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The Master's Questions

Have you looked for sheep in the desert,
For those who have missed their way?
Have you been in the wild waste places,
Where the lost and wandering stray?
Have you trodden the lonely highway,
The foul and the darksome street?
It may be you'd see in the gloaming
The print of My wounded feet.

Have you folded home to your bosom
The trembling, neglected lamb,
And taught to the little lost one
The sound of the Shepherd's name?
Have you searched for the poor and
needy,

With no clothing, no home, no bread?
The Son of man was among them—
He had no where to lay His head.

Have you carried the living water
To the parched and thirsty soul?
Have you said to the sick and wounded,
“Christ Jesus makes thee whole”?
Have you told My fainting children
Of the strength of the Father's hand?
Have you guided the tottering footsteps
To the shore of the “golden land”?

Have you wept with the broken-hearted,
In their agony of wo?
You might hear Me whispering beside
you,

“It's the pathway I often go!”
My brethren, My friends, My disciples,
Can you dare to follow Me,
When, wherever the Master dwelleth,
There shall the servant be!

— Selected.

The Church

Sketches of the Past — 126

The first formal organization of a conference of Seventh-day Adventists was on October 6, 1861, in Battle Creek, Michigan. On that day the Michigan Conference was organized by the election of a chairman, a secretary, and an executive committee of three, of which the chairman was one. No constitution was yet formulated.

By a vote of all our people assembled, it was recommended that our churches organize, by adopting the following church covenant: “We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together as a church, taking the name Seventh-day Adventists, covenanting to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ.”

It was also voted to grant to all Seventh-day Adventist ministers in the State who were in good standing, ministerial papers, consisting of a certificate of ordination, and credentials, signed by the chairman and clerk of the conference, which credentials should be renewed annually.

A committee of nine ministers was appointed to give careful and prayerful Bible study to the subject of church organization, and prepare an address

setting the subject before our people, as also the mode of procedure in organizing churches. Two days of careful study was given to the subject, and an address was prepared, and first printed in the *Review* of October 15, 1861. The same is in the pamphlet “The Church: Its Organization, Order, and Discipline,” pages 126 to 133.

During the winter of 1861-62 I was laboring in the State of Michigan, in several new places; also organized some of the churches in the State. In council of the conference committee, in the spring of 1862, it was recommended that Moses Hull and I labor with the Michigan tent. This we did, using our tent in three places—in Charlotte June 5 to July 13; in Ionia July 15 to August 12; and in Lowell from August 16 to September 7. Brother I. D. Van Horn was our tent-master, it being his first experience with the tent. In each of these places some souls were won to the truth.

Moses Hull had a debate with a Methodist minister in the tent at Charlotte, on the immortality question, which aided in settling many minds on that question. At both Ionia and Lowell he had debates with Spiritualists. The doctor with whom he debated at Ionia expected to meet some one who believed in the immortality of the soul. He was not prepared to meet the doctrine of the unconscious state of the dead. He stated publicly at the close of the debate that he was defeated, but said it was because the spirits left him, and helped Hull. The debate at Lowell was with S. P. Leland, a Spiritualist lecturer. This was a complete triumph for the truth, and resulted, shortly after, in Leland's renouncing Spiritualism and becoming a Christian.

The Lord surely helped Hull in the de-

bate. But afterward it seemed to "turn his head," and he thought he would be a match for the Spiritualists anywhere. He engaged to debate with one Jaimeson, at Paw Paw, Michigan, a strong Spiritualist center, where there was no interest in the truth, and not one of our people to stand by him. On the other hand the Spiritualists got some of their strongest mediums and sat in a circle around the speakers. Hull admitted to me, afterward, how he went into that debate. He said: "I thought: Let them bring on their devils. I am enough for the whole of them. But when I arose to make my second speech, my tongue was seemingly as thick as my hand, and what I had often used before as argument, seemed to me like nonsense. I was defeated."

Jaimeson, who has since renounced Spiritualism, and resides in Colorado, said of that debate, to Brother States: "Hull was mesmerized, and I told him so there; for before the first day of the debate was over he came to me, and said, 'I am all ready to go out and advocate Spiritualism.' I said to him: You are mesmerized. You do not know what you are about. You had better go home and think a while."

