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“Every human tie may perish,
Friend to friend unfaithful prove,
Mothers cease their own to cherish,
Heaven and earth at last remove;
But no change
Can attend Jehovah's love.”

The Field

The Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee

After locating my family for the school year at the Pacific Union College, and attending a meeting of the college board, in company with Elder G. A. Irwin I started September 8 for Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the annual meeting of the Utah Conference. This meeting has been reported through the columns of the RECORDER, hence I need say but little regarding it.

A great change has come to the work in Utah within the past few months. The

Lord has greatly blessed the untiring labor of Elder C. E. Ford. Because of the heavy strain under which he has labored, it having worn upon him healthwise, he asked to be released from the work in Utah. This request was with reluctance granted, and Elder W. M. Adams, of Southern California, was invited to take the presidency of the conference. Elder Ford has accepted a call from the California Conference to take charge of the work in one of the bay cities. With the large and successful experience he has had, we are sure this will result in much good to the work in these cities.

The Utah Conference has a good corps of workers, and the prospect is encouraging for an ingathering of souls for the present year. There is doubtless no more difficult field on this continent than that of Utah, and the laborers need the constant prayers of the brethren and sisters throughout the union conference. We are, however, assured that this truth will yet win great victories in the stronghold of Mormonism.

Sunday, September 15, Elder Irwin and I left Salt Lake City for Washington, D. C. Elder Irwin stopped off one day at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to visit his sister, while I continued my journey, arriving in Washington the day of the opening of the autumn council of the General Conference Committee. Many questions of great consequence were brought before the members of the committee and received earnest consideration. This message is making rapid strides in every land, and it is more and more evident that it will soon have accomplished its work. A series of triumphs have marked its course from its beginning in poverty and obscurity, but soon it will win its final triumph in a

second glorious pentecost. Let us quickly prepare for that great day.

It was necessary to make much larger appropriations for the rapidly advancing work in all of our mission fields than have ever been made in the past. These amounted, in the aggregate, including some help rendered the Negro Department and the great cities in the East and South, to nearly \$500,000. These estimates were carefully worked out in each field by the men on the ground, and were reviewed by the committee in session, and where it seemed possible, were reduced, so that it seems that this is the least amount with which the work can be successfully carried forward. Though this amount seems a very large sum, it can all be raised, and much more, if every church and conference will see that their proportion of the fifteen-cent-a-week fund is raised.

It was decided that the General Conference would be held in Washington, D. C., May 15 to June 8, 1913. I trust that all our people will unite in earnest prayer that this may in every way be the most successful General Conference that has ever been held.

Notwithstanding the many interests requiring attention, the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda received consideration, and an appropriation of \$10,000 for the present school year was made for the payment of the faculty and to meet other necessary expenses, also an additional \$10,000 to be raised throughout the United States by personal solicitation. This sum is to be used for the erection of necessary buildings.

The council closed September 26, and the same day we started on our return journey. I stopped off a few days in Salt Lake City for further counsel with

the brethren. Elder Adams and wife arrived when I was there, and are taking hold of the work in a very earnest way. They have the support of the entire field, and we look for good results from the efforts of the laborers in that field during this year. E. E. Andross.

CALIFORNIA

Pacific Press Notes

Our Kansas City Branch is to be dedicated Wednesday, October 9. Brethren C. H. Jones, E. T. Russell, S. N. Curtiss, F. E. Painter, James Cochran, and others will be present.

Orders taken during August in Western Canada, where our Calgary Branch is located, were valued at over \$9,000, which is the largest record of any union conference supplied by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Brother Borle sends us a cable order for one hundred "Home and Health" Spanish to the Canary Islands. This makes another field entered with our publications.

Brother George M. Brown, of Havana, Cuba, just cables for fifty copies of the same book to finish their deliveries in that island.

We are packing on an order for Buenos Aires, South America, as follows:

1,000 "Patriarchs and Prophets," cloth, Spanish.
100 "Patriarchs and Prophets," full leather, Spanish.
300 "Coming King," cloth, Spanish.

A cable order from the same place calls for forty prospectuses to go by mail. Their summer is just beginning down there, and they are getting ready for it.

