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Jesus Knows

Nobody knows, but Jesus,
The trials one must bear.
Nobody knows, but Jesus,
But He will surely care
For all His little children,
As well as birds and flowers.
Nobody knows, but Jesus,
My sad and lonely hours.

But how does Jesus know them?
Ah! He's borne them all for me.
He bore them all in human flesh,
And died upon the tree,
That all the thieves upon the cross
Might rely upon His word.
He bore our guilt and shame for us,
My Jesus, Saviour, Lord.

He left His home in glory
And became as weak as I,
A little helpless baby,
In a manger low to lie.
Then to know my every need,
He must poor and homeless be.
O, remember in the garden,
Those great drops of agony!

Then say He does not know me?

He knows me, yes, much more
Than either earthly parent.

He knows me o'er and o'er.

And He has promised to succor me,

When tempted, weak, and tried,

If I will only trust Him

And in His word abide.

—Mrs. Cora Smith.

Religious Liberty

Religious Liberty Campaign

The time seems at last to have arrived for us to call upon every member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the California conferences, also Arizona, to join us in an educational campaign along the lines of religious liberty. For many years we have looked forward to the time when the prophecy found in Rev. 13:11-17 would be fulfilled. For some years strenuous efforts have been put forth by Sunday law advocates to secure the passage of Sunday laws by the legislatures. In some States these efforts have succeeded; but on account of the spirit of liberty that still lives in the hearts of the people, very little has been done in the way of enforcing these laws, and they have very largely remained as dead letters on the statute-books.

In California every effort to secure a Sunday law of late years has failed, and this has been a great disappointment to the leaders in the Sunday law movement. Recently the initiative and referendum have been adopted in a number of the States, including California and Arizona. This makes it possible for the advocates of Sunday laws to appeal to the people to secure the accomplishment of their desired end.

For some time they have been at work

with the purpose of securing the required number of signers to a petition to enable them to place the question of the adoption of a Sunday law on the ballot for the next November election. This makes it necessary for us to go to the people and educate them on the question of religious liberty, so that when they are called upon to vote on the question, they will be able to do it intelligently. Heretofore we have confined our educational propaganda very largely to the legislators, but now we must carry it to every voter. This is without doubt in the providence of God, and is designed to lead us to put forth larger efforts to educate all the people, so that they will be intelligent on the question of the third angel's message.

The image of the beast is finally to be made, not by legislators, but by the people, and it seems to me to be clear that we are nearing the final conflict. God could not permit this to come, however, until the people have been warned against the work of the beast and his image and the reception of his mark. It is now clearly the duty of every Seventh-day Adventist to seize upon this opportunity and do everything in his power to assist in this work.

A special series of the *Signs of the Times* devoted to the subject of religious liberty has been prepared, and has been brought within the reach of all by the exceedingly low price placed upon it. Others have written regarding this series, hence I will say but little with reference to its merits. The Spirit of the Lord has assisted in the preparation of this reading-matter, and now we ask our people to assist in its distribution. Let every church and company in all the conferences in these States thoroughly organize their forces for effective work,

and that at once. Let no one feel that he is excused from taking part in this campaign. In a very little time it will be too late, the night will have come, when no man can work; and I earnestly request all to join us NOW in this effort, not only by actively engaging in this campaign, but also by earnest prayer that the Lord will open the hearts of the people to receive the light, and that many may be led to take their stand on the right side when the moment arrives for their final decision.

Long has the Lord held in restraint the forces of evil, that we might have the opportunity of finishing this work; but some day, and not long hence, the angels will release their hold upon the winds of strife, and the night of trial will be upon us.

May the Lord bless His people with willing hearts at this time.

E. E. Andross.

The Special "Signs"

All over the State of California the campaign in the churches is being waged vigorously in the interest of the special series of the *Signs of the Times* devoted to the cause of religious liberty. Many thousands of these papers will be circulated by our faithful people, and this educative effort will make way for successful house-to-house work during the present season.

At first it was impossible to say confidently that the Sunday issue would be presented at the polls this next fall, but now it is widely proclaimed that the proposed enactment will come up on the initiative, though the petition has not yet been filed at the office of the secretary of State. The exact wording of the proposed law therefore can not yet be given, but this soon will be known, as the petition must be filed at least ninety days before the election, to insure presentation.

It has been most gratifying to observe with what earnestness our people everywhere have been entering upon the campaign with the *Signs*. It is proposed to follow this, beginning about July 1, with personal visits from house to house with other literature, in the expectation by such means to pave the way for successful public meetings all over the State. When the measure is presented for determination, the people must know the exact situation, and deliberately align themselves, either with the people of God on the side of liberty, or with the mistaken votaries of error.