During the summer season of 1862 the Civil War in the United States was the exciting theme. Up to the first of January, 1862, the Northern army had met with so many defeats that the government appointed a fast-day, calling on the people to fast and seek the Lord in behalf of the war. The struggle on the part of the North seemed to be to preserve the union, but still allow slavery to exist.

After that fast was proclaimed (on January 4, 1862) the Lord gave a vision to Sister White to this import,—that their fast would avail nothing as long as they kept the slaves in bondage; but when the nation should observe a fast like that in Isaiah 58, "let the oppressed go free," the Lord would hear their prayers, as far as the war was concerned.

In harmony with this, I call to mind a statement which I heard made by Ex-Governor St. John, the Prohibition governor of Kansas, in a speech at Ottawa, Illinois, June 29, 1891. It was as follows: "I was never so disappointed as when the rebels whipped us at Bull Run. . . . For two years the rebels had the advantage; but when Lincoln issued the famous emancipation proclamation, we

had swung around on God's side, and could not lose."

J. N. Loughborough.

The Field

Word from Japan

The following are extracts taken from a letter written by Brother C. N. Lake, of Tokyo, Japan, to Brother Clyde Lowry:

"It is with sadness that we are about to part with one of our most faithful workers. Brother Walter Foster, of Southern California, returns by the first boat he can make, on account of the precarious condition of his poor wife. It was only a few weeks ago that he realized how serious her illness is. Sister Foster has never been well a day since arriving, so I am told. She has been gradually getting worse. Realizing her condition, the mission committee advised the family to leave for America at once. It is a question if she will survive the trip over, Brother Foster says. We sincerely hope he is taking an extreme view of the matter.

"The General Conference Committee has promised to send us three evangelists this year if they can be secured. None are in sight, and here it is well along in April. We are badly in need of just this class of workers; for now that our publishing work is becoming partially organized for effectiveness, we anticipate our canvassers will create quite an interest in all parts of the country, which of course should be followed up by series of meetings. While we have some devoted and promising young men, who in time will make able independent workers, as yet they can work only as assistants to our foreign preachers and our one native evangelist, Elder Kuniya.

"Brother Arthur Cary came over here about three months ago on his own responsibility, just because of his keen interest in the Japanese people. His success in selling our special *Owari No Fukuin* has been remarkable. During the few weeks he spent in selling this paper he sold about 2,500 copies. It was nothing for him to go out and sell 100 papers in three or four hours.

"A week ago yesterday our little company of believers here in Tokyo, including those in attendance at school, walked out a couple of miles into the

beautiful country, across rice-fields, beside well-kept gardens, under beautiful cherry blossoms, and through a noted tea-garden, to a little stream of swiftly running water about waist deep, where the ordinance of baptism was administered to seven souls, all of whom seemed to have the correct idea as to the significance of what was done. You may be sure it was refreshing to us foreigners to witness this scene. Among them was one young man for whom I have a special liking. On coming out of the water, his face actually beamed, he was so happy. Another young man among the number, came to us from the country, seeking work. After working a short time, he indicated a wish to enter the school. He was admitted, and as a result of what he learned, he expressed a desire to be baptized and become one of our number.

"Most of our young people have accepted the truth solely on their own initiative. I mean they were not influenced by father or mother, for in all likelihood their parents are heathen. The latter young man was called by the government last week to take his examinations for entry into the military service. This is something that we dread, for this very thing has brought us before the government in a most unfavorable way. A couple of our young men have been imprisoned because they have refused to work in the army on the Sabbath. One never knows when such a thing will occur again, for all young men are subject to call into the army at any time, and Sabbath-keeping young men are not excused either. It happened that this young man referred to failed to pass because of a slight deafness in one ear.