Our evening classes, which were organized three weeks ago, and which will be continued throughout the school year, are growing in interest and profit. The Bible class has an enrolment of fifty; the business and penmanship class, nearly thirty. Other classes are well represented. We are using the text-books recommended by the Educational Department, and keep records of attendance, and scholarship. Our program is as follows:

Monday Evening

6:45-7:15, penmanship; H. G. Childs, teacher.
7:15-8:00, Bible; M. C. Wileox, H. H. Hall, teachers.

8:00-9:00, business; H. G. Childs, T. F. Culhane, H. H. Hall, teachers.

Thursday Evening

6:45-7:30, English; Mrs. Ada Wellman, Mrs. W. B. Varey, teachers.
6:45-7:30, arithmetic; Prof. J. L. Stansbury, teacher.
7:30-8:15, elementary physics; L. A. Reed, J. L. Stansbury, teachers.
8:15-9:00, history; A. O. Tait, teacher.

A small tuition is charged to keep up running expenses, but no charge is made by the teachers.

H. H. Hall.

California Conference Seventh-Day Adventists

Comparative Statement of Tithe Received Up to September 30, 1912

	1911	1912
Alameda	\$ 560.38	\$ 717.38
Alcatraz Company	.....	227.40
Arcata	266.15	209.49
Berkeley	321.47	1110.98
Calistoga	193.88	198.18
Daly City	.....	366.45
Eureka	478.59	642.59
Ferndale	115.20	104.40
Fortuna	355.13	449.15
Guerneville	51.60	109.10
Haywards	76.00	129.10
Healdsburg	755.61	777.43
Kelseyville	100.65	102.37
Los Gatos	192.09	144.94
McKinleyville	.....	42.70
Melrose	1036.39	1627.19
Morgan Hill	171.70	400.79
Mountain View	3523.21	3933.47
Napa	378.27	516.14
Oakland	2211.48	2604.25
Pacific College	746.52	1292.11
Park Street, S. F.	252.67	275.94
Pepperwood	100.00	99.15
Petaluma	97.98	272.21
Richmond	300.30	303.91
St. Helena	1072.69	1274.67
San Francisco	2918.63	2384.35
San Francisco Special	3100.00	3100.00
Sanitarium	4638.89	4907.89
San Jose	848.90	1762.09
Santa Cruz	630.85	365.00
Santa Rosa	181.35	219.96
Sebastopol	364.48	336.41
Smith River	10.00	16.10
Sonoma	74.48	233.57
Soquel	.....	70.70
Union, S. F.	323.87	39.54
(Discontinued March 1, 1912)		
Ukiah	97.35	151.50
Vacaville	.....	10.90
Vallejo	132.95	68.33
Watsonville	475.38	160.53
Personal	1020.76	830.54
Totals	\$28175.85	\$29488.90

Claude Conard,
Treasurer.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Elder Valentin Leer left Sunday, September 29, for Portland, Oregon, where he will undergo a surgical operation before his return home.

Elder De Witt Gauterau is binding off the work in Sacramento this week, and the tent effort will close in a few days. Much good has resulted from the effort there this summer.

We are glad to report that the Harvest Ingathering campaign is carried on energetically throughout our conference: The isolated members are putting forth strong efforts to spread the message to those around them, and the Lord is blessing in this work.

Elder N. W. Kauble, who met with the Manteca church Sabbath, September 28, gives us the following report of the quarterly service held at that place: "This meeting was well attended. Nearly the entire membership answered to their names with a cheering testimony. Some who have lately embraced the truth were present and heartily joined in the services. Personally, the service was a great encouragement to me."

Elder A. J. Osborne, who has been binding off the work at Camino, reports as follows: "We closed our meetings in the tent last evening, and to-day Brother Urquhart took the tent by train to Placerville, where he will ship it to Merced County for use in a series of meetings which he and Brother B. T. Myers are expecting to hold at Winton. Mrs. Osboigne and I will follow up the interest here. Two more followed their Lord in baptism last Sunday. This makes twelve in all that have been baptized. A number of others are keeping the Sabbath, and there are still others interested. Brethren, pray with us, that they will freely give themselves to the service of the Master."

Merl Horton.