Under the heading of "Law to Enforce 'Day of Rest' Is Proposed," and with the subhead "Berkeley Man Seeks Coöperation in Scheme for Legislation," the Los Angeles *Tribune* of May 11 contained the following notice:

"It is proposed to submit to the voters of California a weekly rest-day bill at the November election. Dr. G. L. Tufts, of Berkeley, is in the city organizing a local committee to coöperate with a similar committee in charge of the work in the northern part of the State."

The notice comes opportunely. Let every lover of liberty, and every one who regards God's law as above human enactments, stand shoulder to shoulder as we meet the coming crisis.

John F. Blunt,

Rel. Lib. Sec. Pac. Union Conf.



The Field

CALIFORNIA

Conference Current

Delegates' credentials are being sent out to the church clerks. The church officers should see that the delegates are chosen soon, so that the lists can be fully made up before the conference meeting.

Arrangements are being made with the St. Helena Sanitarium and Sanitarium Food Company to operate the restaurant and food store at the Santa Rosa camp-meeting. First-class service is thus assured.

The California Bible House will have one of the best stocks of Bibles on the camp ground that have ever been presented to our people in California. Also all of our other books can be had at the regular prices.

Elder A. Brorsen made a visit to Santa Rosa last week to complete arrangements for securing the ground and to look after other matters of business preliminary to the coming camp-meeting and conference. He reports everything satisfactory.

Word has just been received from the General Conference that Prof. M. E. Kern, president of the Foreign Mission Seminary and in charge of the general Missionary Volunteer Department, will attend the Santa Rosa camp-meeting and assist in the young people's work.

A good interest is developing at Elmhurst, where Brethren Beddoe and Fries are conducting meetings. Although the attendance from the outside is not large at the hall, promise of fruit is given in the personal work that is carried on.

Application has been made to the railroads for the usual reduced rate of one and one third fare for the round trip to the Santa Rosa conference. Taking advantage of this will materially reduce the cost of travel to our general gathering.

Last Sabbath several of the conference workers visited the churches in the interests of the special Religious Liberty Series of the *Signs of the Times*. An effort is being made to secure as wide a circulation as possible for these excellent numbers.

A meeting of most of the workers about the bay was held at the Oakland church Thursday of last week. Consideration was given to definite plans of work, especially in view of the help needed in preparing the grounds for the coming camp-meeting.

The increase last year in the circulation of the *Temperance Instructor* over the year before was 130,000. The same increase this year over last year will bring the circulation this season to nearly 500,000 copies. We still have some here at the office. 5 or more, 5 cents; 50 or more, 4 cents a copy.

A card written May 3 by Elder S. T. Hare from Eureka contains the following: "We have just passed through the worst storm of the winter. Still our tent has kept dry, and the smallest attendance any night was sixteen. We have now held ten meetings, and everything looks encouraging. The rain is over, and every flower and tree looks fine."

Sabbath, May 25, has been set apart by the General Conference as Young People's Day in the churches. Instruction is being sent out from the office to the elders and young people's leaders, and the program will be found in the *Review and Herald* of May 9 and the *Youth's Instructor* dated May 14. We trust that a profitable service will be held in each church.

Claude Conard.

May 10.

Rates to the Santa Rosa Conference and Camp-Meeting

June 20 to 30, 1912

As usual, the railroad companies will grant reduced rates to those attending the camp-meeting.

Upon purchasing ticket for Santa Rosa, ask the agent to give a receipt for the amount paid, stating that you are going to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Conference. This receipt will be signed by the secretary of the meeting, on the camp ground, and will then serve as a certificate upon presentation of which to the ticket agent at Santa Rosa return ticket can be secured for one third of the fare paid in going. Reduced rate can not be had unless receipt is secured.

Receipts can be obtained under this plan for tickets purchased June 10 to 30, and are good for return June 20 to July 5 inclusive.

Fifty persons must be in attendance holding receipts before rates can be secured for any one returning.

Claude Conard.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

The concrete walk from the hospital to the main building has just been completed.

The public speaking class is making marked improvement under the able direction of the chaplain.

Dr. M. G. Kellogg, of Healdsburg, spoke to the guests in the sanitarium parlor on Thursday evening.

Professor and Mrs. John Paap and Professor and Mrs. M. W. Newton, were sanitarium guests on Sabbath.