"Tada San, one of our brightest, most independent, and I should say most radical young men, has been summoned to appear before the examiners in his home town about the middle of May. We are especially anxious about him, as he is almost sure to pass, for he is a fine big fellow and apparently very sound. If he is accepted, we may as well look for trouble, unless he will listen to reason and be guided by it in his conduct. If he is asked to labor on the Sabbath, he is almost sure to make a protest that will be heard, and we know him just well enough to predict that he would die a martyr's death before he would budge a mite from what he knows to be principle. You may be sure the Lord will be

sought in prayer regarding this case. This comes up at a most critical time, for we have a petition before the Home Department at this moment, asking for the right to hold title to property in Japan. Before this right is granted, the officials look into the work of a religious denomination very closely. We do not stand in any too favorable a light as it is, for they do not like our Sabbath teaching, nor our teaching the truth of the Lord's second coming, saying that the latter unsettles the minds of the people too much. If the government does not become more liberal, we are sure to experience frequent trouble in the future as our numbers increase."

CALIFORNIA Conference Current

Elder A. Brorsen spent several days last week with the little church at Los Gatos and the brethren in that vicinity.

Our president, Elder E. W. Farnsworth, is attending the Central California camp-meeting at Reedley. He will also be at the Sacramento camp-meeting June 6 to 16.

Definite word has been received that the St. Helena Sanitarium will have charge of the restaurant and food store on the Santa Rosa camp ground again this year.

Do not fail to notice the rates that will be allowed by the railroad companies for those attending the Santa Rosa camp-meeting. Full explanation will be found in another column.

Meetings for the outside have been held for some time in the Alameda church twice a week, and as a result of this and previous work done by the members, several are ready for baptism.

Some interest is still manifested in the meetings which are being held in Elmhurst, Richmond, and San Francisco. The regular services in each of the places will no doubt be closed before the Santa Rosa camp-meeting.

Tents and camp-meeting outfit are being shipped from the conference warehouse in Oakland to Santa Rosa this week. Work will begin on the grounds next Monday, the 10th. Elder Andrew

Brorsen will have charge of the pitching of the camp.

Claude Conard.

May 31.

Camp-Meeting at Santa Rosa

We trust no one will forget this important gathering. The time is June 20 to 30, 1912. The place is Santa Rosa. The location is in the east part of the city, between the city and the Southern Pacific railway station. The provisions and arrangements for the comfort of all who attend will be much the same as in former years. As it is more difficult to secure wire mattresses this year than common, let all bring straw ticks and bedding.

The first meeting of the conference will be Thursday morning at 10:30, June 20. We hope to have all the conference business done and out of the way by Sunday noon, so we can give our undivided attention to other matters after that.

Again we wish to urge our people, one and all, to come. Many of you will go for an outing this summer. You will take your tent and go somewhere. Maybe you will stop at some hotel, where the expense will be much greater than at the camp. Why not take your family and come to the meeting? At such a meeting, you can both get good and do good. Let no ordinary obstacle hinder you from coming.

E. W. Farnsworth.

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.

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*.

The \$300,000 Fund

We wish once more to call the attention of our brethren to this fund. The last report in the *Review* showed that the California Conference had paid in about \$10,160—a goodly sum. Only one conference in the United States has surpassed it. That is Nebraska. The brethren there have given \$13,000.

We feel profoundly thankful that our brethren have done so well. We wish, however, to call your attention to one feature of this matter. We understand the Mission Board is to close out this account July 1, and everything going to foreign missions after that will go into the fifteen-cent-a-week fund.

We are quite sure there is between two and three thousand dollars that has been pledged to this fund, in our conference, that has not yet been paid. These pledges we count perfectly good until paid; but we wish to emphasize the fact that if they are to be reckoned on the \$300,000 fund they must be paid in very soon. There is no time to lose, and it seems desirable that all of this should go into the fund for which it was pledged.

We wish the elders, deacons, and treasurers of the churches would at once look this matter up. Ascertain who in your church have pledged to the fund, and see if some arrangement can not be made whereby it can be paid, if it has not been already. Do the best you can, and do it as soon as you can, and let us see if a good share of this amount can not be gathered in before the account is closed.

E. W. Farnsworth,
Pres. Cal. Conf.

St. Helena Sanitarium Sittings

Dr. Thomason has been called to Loma Linda to operate on a Honolulu patient.

The free opening of the sanitarium swimming pool on Tuesday afternoon was enjoyed by many.

On Wednesday evening Elder J. N. Loughborough completed his series of lectures. He promises to return.

Miss Katherine B. Hale, of Mountain View, spent a brief time at the sanitarium visiting the church school and Pacific Union College.