Obituary

BARNARD.—Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison Barnard died in Oakland, California, September 26, 1912, aged 55 years, 11 months, and 26 days. Sister Barnard was a native of Indiana, where she accepted the third angel's message through

the labors of Elder S. H. Lane in 1877. In 1880 she was united in marriage to Charles S. Barnard, who survives, together with a son, Charles R., and a daughter, Mrs. Vida Barnard-Thomas, to mourn their loss. She resided in Oakland the last twenty-five years of her life, and was a consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

B. E. Beddoe.

The Church

Sketches of the Past — No. 131

The yearly meetings of the General Conference, Michigan Conference, and the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association for 1865, were held in Battle Creek, Michigan, from May 17 to 21. In the General Conference council on the distribution of labor, it was decided that Brother J. N. Andrews join Brother Cornell for the summer in tent labor in the state of Maine, and that I go with Brother and Sister White in some meetings in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa, and then labor among the churches in Iowa.

In the carrying out of this plan I spent from June 2 to 7 with the church at Clyde, Illinois, and on June 9 I met Brother and Sister White at Monroe, Wisconsin. From that date to July 16 we were in meetings at Monroe, and Hundred Mile Grove, Wisconsin; Princeville, Illinois; and Pilot Grove, Lisbon, and Marion, Iowa.

At the time of our General Conference in Battle Creek we were rejoicing in the fact that the four years of terrible "civil war" was over, and that now, freed from that perplexity, the coast was clear for a more rapid advancement of the third angel's message. Little did we think that right in our midst, in the time of that conference, there were those on the ground who were gathering material with which to start another rebellion in the ranks of the Seventh-day Adventists. But so it was, as we shall presently see.

It so happened that at this conference were two or three brethren, accompanied by their wives who were not in the truth. These, as a matter of course, were dressed in worldly fashion, and wore jewelry. Here were also Elders Snook and Brinkerhoff, from Iowa, who had already (secretly) been sowing seeds of discord in Iowa. They, without even taking any

pains to learn who these ladies in worldly dress were, returned to Iowa from the conference, with great stories of the pride of the Battle Creek church, and how they saw them decorated with feathers and jewelry. In connection with this they trumped up objections to the testimonies of Sister White, and set out to cause a division in our ranks in Iowa, with themselves as leaders, and headquarters at Marion.

Of all this we knew nothing until we reached Monroe, Wisconsin. There Brother Ingraham showed Brother White a letter he had received from Snook, in which were these words: "Brother Ingraham, what do you think of striking out on the old plan of the independence of the churches?" In that Brother White saw at once that it was rebellion, and throwing off conference organization. As we came into Iowa, and reached Pilot Grove, where a spring session of the Iowa Conference was to be held, we got hold of what was going on with Snook and Brinkerhoff. They had started out, like the former *Messenger* and *Hope of Israel* parties, to get rid of Sister White's testimonies, claiming, like their predecessors, that when rid of that gift the message would go forward.

When we met our brethren and sisters at Pilot Grove for the conference, Brother White proposed that, before entering on the transaction of any business, there be an investigation of the things which Snook and Brinkerhoff were talking about so much. It was voted by our people that that day, June 30, be used in this investigation. They elected me as chairman of that meeting; and the time, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., except one hour for dinner, was devoted to this matter. Snook and Brinkerhoff stated their difficulties, and either Brother or Sister White made reply to the same. At 5 P.M. both men admitted that their objections were answered and that they had no more. After a day or so I saw each of them, separately, hand to Brother White written confessions of their wrong course. These confessions are in print, in a pamphlet of 144 pages, written by Brother Uriah Smith, printed by the *Review and Herald*, in 1865, entitled, "The Visions of Mrs. E. G. White," etc. Not only did these men make these written confessions, but on Sunday of the conference, before a large audience of outside parties, Snook stated that he had been serving the devil in his opposition to Brother and Sister White.

I will quote a few expressions from their written confessions. Snook said, respecting the investigation meeting at Pilot Grove: "I listened to the mighty testimonies of Brother and Sister White, driven home to my heart by the power of God. Hard as I had made my heart, it had to break, and well up with many tears that gushed from my eyes. Thought I, Can it be possible that those who speak with so much spirit and power of God are deceivers?—No, no! such a thing can not be."

Of the same investigation Brinkerhoff, in his confession, said: "While there trying to fight my way through, you fully sustained your reputation as honest, consistent Christians under the third angel's message. O, I feel sad, when I think how I have been working for the enemy. Can such wounds be healed? Such stains be washed out? I am now fully satisfied that God is leading this people, and that the visit of Brother and Sister White and Brother Loughborough was not only timely, but blessed of God, and under His guidance; and that great good has resulted therefrom. I went there without any confidence in the testimonies of Sister White, and also with doubts on our position in regard to the sanctuary. I would now say that my feet are taken out of the miry clay, and fixed on the sure foundation of truth, the testimonies not excepted."