Elder C. L. Taylor occupied the sanitarium pulpit Sabbath forenoon, and earnestly urged all to seek a deeper consecration.

Elder W. A. Hennig, of Pacific Union College, gave an intensely interesting address at the Missionary Volunteer meeting on Friday evening, May 10.

Sister Williams, of Honolulu, arrived at the sanitarium this week. Sister Kerr, of the same place, did not accompany Sister Williams, as expected, but is planning to entertain her two daughters, Mrs. Rowland Harris, M.D., of Michigan, and Miss Kathleen Kerr, of Berkeley.

Brother J. J. Wessels returned from the South on Friday, May 10. On account of the necessary absence of Brother L. M. Bowen, it was decided, at a recent meeting of the sanitarium board, to ask Brother Wessels, formerly business manager of the Glendale Sanitarium, to connect with the St. Helena Sanitarium as acting business manager. Brother Wessels' family will join him in a few days. We are all glad to welcome them to our midst.

Invited to speak before the Young People's Society, Elder F. W. Paap addressed a large audience in the sanitarium chapel on Sabbath afternoon. The subject chosen was "The Needs of the Hour." Elder and Mrs. Paap and family are on their way to Washington, D. C., where a convention of city evangelists is to be held. They will then go to Baltimore to locate. They were in Australia for a number of years, but have been in Southern California for over a year.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

Pacific Press Notes

The RECORDER family will surely be interested in the following quotation from a letter recently received by Brother H. H. Hall from Harold Robinson in Cuba. It will doubtless be remembered that Brother Robinson received his training from an old Pacific Press worker, Brother J. A. P. Green, of Mexico. In response to earnest appeals, Brother Robinson was transferred from Mexico to Cuba, and the interesting experiences recorded by Brother Robinson will be an encouragement to all who read of them.

"It is a fact that the Lord did bless my work at the very start, even though I was alone, and it was a fight for me to get on the train at Havana and start for Matanzas without a friend. But the Lord helped me, and I trust the figures and experiences there will help others to decide to work for the Lord. Since Brother Sandborn came, He has continued to bless us, maybe more than ever, and I have never done better in my life. Really I believe that we are making a better average per hour and as good deliveries as we ever did in Mexico. One thing is sure,—we can put in more books in a place here comparatively the same size than in Mexico, and we can keep up sales better than we could there, too. I guess you saw what we were able to do in Santa Clara the second day we

were there. Well, we prayed hard to do better here, and then we got out and worked, and the Lord did answer our prayer. I got \$91 (gold) and Sandborn \$77 (gold) that day. We closed the week with \$223 and \$284 respectively, my companion thus taking the week's sales record from Mexico made there by John Brown. Is not that marvelous for Cuba, where they said books could not be sold?

"I guess I must tell you of an experience I had in a bank here. I walked in and spoke to the first man I saw behind the rails. He happened to be the manager, and took me to his desk and seated me. I asked him for the manager, and he said he was, so I went after him. After seeing a few pages, he wanted a half leather, and I said all right, got his name, and told him some of his clerks surely would take books, too. He said they were too poor. I told him to let me have a chance at them anyway. He called to the accountant and told him that I had a good book selling, but he quickly decided he did not want any kind of book. I got near to him and told him I wanted him to see what it was, that was all. He consented, and while he washed his hands I canvassed him. Soon he became interested, and said it was good. Then he ordered, too, and took me to three others who also ordered leather bindings,—*these poor fellows*. Then he told everybody how good a thing it was, and took the book over to the cashier, and told him to sign, because it was something good. He did, too, saying that he would take his word for granted. So there I was, in about fifteen minutes had got six orders, valuing \$29, and under these circumstances. When I got the mayor of the town to sign for a leather binding, he asked me if I was going to be here until election time, as he would like to hire me to be the orator of the day. I told him not to make fun of me."

It is quite evident that Brethren Robinson and Sandborn are having a profitable experience with the people in Cuba. While it may seem like a joke to be asked to fill the honorable position of orator on election day, we can see in it an evidence that our boys in Cuba are maintaining a high standard in their work. Let us remember that the workers in this difficult field need our sympathy and our prayers.

F. H. G.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Camp-Meeting at Reedley

May 30 to June 9, 1912

Another camp-meeting is before us. It is desirable that each one who attends this meeting shall receive that help which God is anxious to bestow. A few suggestions may be helpful to our people in the realization of these blessings.

Make early temporal preparation. Prepare to be at the first meeting and to remain until the close. Arrange matters at home so that the mind may be at rest, and all the energies given to the development and realization of definite desired blessings.