The spring freshman class, numbering twenty-five, had a very enjoyable outing May 30. Later in the day the call-boys were taken for a ride in the new automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Lysinger, of San Francisco, were welcomed by the sanitarium family of helpers. He will act as chauffeur, taking patients to and from St. Helena.

Miss Lottie Ulvick, of Moose Lake, Minnesota, a graduate of the St. Helena Sanitarium, has again connected with the sanitarium as matron of the ladies' treatment rooms.

An eight-hour day for members of the training school was adopted at a recent meeting of the faculty. This was

endorsed by the training school at a meeting held on Monday evening.

*Arthur J. Pearson, one of the call-boys, is the first of the sanitarium family to complete the Junior Reading Course for this year. He did most of this work, including the examinations, in his spare minutes while on duty.

On Friday evening, May 31, a temperance program was rendered in the Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Helena. This is one of a series of meetings to be held in the different churches of St. Helena.

Charles A. Bunch, son of Mrs. Cora E. Bunch, one of our recent graduates, has gone to Gaston, Oregon, to work in the sawmill of one of our brethren there. Charlie has many friends both at the Pacific Union College and at the sanitarium, who regret to lose him from their midst.

Brother Clyde Lowry, of Mountain View, who has been appointed secretary of the tract society of Southern California, spent several days at the sanitarium. He spoke several times to the young people. On the evening after the Sabbath he spoke in the chapel on "Prisons as Mission Fields." A collection was taken for the prison work.
Myrtle B. Hudson.

May 31.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Baptism at Laguna

Sabbath, May 18, was another day of thanksgiving at the Laguna church. It was not a building to offer to the Lord, but young hearts to be given to Him.

At the request of our elder, Brother J. H. Behrens again met with us.

By his sermon, each member of our church realized more solemnly than ever the burden and responsibility placed upon him by the presence of the young in our midst. Can it be that the young grow discouraged, and drift away, because the older members do not take the interest in them that they should? May God awaken us to our responsibility and our precious privileges in this matter! It is indeed a solemn thought that young minds and hearts are given into our keeping, and that through our influence they will either be led to the Saviour, or will be led to the downward way and be eternally lost.

After the service was over, the congregation went to a stream of water, where five of our church school children were buried with the Saviour in baptism, and we pray, rose to newness of life. We thank God for the church school, and for the privilege the teacher has of working for her pupils.

Lena Glass Morris.

ARIZONA

Conference Notes

On the 18th inst. the writer baptized a young woman in the Phoenix church. Few churches in our denomination of the same membership have a more promising company of young people than our church located in the city of Phoenix.

Our Phoenix church is taking definite steps toward the erection of a new school-house, to be located on a portion of the lot recently purchased by the conference. The building is to be modern and artistic in construction, and when completed will accommodate fifty students.

A report recently received from the treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference conveys the encouraging information that no conference in the union is doing more faithful work in adopting and maintaining the fifteen-cents-a-week plan, than is done by our people in Arizona.

Recently the writer made his first visit to Prescott. While there he learned that our little company of believers in that city had, for a few weeks in the past, ceased to hold their meetings and Sabbath-school. Since the arrival of Elder W. L. Sims on the first day of May, twenty-six have been gathered together and organized into a live Sabbath-school. Two of these have recently come from Oklahoma and purchased a home in Prescott. Nearly all came out to an evening meeting, and manifested excellent interest in the word spoken. We fully believe that the labors of Brother Sims in that place, accompanied by the blessing of the Lord, will result in bringing some honest souls into the truth.

Brother G. A. Roberts has, for several months, been successfully conducting an institution for the exclusive care of tubercular patients. The place is known as "The Phoenix Rest Home." It is located in a very pleasant environment

about four miles from Phoenix. Some of our own people have enjoyed the benefits of this institution. It is the only one of its kind, so far as the writer knows, that is operated by our people. We believe that, being in one of the very best climates in the world for the cure of tuberculosis, and being conducted conscientiously on the most approved methods for the conquering of this disease, it ought to receive the hearty support of our people, at least to the extent that we will recommend patients in the early stages of this dread malady to hasten to the institution. Mail addressed to G. A. Roberts, Phoenix Rest Home, Phoenix, Arizona, will receive prompt response. It means a sacrifice for the family of Brother Roberts to dedicate their lives to the relief of sufferers from this disease.

