treasurer, to complete the unexpired term.

At a recent meeting of the Arizona Conference Committee, Elder H. G. Thurston presented his resignation as president of that conference, which position he had held for the past five years. After the resignation was accepted, Elder G. W. Reaser was asked to fill out the unexpired presidential term. Elder Reaser's connection with the work in that field during the past year, and his ability to speak the Spanish language, enable him as president of the conference to labor successfully with both of the nationalities found within that conference. We trust that the work will continue to advance in Arizona.

In a letter dated April 18, at Morenci, Arizona, Brother Walter Harper tells of the death of his aged father. In part he says: "While busy at work here, having just begun a large delivery of orders, I received a telegram from Loma Linda Sanitarium, California, conveying

the sad intelligence of the death of my beloved father at the advanced age of eighty-three. It came as a great surprise and shock to me, as recent word from there informed me he had recovered from a late attack of illness, and was about as well as usual. I looked forward eagerly to being with him in May, and having an enjoyable time with him. But it is not to be. God knows best. I bow in submission to the divine purpose. Pray for me." Let us remember the request of Brother Harper, and aid him at this time with our prayers.

## Wanted at Once

Christian young people to work in our cafeteria—men for dishwashers, and two young women to serve. Good pay, good home, and steady work. Send recommendations *with* your application. Vegetarian Cafeteria, 43 Geary St., San Francisco, California.

## For Sale

1 good, new 8-room house, big, roomy tank house, on 1¾ acres, near school; one new 7-room house, 1-3 acre; one 8-room house, 1 acre.

Inquire of business manager, Lodi Normal Institute, Lodi, California.

## San Jose

A Sabbath-school convention will be held in San Jose church on May 4, especially designed for smaller churches and isolated members in the vicinity, though some conference workers will be present from Oakland and Mountain View.

Good music and a spicy program have been arranged. The program will deviate from the ordinary routine carried out on such occasions, bringing in practical demonstrations, discussing real, live problems, but devoting little time to theorizing.

Many are planning to bring their dinners and enjoy the day's program. Come and join the discussions.

Committee on Plans.

## Rates to Central California Conference Camp-Meeting

Both the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe railroad have granted rates on the receipt certificate plan to the Central California Conference camp-meeting, to be held at Reedley, May 30 to June 9. All coming to the camp-meeting should secure from the ticket agent a receipt certificate, showing that the full fare has

been paid to the meeting; and this certificate, when signed by the conference secretary, will entitle the holder to a special one third return trip rate.

Stop-over privileges may be had on the going trip, but no stop-overs will be allowed on the return trip.

Tickets will be sold from May 20 to June 9, and certificates will be honored for the return trip from May 30 to June 14 inclusive. Be sure, when purchasing your ticket, to secure the receipt certificate.

S. G. White.

## Northern California Conference Association

The annual meeting of the constituents of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated under the laws of the State of California, will convene on the camp ground at Sacramento, California, Monday, June 10, 1912, at 9:00 A.M., for the election of a board of trustees for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before the session.

C. L. Taggart, *President*.

Verah MacPherson, *Secretary*.

## Northern California-Nevada Conference

The third annual session of the Northern California-Nevada Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the camp ground at Sacramento, California, June 6, 1912, at 2:30 P.M., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and of transacting such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each twenty members. The executive committee, ordained ministers, representatives of the Pacific Union Conference and General Conference, are delegates at large.

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## Special Notice

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 10 pound package Malted Cereal .. | \$1.20 |
| 10 pounds Graham Crackers .....   | 1.20   |
| 5 pounds Cereal Coffee .....      | .75    |
| 2 cans (1 pound) Nut Cero or      |        |
| Nut Loaf .....                    | .50    |
| 1 large jar Peanut Butter .....   | .25    |

\$3.90

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