Make spiritual preparation. You are going to the encampment to unite with your brethren in communion with God. Prepare your heart for the reception of His Spirit. Confess to Him every wrong in your life. If differences have entered into your family or into the church, remove these stones of stumbling. These differences may prevent you from receiving the desired blessings. They may stand as obstacles in the way of others also. Arrange, if possible, to take your entire family. Let parents and children, a united band, go up to meet with God and seek His special help.

Reach the camp the day before the opening meeting, in order that you may have your tent arranged, may become rested from your journey, and be in readiness to partake of the beginning of the feast.

As far as possible, be in regular attendance at all general services. Acquaint yourself with the working of the various departments of the cause, so that you may be intelligent as to what this great movement is doing in the world, and the means and methods by which it is seeking to accomplish its purpose. Make note of all plans for the prosecution of the work, in order that you may cooperate intelligently in the future.

Be a missionary worker. Judiciously and wisely labor for the members of your own family. See that each one has a living experience in the things of God. Labor for your brethren and sisters. You may find poor, discouraged souls on the camp ground who need a kindly word of encouragement and a smile of cheer. Be sociable. Labor also for your friends and neighbors. Watch your opportunities, to show courtesy and kindness to strangers who may attend the meeting.

Avoid the spirit of pleasure seeking. Many temptations will assail those gathered at our camp-meeting. Satan will devise ways and means to divert many from their purpose of seeking God. The spirit of sightseeing often robs many of the very meeting where they would receive the most help. Particularly should the young be guarded in these matters, and wise counsel and right direction should be afforded them in time of need by parents, ministers, teachers, and fathers and mothers in Israel.

A cafeteria will be conducted on the camp ground where meals will be served on the same plan as last year, at a very reasonable price.

Returning home, carry with you the fire and enthusiasm of the occasion to bless and gladden the lives of those who could not attend.

Let us cooperate with God and heavenly agencies in seeking to obtain that which He has in store for us. He is waiting to be gracious. Let us open our hearts to receive the proffered blessing.

Please take notice that all who desire tents for this camp-meeting should send their orders at once to S. G. White, Box 1304, Fresno, Cal. J. H. Behrens,

Pres. Central Cal. Conf.

An Appeal to Parents

As the camp-meeting season draws near, we feel especially interested that all our young people may attend these meetings. If ever there was a time in the history of our work when the young people needed the strength and encouragement of this annual feast, it is now. May our fathers and mothers put forth every effort to have their boys and girls attend!

We learn in 1 Samuel that "the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice."

He received a special blessing in so doing. May not we? Some may say we can not afford to take all our youth. My dear parents, can you afford not to take them? What is your most valuable possession? Is it not your children? I am sure there are fathers and mothers in our ranks to-day who would give all they own of this world's goods if they could see the one wayward son or daughter following the gentle Shepherd. Shall we not be willing to spend a few dollars—yes, even sacrifice much—that we may give them every opportunity to gain wisdom and strength, that they may

stand firmly for the truth amid the temptations that Satan holds out to them on every side?

It is far better to "build a fence around the cliff than an ambulance down in the valley." Better to do all in our power to help our youth become fortified against Satan's darts than wait to rescue them from his grasp after they have fallen.

Many no doubt are already talking of their plans for these meetings. Do you talk with your children of God's plan for them at this time? Mothers, as you prepare the clothing to be worn, do you prepare the hearts of your boys and girls for the precious seed to be sown at that meeting? Is there anything you have done or left undone that may prove a block of stumbling to your children? Are you earnestly longing that they may enjoy that sweet peace that comes from a full surrender of self and a complete consecration to God? Then read this promise in Isa. 49:25, "I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." This promise is just as sure as the one that says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." It was made by the same all-powerful, loving Father, but both are conditional.

In the former there must be contention between ourselves and the enemy of our children. How sharp will this contention be? We have a wily foe. We will need to be ever awake, for we will have to fight every inch of the ground, and guard every point of attack, or our children will be captured by his cunning; but when discouragement is greatest, divine help is nearest.

We read of the mother of Samuel Mills, that she sought the place of secret prayer, and there made intercession for her boy until she had the evidence that God would save him. Do you pray with and for your children, that they may receive the blessing God is so willing to give them, and that they may be a blessing to other youth in the camp?

Do you talk with them of promises our Father has made for those who will meet Him there, or is your conversation of the friends you expect to see? Your attitude in regard to this meeting may be the turning-point in the life of your child. Our Saviour, while on earth, instructed Peter to feed His lambs. He is pleading His blood before the Father for the lambs of the flock to-day. May

we embrace every opportunity of presenting our youth before the Lord, to be fed with the bread of heaven.