It was the privilege of the writer to visit Buckeye recently, and while there, to hold two meetings. One of these was conducted on the Sabbath, at the home of Brother Campbell, and the other on Sunday, in the Baptist church. The latter was attended by about eighty persons, who gave the best possible attention to the presentation of the theme of our Lord's second coming and of the definite message which must go to all the world just before His return. At the close of the service, several expressed themselves as believing the message. To demonstrate how the message can be spread by the efforts of our lay members, I will state that not long ago, a young man who holds a good position in the community, but who was not satisfied with any of the popular churches, was led by the efforts of Brother Campbell and family to accept the truth. This young man at once began to present the message to two of his brethren, both of whom, after earnest and persevering labor on his part, accepted it. One of these was preparing for the ministry in the Dunkard Church. Now he is planning definitely to attend Fernando Academy next year and take the ministerial course. As a result of the seed-sowing of Brother Campbell and of these three young men, another intelligent family are just beginning the observance of the Sabbath, and still another seem to be on the verge of accepting the message. Would that all our lay members were faithful missionaries! Seed-sowing in prayer and faith will sooner or later bring a harvest of souls.

G. W. Reaser.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

There will be a good supply of clean straw on the camp ground for those who desire it.

All conference mail should be sent to Sacramento, corner of J and 39th streets, Seventh-day Adventist Camp Ground, between the dates of June 6 and 16.

The work on the camp ground is being performed by the ministering brethren, in addition to attending to their ministerial work. In this way the expense of hiring the work done has been eliminated.

Let all our friends remember that the first meeting will be held on the camp ground at 2:30 P.M. Thursday, June 6, 1912, and we trust all the delegates who possibly can will plan to be present at the first meeting, so that we may have a good representation.

Brother A. A. Cone, and Brother Ray Miller, the canvassing agent of the Northern California-Nevada Conference, will be in attendance at the camp-meeting. Those wishing to canvass will do well to be present, as there will be a canvassing class at different times during the camp-meeting.

Elder C. M. Gardner, who has been conducting a tent effort at Turlock, left a few days ago for Los Angeles, where he has taken his daughter Beulah to receive treatment for her eyes. Brethren B. E. Baldwin and A. L. Philbrick are continuing the effort at that place, and hope to bind off the work by the time our camp-meeting opens.

The following general laborers will be present: Elder E. E. Andross, Dr. D. H. Kress, Dr. Geo. Thomason, Elder E. W. Farnsworth, Elder W. C. White, and probably Sister E. G. White, Elder J. O. Corliss, Elder J. N. Loughborough, J. F. Blunt, J. R. Ferren, A. A. Cone, Prof. C. C. Lewis, Mrs. M. C. Wilcox, and Miss Kathrina B. Wilcox. Elder N. W. Kauble, who will have charge of the Bible work at the Lodi Normal next year, also expects to be in attendance.

It is a pleasure to inform the constituency and friends of this conference that a good sized gathering at the Sac-

ramento camp-meeting is assured, as all the conference tents with the exception of three have been ordered at this writing, May 31. We are arranging to rent more tents to supply those who have not placed their orders; and from past experience, we believe that as many will ask for tents this coming week as we now have booked. There is a nice green carpet of grass over the ground, which helps to make it cool and more favorable. Elder E. E. Andross visited the grounds Thursday, May 30, and seemed pleased with the prospects.

Verah MacPherson.

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*.

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*.

The desire of power in excess caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge in excess, man; but in love there is no excess, neither can man or angel come in danger by it.—*Lord Bacon*.

Religious Liberty

"Signs"

There is to be held in the city of Portland, Oregon, from June 29 to July 6, 1913, a great convention, known as the Christian Citizenship Conference, at which the question of Sunday observance doubtless will be a prominent subject of debate. National Reformers, so-called, declare that more Christian people will be brought together in conference at that time than at any other meeting since Pentecost. It is predicted that 25,000 people will attend the conference.