The "aftermath" of this case will appear in our next article.

J. N. Loughborough.

Our Foreign Population — No. 1 Its Magnitude

It is quite well known that we have a large foreign population in this country, but I am sure that only comparatively few have any real knowledge of the immense number of these foreigners in our midst, and the rate at which they are coming in year by year.

According to government statistics about 30,000,000, or one third of our entire population, are counted as foreigners. There are states where nearly one half the people are foreigners, and we have cities where the foreigners count 85 per cent of the population. It is very difficult for us to comprehend such a situation and condition.

These foreigners represent every nation in the world. A hundred years ago they were coming in small numbers and mostly from Northern Europe, but this small beginning, which was only a tiny

stream, has increased until it has become a veritable flood. We present the reader with some figures by decades that will give an idea of the increase of this foreign immigration from time to time.

From 1776 to 1820, 44 years, it is estimated that 250,000 foreigners entered this country. From 1821 to 1830, 143,439 immigrants landed on our shores. The next ten years, from 1831 to 1840, brought 599,125; and from 1841 to 1850 the numbers coming increased to 1,713,251. The next decade, 1851 to 1860, brought in 2,598,214. The reader will note the steady increase. Every following decade nearly doubles that of the former one. We now pass on to the ten years from 1881 to 1890, during which time 5,246,613 immigrants arrived; while the last decade, 1901 to 1910, brought the enormous number of 7,795,380. The largest number coming any one year was during 1907, when 1,285,349 souls, representing some thirty nationalities and languages, entered our country and took up their abode in our midst.

It is very difficult for us really to comprehend these figures. To illustrate, let us consider the year 1910, during which time 1,041,570 immigrants landed. That would mean that if they all should get off the trains at your railway station, and you should go to the station and watch them come in, you would see over 2,800 file past you every day of the 365 days of the year. Twenty thousand people would pass you every week, and 84,000 would pass you every month. If you divide these people into groups and put them into cities by nationalities, you would have an Italian city as large as Minneapolis, containing 220,000; an Austro-Hungarian city the size of Detroit, 270,000; a Jewish city as large as Providence, R. I., with 180,000; and you would have one hundred cities of 2,000 to 22,000 people without an English-speaking person in them. This will give you a little idea of the vast multitudes of foreigners that are pouring into our country year by year. Such a situation is certainly worthy our study and attention, and we can not close our eyes to the fact that right here is a foreign mission field of no small magnitude.

This influx of foreigners year by year has quite transformed our country. Frank M. Goodchild, D.D., makes the following statement: "New England is foreign to-day. Not only the great cities, but the small towns as well; not only the small towns, but the hillsides; not

only the hillsides, but the valley farms are peopled with men and women who have strange faces and strange ways."

The following from Howard B. Grose, D.D., is to the point: "Go where you will, from Atlantic to Pacific Coast, the immigrant is there. In nineteen of the northern states of our republic the number of the foreign-born and their immediate descendants exceeds the number of the native-born. In the largest cities the number is two thirds, and even three quarters. There are more Cohens than Smiths in the New York directory. Two thirds of the laborers in our factories are foreign-born or of foreign parentage. New England is no longer Puritan, but foreign. So is it in the Middle and the Central West, and not only in city and town, but hamlet and valley. The farms sanctified by many a Puritan prayer are occupied to-day by French-Canadian and Italian aliens. Foreigners are running our factories, working our mines, building our railways, boring our tunnels, doing the hard manual labor in all the great constructive enterprises of the nation. They are also entering all the avenues of trade, and few other than foreign names can be seen on the business signs in our cities large or small."—"*Aliens or Americans*," page 236.

We request the reader to give these statements careful study, for they present before us a situation of great importance. That we have a duty toward all these people of foreign tongue and nationality all will admit. There certainly must be a providence in their coming to our shores in these large numbers at this stage of the world's history, when the last warning message is to be given to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

At some future time we shall present other features of this great immigration question. Our desire is that an earnest missionary spirit may be aroused that will bring the message to all these people of foreign speech in our midst.