To every parent, some day, will come this question, asked of a king and queen of ancient Israel: "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" O that every Seventh-day Adventist might be able to answer in the words of Heb. 2:13, "Behold I and the children which God hath given me"!

As parents we need to study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed. Parents, you have a most definite work in the message that is to draw parents and children together before the last great day.

From "Testimonies," volume 7, we quote: "The most important work you can do is to place your children on the Lord's side." Volume 6: "In all that pertains to the success of God's work, the very first victories are to be won in the home." "Parents will find that their own growth will be more rapid as they learn to work for their children." Our camp-meetings are supply stations at which we may lay in a store of provisions against the year to come. May our parents and youth truly obtain these supplies, that when the Lord asks the question once asked by Samuel, "Are here all thy children?" we may not answer, There remaineth one. And at last may the gates of heaven shut about us, with all the children in.

Lida Ackley.

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-NEVADA

Sacramento

We are making a strong effort in Sacramento to give the people of that city the message due at this time. Three tents are now holding regular night meetings, with a fair attendance, and there are some who are deeply interested. These are not large tents. Each will seat about 100. From past experience, we are led to believe this plan is far better than to have one large pavilion with the hope of reaching the whole city in one great effort. Most of the evangelists follow the latter method, but we must remember they have a number of large churches back of them, assuring them an audience.

The people expect to see a large choir led by a noted singer, and a speaker of no small reputation. We have a notice on our small tents, "Local Gospel Tent." This is in keeping with its size, also that of the speaker and his assistants. Our corps of workers, ranging from four to six, commends itself as being ample help in doing a large work for a few blocks around.

The people in these immediate localities recognize the fact that the tent is especially for them. They are not looking for the whole city to be present. The people near are coming better than I ever had them come to a large tent. They look upon this as their meeting and not for everybody. We hear it said that we have large crowds. We would hear the very opposite of the same audience in a large tent. At each place, we advertise the other two, telling the people if they have friends in those parts of the city, to ask them to attend. Another advantage we have: we can place two oil-stoves in the tent and be comfortable in weather that is quite cold.

We have one tent on Cypress Avenue, in the Oak Park District, another at the corner of O and Twenty-seventh streets, and the third at the corner of G and Twenty-sixth streets. We hope to have a number advancing in the light of God's truth for the present day, by the time of our camp-meeting, then conduct our services throughout in a way that will fully land these souls in the ark of safety.

Camp-Meeting

We have secured a beautiful location for our camp-meeting on J and Thirty-ninth streets. The water supply is abundant, coming from a deep well, and

clear as crystal. We see the Lord's hand is with us here in Sacramento. We are expecting a large attendance. Many have already told us they would be here. Our people have learned that God sanctions their making great sacrifices in order to be at these annual feasts. Some, in the past, stayed away because they did not feel financially able to go. They saw that God did not bless them in taking this course. Others have gone not seeing just how the chickens, the cows, the ranch, and various other things, would get along, but to their surprise it all turned out for the very best.

Brethren and sisters, you are needed at this meeting. God wants you there. How many more camp-meetings we will hold, nobody knows. These are perilous times, such as you or no other people ever saw. We need the spiritual awakening that will come at this time. I believe I am prompted by the Spirit of God when I plead with you to come. It will be a whole year before we have another such gathering. You may not live to attend another camp-meeting. We expect to have able help from abroad. Begin to pray and plan now to join with your brethren and sisters in this pentecostal assembly.

C. L. Taggart,
Pres. N. Cal.-Nev. Conf.

Conference Items

Elder D. T. Fero spent Sabbath, May 4, with the Linden church.

Brother Thompson, field agent for the California Conference, spent a few days last week in Lodi, attending the canvassers' institute.

Elder Henry Shultz and Elder T. H. Watson met with the Manteca church Sabbath, May 4. A good meeting was held with the brethren and sisters of that place, and a number of others are deeply interested in the message.

The time is rapidly approaching for our camp-meeting at Sacramento, June 6 to 16, and we trust that all are planning to be in attendance at this yearly gathering. Order your tents early, and plan to be present at the first meeting and remain till the close.

Brethren J. D. Alder and W. A. Johnson, who are conducting a tent effort at Lake City, Modoc County, report a good interest at that place, and a large attend-

ance. Our prayers go with these brethren as they labor in the isolated region, winning souls for the kingdom of heaven.