There is a meaning not to be mistaken in these frequent gatherings, the avowed object of which is the promotion of "civic righteousness." Religion enforced by civil law is the ultimate object of these great assemblies; and for the enactment of laws, coercive in their nature, the leaders of these movements are pledged. Nor do such movements engage alone the fanatics, who think they are doing God service by fastening the shackles of their own superstition around the necks of their fellows; they include men of high standing, whose influence is great in the land.

Brethren, the lines are being drawn more tightly all the time. California and Arizona alone among the States are without a Sunday law. This coming fall will determine whether California is to maintain her prestige yet longer as a staunch friend of religious liberty. Happily the people are favorably inclined, but the women now are to be reckoned with, and all must be educated to a proper appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. Just so soon as all the States shall have enacted Sunday laws for themselves, it will be urged that for uniformity at least the nation should adopt a general Sunday law, that will develop the image to the beast of Revelation 13.

Students of prophecy know what these things mean. While the revolutionary influences are working all over the country, and the world is disturbed by frequent changes of government and violent alterations in the affairs of men, the work of the gospel must go forward. Soon the presentation of these things will be extremely difficult, for men already are "heaping to themselves teachers,

having itching ears." They are turning away from the truth, and they are accepting false doctrine in place of it. It is for those who know the truth to proclaim it earnestly, while yet liberty for its promulgation exists.

Funds will be needed for the publication of the many thousands of pamphlets and tracts that must be distributed "like the leaves of autumn." Literature must be prepared in abundance and scattered with a free hand. There is no time to sell many books or pamphlets. The election will be upon us almost before we realize it. The issue now presented must be explained clearly, or voters will endorse restrictions that will destroy liberty of conscience and action in religious things. Now is the time for earnest work in the circulation of the special Religious Liberty Series of the *Signs of the Times*, and many can supplement their orders by gifts of money, by the aid of which tens of thousands of the papers yet to be issued may be added to the mailing list. Only a realization of the importance of the issue will enable us as a people to rise to the needs of the hour.

John F. Blunt.

Young Peoples' Corner

Forward

Forward! This our watchword,
Filling heart and mind;
Seeking things before us,
Not a look behind.

Burns the fiery pillar
At our army's head;
Who shall dream of shrinking,
By our Captain led?

Forward through the desert,
Forward through the fight,
Forward through the darkness,
Forward into light!

Forward out of error —
Into realms of truth!
Forward, sons of Jesus,
With the strength of youth!

Far o'er yon horizon
Rise the temple towers,
Where our God abideth —
That fair home is ours.

Forward! ever forward,
In the Spirit's might!
Forward to your country —
Forward into light!

E. L. (Apologies to Henry Alford).

Young People's Day

The missionary society of the Pacific Union College had charge of the church services on Young People's Day, Sabbath, May 25.

The services opened with a prelude by the college orchestra. This was followed with remarks by the president of the society, making clear the importance of the young people's work.

After the prayer offered by Halsey Rine, the reading entitled "The Coöperation Called for in Young People's Work" was read in two parts, the first by Oliver Shrewsbury, the second by Miss Ruth Brainerd. The symposium, "What the Young People's Work Has Done for Me," was given by five of the members of the society. A ladies' quartet gave a song entitled "The Love Unspeakable." Following the song, the articles "The Relation of the Church to the Young People" and "The Relation of the Young People to the Church" were read by H. B. Parker and Miss Beatrice Haines. The vocal solo by Miss Kate Sierke, "O, Send Out Thy Light," and "The Call of the Hour," recited by Esther Smith, forcefully reminded us of our part in this great work. Lastly, Albin Wearer read the stirring article "For Such a Time as This," written by Pastor M. E. Kern.

We trust that Young People's Day proved a blessing to all the churches where it was observed, for we feel that there is great need of interesting our young people in the Master's work and giving them an opportunity to begin early to work for Him. Upon their shoulders the burden will soon rest. We believe that the young people's societies can help to keep the ranks unbroken by holding back those who are tempted to wander into the world, and by showing them the joy of coöperative service for Him.

Clare M. Hodges, *President*.
George Taylor, *Secretary*.