O. A. Olsen.

Educational

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Church Schools

Twenty-three church schools have started in this conference this year, and one is waiting to start as soon as a teacher can

be secured. In these schools are thirty-one teachers and about five hundred and forty pupils.

"School opened this year with the brightest of prospects. Nearly two weeks have gone, and we have enjoyed every moment, although some were trying moments. I have determined to leave 'discouragement' out of my vocabulary this year, and see no reason for not so doing." This is from Miss Bennett, of Long Beach. It expresses the sentiment of the teachers in general.

Waldo Miramontez, of San Diego, writes: "I am more than pleased with the good spirit I see manifested by the children in the school right at the start. Last Friday morning we had the children of both rooms together in the capacity of our little missionary band. We opened with a little testimony meeting in which a goodly number of the children spoke of their courage in the Lord, and of their desire to live for Him. We elected officers, and the children asked if we could not have our meetings every week, instead of every other week, as we did last year. It was put to a vote, and a good majority indicated their desire to make it a weekly meeting. We thought this was a good indication of awakening missionary zeal."

Loma Linda church school has a new four room school building, which is a credit to the work there. They opened with ninety pupils and expect a few more to enter. They plan to do a great deal in the line of industrial work, in fixing up the grounds and raising a large school garden, for which they have plenty of room.

Several of the schools are teaching cooking this year, and it is gladly taken up by the pupils, and approved by the parents.

Wood sloyd classes are conducted in several schools. We are glad to see the interest that is taken in trying to make our work practical, and it is to be hoped that more schools will soon be able to give attention to these things that train the hand as well as the mind.

The teachers express themselves as very thankful indeed that we have so complete a line of text-books, and such a well defined course of study.

Milton P. Robison,

S. Cal. Church School Supt.

"The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought."

Church Schools in California Conference

We are glad to report an encouraging opening for all of the church schools of the California Conference. We are glad to report that every church that last year carried a school, this year continues the work, and that no school plans on less than nine months for the coming school year. We are glad to report also that, with a single exception, every one of the twenty teachers employed in these schools was privileged to be in attendance at the union summer school; and hence all come to the schoolroom with new inspiration and purpose, and a consciousness that it is possible this year to realize, more nearly than ever before, the high standard held out for our line of work by the master Teacher.

Every school is planning this year to make the missionary phase of our school work definite and prominent. We believe that the better organization of the church school Missionary Volunteers will bring encouragement and help to our pupils themselves.

We are glad to report a still growing interest in the better equipment of our schools. We are grateful for the liberality of our brethren and sisters not carrying church schools, and wish to express our sincere appreciation of the help that is coming to the work, as a result of the response of the churches upon the Sabbath set aside for our church school equipment offering.

Never before have we had more to encourage us in the church school work. Surely the Lord is interested in this work that "He would have done for the youth and the children."

"As a people who have great light, we should lay wise plans, in order that the ingenious minds of those who have talents may be strengthened and disciplined and polished after the highest order; that the work of Christ may not be hindered by the lack of skilful laborers, who will do their work with earnestness and fidelity."

Teachers of California Conference Church Schools

- Mr. Max Hill, principal, Sanitarium.
- Miss Lois Randall, assistant, Sanitarium.
- Miss Wilhelmina Jensen, assistant, Sanitarium.
- Miss Anna Jensen, principal, Oakland-Melrose.
- Miss Mary E. Clark, assistant, Oakland-Melrose.

- Prof. J. L. Stansbury, principal, Mountain View.
- Miss J. Pearl Smith, assistant, Mountain View.
- Mr. F. A. Lashier, principal, Healdsburg.
- Mrs. F. A. Lashier, assistant, Healdsburg.
- Mr. L. O. Pattison, principal, Sonoma.
- Mrs. L. O. Pattison, assistant, Sonoma.
- Miss Varien Dresser, Sepastopol.
- Miss Marie Coombs, Vallejo.
- Miss M. Alice Taylor, San Jose.
- Mrs. Lela M. Browne, St. Helena.
- Miss Melvina M. Fox, Eureka.
- Miss Ethelyn Bussard, Los Gatos.
- Mrs. Ellen Wells, Santa Rosa.
- Mrs. M. W. Newton, Pacific Union College.
- Mrs. Delpha S. Miller, Pacific Union College.

Katherine B. Hale,
Ed. Supt. Cal. Conf.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodi Normal Institute Notes

Mr. Elmer Church has recently come to the school. He will teach Spanish here this year, and also take some advanced studies.