Elder C. M. Gardner and Brethren Baldwin and Philbrick, who are conducting a tent effort at Turlock, report the following: "We have had the hearty cooperation of the church-members both in distributing literature and in pitching the tent. The attendance is fairly good; and we expect with the prayers of the church-members and the sustaining power of God, to see a goodly harvest as a result of this effort. 'Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.'"

Reduced Rates to the Sacramento Camp-Meeting

Arrangements have been made for one and one third rates on the certificate plan to the Northern California-Nevada Conference camp-meeting to be held at Sacramento June 6 to 16. Tickets can be secured at these rates going to Sacramento, beginning May 27, and continuing until June 16; return beginning June 6 and closing June 21. This of course is with the understanding that fifty or more will be in attendance. Those coming on the Santa Fe to Stockton should procure signed certificates from the Santa Fe agent when starting, and again procure a certificate from the Southern Pacific agent at Stockton. Both of these should be presented to the secretary on the camp ground and signed for return. Stop-over privileges will be granted on going, but no stop-over privileges will be granted on return trips. Please remember that no reductions on return trips will be granted to any one who does not hold a certificate signed by the agent of the station from which he starts and countersigned by the conference secretary on the camp ground.

Verah MacPherson,
N. Cal.-Nev. Conf. Sec.

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 trans-

action 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.

C. L. Taggart, *President*.
Verah MacPherson, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Missionary Volunteer Convention

"Come Out"—"Come Out" for Jesus
("Come out, . . . My people." Rev. 18:4.
"Come out . . . and be ye separate."
2 Cor. 6:17.)

"Come out, come out for Jesus,
And show the scoffing world
You're not ashamed to own Him,
To hold His flag unfurled.
Come out, come out for Jesus,
And never mind the cost;
Hereafter you will reckon
As gain the things you lost.

"Come out, come out for Jesus,
Give no uncertain sound,
That whose you are may surely
Be known to all around.
Come out, come out for Jesus,
Let not your light burn dim,
But 'mid earth's gloomy darkness
Arise and shine for Him.

"Come out, come out for Jesus;
This is the winning side,
Although we have to wrestle
Against the wind and tide.
Come out, come out for Jesus,
Tell of the joy He gives,
And that *it is worth living*
The life a Christian lives."

The above words, sung heartily to the tune, "*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*," opened the Missionary Volunteer convention at the Carr Street church Sabbath, April 27, in which the six Los Angeles societies participated.

The entire day was given to a program that proved to be interesting and very profitable. Sister Fred W. Paap, who

has so faithfully labored as leader of the Volunteer department since our last camp-meeting, presided at this meeting, and throughout the day her earnest and touching remarks, as well as those of her husband, were eagerly received by several hundred attentive listeners. Elder Paap's address on "The Relation of the Church to the Young People's Society" emphasized the thought that unity—in faith and action—was the great essential to success in propagating the faith. Judging by the lively interest shown in the day's proceedings, by old and young, it was evident that all had caught the meaning of the elder's message.

The five minute reports of missionary endeavor, given by the six societies, were most encouraging. One of these read, in part, as follows:

"A few months ago four persons accepted Christ, and soon afterward united with the church, through the faithfulness of one of our Volunteers in holding evening Bible studies. Only last week a member of our society met a business man whom he had not seen for a long time. After the greeting, the gentleman said: 'I have not seen a copy of the *Signs* since that last one you gave me. You don't know how I miss it.' This man first became interested in the *Signs* through some copies he found in a reading rack. Just where we stand we are striving by God's grace to serve the Master."

Other splendid reports, on the distribution of our literature, systematic house-to-house work, jail meetings, temperance work, missionary correspondence, and assistance given our missionaries, illustrated the pleasing fact that we have a good lot of active and progressive Volunteers in Los Angeles, whose influence is counting definitely for the cause.

Some excellent papers were read at this convention, and it is hoped that space may be given two or three of these in a future issue of the RECORDER.

Elder and Sister Paap, who plan to leave for Baltimore shortly in response to an urgent call to engage in city work, sang very feelingly a most appropriate harvest song.

Brother Charles Nixon, leader of the Carr Street Volunteer Society, closed the session with some well-chosen words of appreciation for Sister Paap's untiring service in building up the Volunteer work in this conference, and the loving interest she has shown the members. Both Elder and Sister Paap will be greatly

missed by their many friends in Southern California, and our prayers go out in their behalf that God will continue to use them in the extension of His kingdom.

Ernest Lloyd.