Missionary Work

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Missionary Items

One of our good sisters in this conference has just finished a busy season of public school teaching near Bakersfield. During those taxing months of school work she found time, or made the time,

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Southern California						
J. A. Starr *	D.&R.	43	16		\$ 55.00	
* Forty hour mark.						
Central California						
A. G. Westphal	P.G.	34	7		\$ 35.50	\$ 5.50
J. V. Pierson	S.D.	24	19		28.50	
2 Agents		58	26		\$ 64.00	\$ 5.50
California						
W. W. Peterson *	P.G.	53	32		\$122.00	
Charles Perrine *	Heralds	44	15	\$4.50	34.50	
A. B. Wentworth	P.G.	13	1		3.50	
S. A. Wright	Misc.	16			70.00	
4 Agents		126	48		\$230.00	
* 2 weeks.						

to send the *Signs* to a number of persons here in Los Angeles, and she corresponded with them. She returns to the city, to find several of these persons ready for Bible readings.

Some of our home missionaries at Loma Linda have received appreciative letters from individuals to whom papers were sent.

Brother Lathe, the energetic leader of the literature department in this society, writes very encouragingly about the work. Here is one of his recent experiences:

"While I was making a purchase in Redlands recently, the young man who waited upon me, knowing that I was from Loma Linda, asked me what papers were published by the Adventists, and where the publishing houses were. Mountain View was mentioned among the others, and he immediately asked if the paper printed there was called the *Signs of the Times*. He informed me that he had been receiving the paper, and noticed the time of expiration was considerably in the future, and wondered who was sending it. He remarked that he was deeply interested in the light it gave him on the Bible. He began questioning me on certain topics. My eye caught sight of a copy of 'Bible Readings' on a shelf near. (How did that book get there?) I told him he had a book containing just what he wanted to know. About a half-hour later I returned to the place to get an article, and he was intently reading the book. Pray that the Spirit may give such convincing power to what he reads that he may be led to walk in the light."

The following paragraphs are extracts from letters received by the Loma Linda society:

"Denver, Colorado.

"It is very kind of you to think of sending the *Signs of the Times* to us. We enjoy reading the papers, especially the articles to which you call our attention, and are grateful to you."

"Redlands, California.

"I received the papers you sent, the *Signs of the Times*, and enjoyed them very much. They did not reach me the last week, and I missed them."

One interested person writes: "I am receiving the *Signs of the Times* papers, and appreciate them very much. I want to thank you for them. Do you expect the second coming of Christ in our time? Do you think all things have been fulfilled? Is Matt. 24:14 fulfilled? Also Matt. 24:6, 7?"

Another says: "I received the papers and enjoyed them. They bring comfort and consolation. It does seem that some great event is soon to take place. You may continue to send the papers."

What a blessed work! Let us do more of it.

Ernest Lloyd.

Magazine Work

We are all made glad with the coming of spring, as she brings her flowers of many hues, and beautiful dress of green; and as we see all things awakening into new life, we respond to the call of nature and rouse ourselves to new achievements. I feel to praise the Lord for this; also that so many of our sisters have responded to the call to "Go work to-day

in My vineyard." And they are still coming.

Commencing the first week in May, Sister A. B. Wentworth came to Oakland, stayed for a few days, disposing of nearly 350 magazines, and had some good experiences. Just after she left, the Lord led me to find another sister who has proved to be an adept student in the magazine work, and is making a good record every day.

We are also pleased to see some of our sisters take up magazine work in the vicinity of their homes, using the spare hours of the day in disposing of the "silent messengers," and the Lord is blessing them in their efforts.

The young Catholic lady is still having her usual good success in selling *Signs*, placing about 200 or 250 a week.

Just to give some idea of how much work of this kind there is to do, Mrs. Fleming, with the aid of Sister Wentworth and Sister Arganbright, has worked almost exclusively in Oakland this month, and just about covered the territory. So you can see what a vast amount of work can be done around the bay cities. The Catholic lady does almost all her work in Oakland also.

We are calling for earnest workers to enter these needy fields. Those who have a burden for lost souls, the Lord wants to come, and seek for the lost and straying. He has promised you souls for your hire; so why stand with rusty blade when we have so great a harvest to garner? Dear reader, if you have a burden for this work, do not delay to start to-day, or write me, and I will come and help you to get started.