Hardly a day passes in which we do not see new faces in the chapel. A dozen or more new students will enter next Monday.

Prospects are bright for a large canvassing band to be organized here this week when A. A. Cone visits us. Many of the former canvassers are planning on entering the class again for this school year.

Brother J. W. Rich occupied chapel hour on Thursday morning, October 5. His subject was "The Young People's Work." One chapel period of each week will be given to the various missionary bands during the school year.

On the evening after last Sabbath there was a meeting of the students to reorganize the literary society. The following officers were elected: chairman, Roy Brown; assistant chairman, Elmer Church; secretary, Vernice Baldwin.

The Missionary Volunteer Society has been reorganized with J. W. Rich, leader; W. D. Fleming, assistant leader; David Hartman, secretary; and Vesta Fink, assistant secretary. Of the prayer bands,

Mrs. Forkner is leader in the girls' home; Mr. Baker in the boys' home; Miss Dorward of the girls' bands outside of the home; and Mr. Chapman leader of the boys' bands outside of the home.

Next Saturday evening the faculty will give a reception in the parlors of the girls' home to the students of the school. The following program will be rendered:

- Prayer Elder Kauble
- Instrumental solo Miss Ethel Page
- Speech Prof. I. C. Coleord
- Vocal solo Mrs. W. B. Taylor
- Reading J. A. L. Derby
- Instrumental duet
- Speech J. W. Rich
- Recitation Mrs. J. W. Rich
- Violin solo Prof. Wm. Wallace
Hazel Mack.

Young People's Corner

Report of Southern California's Missionary Volunteers
Items of Missionary Work for Quarter Ending June 30, 1912

Number of missionary visits made.	1,027
Hours spent in Christian help work	1,167
Number of meals provided	399
Articles of clothing given away	980
Signatures obtained to the temperance pledge	76
Number of tracts lent or given away	16,266
Number of magazines and papers lent, mailed, or given away	22,958
Number of books lent or given away	197
Number of missionary letters written	325
Number of letters received	129
Number of periodicals sold	1,755
Number of periodical subscriptions taken	57
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	550
Amount collected for foreign missions	\$92.21
Amount collected for home missions	\$152.18
Offerings for local society work	\$95.23

"The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand." Everywhere our youth are helping in some way to forward the King's business. More and more they are realizing their personal responsibility in this great movement. Good work is done with the literature by our young people.

The above number of papers loaned and given away during the quarter is the largest on our records. Other lines of work in this report show a good increase over previous quarters. This is as it should be, for the nearer we get to the end, the more extensive should be our work.

Our youth have been quite liberal in contributing to special needs brought before them and their money has been earned in most cases by hard work and self-denial. This makes it all the more precious in the sight of the Lord. Recently our Volunteers raised nearly forty dollars with which to purchase an organ for the boys' school in our mission at Amoy, China. They have also given generously to assist in the erection of a much needed church building in one of the northern towns of Old Mexico.

In one of our city Volunteer societies there are about fifteen young people who have systematically worked a certain section of the city with the "Family Bible Teacher," reaching about one hundred and fifty homes. They plan to cover another section when through with the first. These young people, and all others engaged in similar endeavors, are home missionaries in training. They need the encouragement that older ones can give. Let us give it without stint. Their children are the only possession parents can take with them to the kingdom. Nothing can be more important to the parents than the development of the children in this cause. So we plead for the hearty and continued cooperation of all the parents, of the church officers, and of the conference workers.

Ernest Lloyd,

Miss. Sec. S. Cal. Conf.

It Was Worth Clipping

In September, 1906, the *Christian Standard*, of Cincinnati, published the following interesting statement:

"Many suppose that Adventism is a small local affair, soon to pass away. This is a great mistake. While this people has not made a rapid growth like some other religious bodies, yet they are increasing each year more than the year before. More than this, they are laying the foundations for a wide and lasting work. They are here to stay, and to become more aggressive as time goes on. . . . Not another set of people, according to their number, is doing anything near what the Seventh-day Adventists are doing in the circulation of denominational literature. Millions upon millions of copies of their works, small and large, are annually scattered over the earth. . . . They have a thoroughly organized system of working, which aims to put

into active service every member of their society, from the little child up to the oldest grandma."