**Fernando Academy
Field Day**

In a recent Volunteer rally at the Fernando Academy a temperance resolution was passed in which appeared these words: "That we do all in our power to circulate the *Temperance Instructor*." And the students are earnestly endeavoring to carry out their resolution. They began by ordering seventeen hundred copies of the paper. Last Thursday about twenty of the student body came up to Los Angeles and did some good house-to-house work.

Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr, who, with her husband, has assisted in leading the students in this campaign, wrote us yesterday, as follows: "We are having much blessing in the *Temperance Instructor* work in the Fernando Academy this year. Considering all the disadvantages of a 'one day' campaign, we feel that our students did well last Thursday in Los Angeles. About 300 papers were sold and 56 given away. We all felt glad for the good experiences related yesterday morning at chapel hour." The doctor then speaks of the "457 wrappers addressed by the students to public-school teachers in this county from grades five to eight." These wrappers were sent to the tract society office to be filled with *Instructors*, purchased by the students, and sent out at pound rates.

Doctor Starr concluded her good letter with these words: "This morning we had another blessing in chapel when the students quickly raised the \$16.63 necessary to cover the postage and stationery for this effort. They also volunteered to solicit in order to mail the *Instructors* to the third and fourth grade teachers of the county."

Accompanying the letter sent to these county teachers was a copy of the fine endorsement written by Mr. Melville Dozier, assistant superintendent of Los Angeles city schools. His appreciation of the *Instructor*, as a school man, will make a favorable impression, no doubt, upon these teachers.

Several of the students have expressed their willingness to give a portion of the vacation period to the *Instructor* work.

Ernest Lloyd.

May 10.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Central California						
A. G. Westphal	P.G.	30	8		\$40.00	\$28.00
Gertrude Patterson	G.C.	27	2	\$2.00	8.00	
Miscellaneous 50%					49.30	
Miscellaneous 40%				4.00	4.00	
J. V. Pierson	S.D.					36.35
					\$6.00	\$101.30
						\$64.35

"From Judaism to Christianity"

A new book, and one that will be read with peculiar interest by every one who is interested in the progress of the gospel among the Jewish people, is "From Judaism to Christianity." The writer, F. C. Gilbert, gives a thrilling account of his own life from childhood, and his final acceptance of Christ as his personal Saviour, whom he had been taught from infancy to hate.

The book is a thrilling story from beginning to end. The author gives many instances of the mighty power of God in delivering from bodily harm at the hands of the infuriated Jews, and of the Spirit's power in converting to Christ under the bitterest opposition.

No one can fail to be interested in this good book. All should read it. The work consists of 384 pages, divided into 23 chapters. Following are a few of the chapter headings: "Parentage and Early Life," "A Jewish Home," "Youthful Education," "Failing Health and Leaving Home," "On the Shores of America," "How God Led Me to the Saviour," "A Fitting for the Work," "Beginning to Work for the Jews," "Some Seed Falling on Good Ground," "The Persecution of the Jews," "The Prospects for the Future." This most excellent book occupies a field of its own, and may be obtained for the small sum of \$1.00 plain or \$1.25 gilt, post-paid. Order from your tract society.

A Lesson in Giving

"A good story is told by a Methodist minister. He says that in one of his charges a good man regularly gave every Sabbath five dollars for the support of the church. A poor widow was also a member of the same church, who supported herself and six children by washing. She was as regular as the rich man in making her offering of five cents a week, which was all she could spare from her scant earnings. One day the rich man came to the minister and said the

poor woman ought not to pay anything, and that he would pay the five cents for her every week. The pastor called to tell her of the offer, which he did in a considerate manner. Tears came to the widow's eyes as she replied: 'Do they want to take from me the comfort I experience in giving to the Lord? My health is good, my children keep well, and I receive so many, so many blessings, that I feel I could not live if I did not make my little offering to Jesus each week.'"

Wanted

Fresh eggs. Will pay cash. Market quotations for selected; 2 cents below for mixed. Address A. C. Giddings, 2431 Bancroft St., Berkeley, California.

Wanted

A few copies of the December, 1911, and February, 1912, *Signs Monthly*. Will exchange equal number of current issue. Please write before sending us any magazines. Signs of the Times, Mountain View, California.

Special Notice

- 10 pound package Malted Cereal .. \$1.20
- 10 pounds Graham Crackers 1.20
- 5 pounds Cereal Coffee75
- 2 cans (1 pound) Nut Cero or
- Nut Loaf50
- 1 large jar Peanut Butter25

\$3.90

Freight prepaid to any point for \$3.00. Address Sanitarium Food Company, Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal.