Following is report of magazine work for the month of May:

	Copies	Value
Miscellaneous	300	\$ 30.00
<i>Signs of the Times Magazine</i>		
Mrs. W. D. Fleming	1,383	138.30
Mrs. A. B. Wentworth	875	87.50
Catholic lady	750	75.00
<i>Liberty</i>		
Mrs. C. Arganbright	853	85.30
<i>Life and Health</i>		
H. McCoon	300	30.00
<i>Life and Health and Watchman</i>		
Mrs. Graves	1,000	100.00
<i>Instructor</i>		
Ruth Crane	175	17.50
	5,636	\$563.00

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From San Bernardino Elder H. G. Thurston writes under date of May 30: "We have an interest here, and are just taking up the law and the Sabbath. Attendance is very good."

The Pacific Press is to have its annual outing Wednesday, June 12, in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Invitation has been extended to our churches around the bay to join in this gathering.

Brethren J. J. Ireland and H. G. Childs returned to Mountain View last Tuesday morning from the auditors' convention recently held at Takoma Park, D. C. The meeting was quite largely attended, and deep interest in the same was taken by all present.

Brother G. A. Hamilton spoke to the Missionary Volunteers at Mountain View Sabbath afternoon. He told of many interesting conditions to be met among the Karens in Burma, India, his newly appointed field of labor. The society raised \$20 to give Brother Hamilton to help secure some articles that will be greatly needed in that section.

Elder S. T. Hare, laboring in Humboldt County, writes from Eureka as follows: "After an earnest service at the Banner church, seven young persons came forward for baptism. The next Sabbath all but one came to Eureka, and with one adult from that place, were baptized by the writer into the faith of the sanctuary. Brother J. W. Bressie is still connected with our tent meetings on West Avenue. We expect to close them June 2."

The success and real strength of our work depends largely upon the education we now give to our young people. It should be remembered, also, that it is not too late greatly to improve the powers of those well advanced in life.

We have not in the past given sufficient attention to the important work of training both the old and the young for a better presentation and a stronger promotion of the great truths connected with the great third angel's message. No member should expect merely to drift into some position of usefulness. Those who are to be used in the Lord's work must strengthen their powers, and concentrate their minds in earnest, systematic application. None are without talents bestowed as Heaven's best gifts. These must be appreciated and cultivated. Every believer should gird up his mental powers for hard work, and by vigorous exertion let his mind be enlarged and developed. In this work *Christian Education* will be of great value.

June 29 is the date for the next thirteenth Sabbath-school offering to be taken. "The General Conference Committee has decided to invite the Sabbath-schools to set apart their offerings on that day to the opening up of a new mission station in Mashonaland, Africa. The brethren in Africa some time ago made request of the government for a grant of the Selukwe Reserve, an especially desirable tract of land for missionary purposes. This grant has been recently given. Elder W. H. Anderson went over the reserve, and reports it as well watered, fertile, and admirably adapted to our work as it must be carried on in that field. He urged immediate occupation, as other denominations stood ready to pick it up." Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, corresponding secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department, writes under date of May 28 that only about one half of the reports for the thirteenth Sabbath offering for the cities of India were in, but the total of these amounted to \$4,500, which is almost double the regular contribution. This is a splendid record; but may it not be enlarged upon June 29?

Price Changed on Third Quarter Memory Verse Cards

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Nut Loaf50
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The Watchman

The Present Truth Evangelizer

The *Watchman* for June will be of special interest. The following represents just a few of the leading articles:

"Recent Catastrophes and Their Lessons," an illustrated editorial, will review the recent disasters on land and sea.

"The Latest Republic" is a description of the inauguration of the new Chinese republic, by I. H. Evans.

"Religious Garb in Indian Schools," by S. B. Horton, calls attention to the present attitude of the United States government toward the encroachments of Rome in the government schools.

A most interesting study of the tenth chapter of Revelation will be given by Prof. B. G. Wilkinson in an article entitled "The True Recall."

Prof. P. T. Magan, well known to our *Watchman* readers as the writer of the Eastern Question series, will favor us with an article on "There Shall Be a Time of Trouble." Truly, when all the world are seeking to gain their rights by force, and when strife and commotion seem to be the order of the day, this article will be of unusual interest. Surely the hand of God is guiding His people through perilous times.

From the above few leaders you will see that all together we have a very strong magazine for our agents to commence the summer's work.

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