The Robin's Song

"I'll sing you a lay as I wing on my way:
Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheer up!
Whenever you're blue, find something to do
For somebody else who is sadder than you.
Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheer up!"

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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1912

Brethren J. J. Ireland and H. G. Childs left the middle of this week to attend the auditors' convention to be held in Washington, D. C., May 21 to 28.

Elder J. O. Corliss and Brother J. R. Ferren left the latter part of last week for Fresno and vicinity, where they will spend several days in the religious liberty line.

A class of thirty-one was enrolled at the Lodi canvassers' institute, which Brother A. A. Cone says is the largest class for actual work we have had for several years.

Elder H. G. Thurston writes that his address will be Box 463, San Bernardino, California, until future notice. It is his intention to engage in tent meetings at that place in the near future.

Brother and Sister S. G. White, of the Central California Conference, have accepted an invitation from the General Conference Committee to connect with the work in China. After making a short visit with their relatives they expect to sail for their new field of labor in the early fall.

A good program has been provided for Young People's Day, May 25. See the *Review and Herald* for May 9. The program will contain splendid articles from Elder A. G. Daniells and Prof. M. E. Kern. Do not miss them, and do not fail to observe May 25 as Missionary Volunteer Day in your church.

Elders E. W. Farnsworth and Andrew Brorsen met with the Mountain View church last Sabbath in the interest of the school debt. By rising vote, the church promised to do what they could to help lift this burden. Besides his addressing the Missionary Volunteers in the afternoon, Elder and Mrs. Farnsworth also at-

tended the Pacific Press chapel service Sunday morning. Here Elder Farnsworth gave a splendid talk, exhorting the young folks to improve their spare time by study and climbing to higher attainments.

A most encouraging interest is manifested in the circulation of the special Religious Liberty Series of the *Signs of the Times*. Word has reached us from the religious liberty secretary of the North Pacific Union that the conferences in that field are entering heartily into the work, with the aim of circulating at least 60,000 copies of each issue of this series of papers. Every California conference is more vitally interested in the success of the work here, because the issue is soon to be brought to the polls, and for this reason we should circulate at least 100,000 copies of each number of the Liberty *Signs* to assist in educating the voters.

"He Will Magnify the Law"

(Isa. 42:21)

The following interesting experience was reported last night by Brother J. D. Rhodes, of Los Angeles:

"I have been engaged for the past few months in the interesting and profitable employment of placing the Ten Commandment cards in the homes of the people of Los Angeles city. The Lord has greatly blessed in this effort, and I am moved with gratitude to Him because He has seen fit to allow me to work in His vineyard.

"During these last few months I have placed more than four thousand of these Ten Commandment cards in as many homes. Many of these cards have been taken to the East, and perhaps to all parts of the world, and doubtless God will use them to His own glory. While engaged in this effort, many souls have been found who are earnestly searching for the truth. Many also have been enlightened in regard to the change of the Sabbath. In a number of cases Catholics of the more candid sort have seen the error of pagan tradition. The plain law of God, aided by the Spirit of truth, has driven home conviction. *Already two honest-hearted souls have been led to accept the message* as the result of the interest kindled by the Ten Commandment cards that were placed in their homes. Through the influence of the Holy Spirit, *the Ten Commandments are bringing men to Christ.*

"I have gained a rich experience that is worth more to me than fine gold. The ultimate results can not be ascertained, but the thousands of people who have been visited in this line of work will more easily see the Sabbath truth when their opportunity comes to attend our services. Only this I desire,—that I may see the faces of these people when we all stand together in the earth made new."

The Ten Commandment cards are printed in large, bold type, gold or black, and are eleven by fourteen inches. These cards sell for 25 cents, gold lettering, and 15 cents in the black. The low prices made to agents allow a very handsome profit. Any one interested in devoting time to this excellent line of service, may obtain further particulars by addressing the Southern California Tract Society, 417 West Fifth St., Los Angeles, Cal.
Ernest Lloyd.

California Conference Seventh-Day Adventists

Forty-First Annual Session

The forty-first annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Santa Rosa, California, in connection with the camp-meeting June 20 to 30, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business which may properly come before the assembly. The first meeting will be at 10 A.M., Thursday, June 20.

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every twenty members.

E. W. Farnsworth, *President*.
Claude Conard, *Secretary*.

California Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice of Annual Meeting

The sixteenth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, will be held in connection with the forty-first annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Santa Rosa, California, June 20 to 30, 1912, for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., June 24, 1912.

G. A. Irwin, *President*.
J. J. Ireland, *Secretary*.