Thank the Lord for this kind of organization, so arranged that every one can do something, no matter how poor or ignorant he or she may be. Let us pray and work for the day when our organization shall become so perfect that every church elder and leader and member will take hold of the plans for God's work, and make them effective in the locality where they live.

We are all familiar with the sad account of the curse that came upon the people of Meroz because they did not come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. While speaking on this experience in one of his sermons, Elder G. B. Thompson once remarked: "Why was this curse put upon them? What had they done?—O, the trouble was that they had not done anything. There was an issue, and there was a work on. Here was a company of people in Meroz that sat down and took it easy; they did not do anything; they simply sat there, and they let the conflict rage. And God said, My curse is upon them. Well, brethren, the Lord will not excuse you and me any more than He could excuse the people of Meroz. There is a mighty work on. We are facing the most stupendous work that men ever faced. I am glad for the effective way that our work is organized, so that every man, woman, and child in this cause can be in the work." Amen!

The following report of church missionary work in Southern California during the past quarter shows that many of our dear people are scattering the "speaking leaves" of truth as they come in contact with those about them. Some who can not leave the home duties are sending out the seeds of truth in letters. Others are spending their evenings among neighbors who are willing to study the Bible. Still others are loaning books, visiting the sick, placing literature in the racks at the stations, selling the periodicals, and in a score of ways—simple and easy—making known the greatest of all messages. Such reports do not show all the work that has been accomplished, but only that which has been reported. Certainly we need to improve in this direction. But for what we know has been done, we thank God, and take courage to push on as never before, and with this end in view we ask the cooperation of our missionary leaders.

Items of Missionary Work for Quarter Ending September 30, 1912

Number of missionary visits	785
Hours spent in Christian help work	791
Number of meals provided	213
Articles of clothing given away	203
Number of tracts lent or given away	9,378
Number of papers and magazines lent, mailed, or given away	15,934
Number of books lent or given away	174
Number of missionary letters written	369
Number of periodicals sold	1,852
Number of periodical subscriptions taken	91
Number of "relief books" sold	153
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	239
Homes visited in Los Angeles	14,000
(Literature left in each)	
New converts added through efforts of members	6

Elder A. G. Christiansen has been recently appointed to the leadership of the Volunteer Department in this conference. We are confident that his years and experience and love for the young people will bring added strength to the department.

Ernest Lloyd.

Missionary Work

Experiences of the Ship Missionary

Suppose you should go to make a request of the captain of one of the leading steamship lines, for the privilege of placing binders to be kept filled with the current issues of the weekly and monthly editions of the *Signs* on his liners, and he should meet you in a rage, and curse religions in general, and your work in particular, would you go back to see him again? It has taken money, and hard work by our ship missionaries, to provide every large steamer leaving San Francisco with these binders and the papers. But those who have donated to this enterprise may feel assured that the effort is not in vain. On each succeeding trip the current numbers are taken to the boats and placed in the binders, and there among the other magazines on the reading-tables they silently preach the truth.

But, back to our indifferent and irate sea captain. His had been the only line to refuse to give permission for this work. All the other large vessels were visited regularly, and our ship missionary was

anxious to reach the people traveling on this line. So, the first encounter did not discourage him. On his second visit, a short time later, he sent in his card. At the sight of "Marine Bible Society," the captain was heard to say: "Tell that man I don't want to see him; I have no business with him." He did, however, appear in person to deliver this message, and he did so in no uncertain tones and gestures. But a reasonable length of time afterward, after earnest prayer, Brother Kuhns climbed the stairs to his office for the third time. On this occasion, very abruptly the gentleman informed him he had no time to see him, whereupon Brother Kuhns took advantage of the opportunity to say, "All right, Captain, I'll arrange to come back when you aren't so busy. Good by."

This opened the way for the fourth visit. At this time, after the card had gone in, the captain walked out of his office and hurried past our ship missionary, giving him an unfriendly glare. On his way back, Brother Kuhns intercepted him, and said, "Now Mr. —, I am not here to ask a favor of you, but to do you a favor." He then forcibly explained that there is a demand among the reading traveling public for something better than is supplied in the ordinary magazines; told him how without a cent's charge to the company this good literature is furnished, and that every other line had welcomed the placing of these binders on their boats. The captain mellowed, and replied, "That's all right. Go ahead and put them on." When asked for a pass, he replied: "You tell the man at the gangplank that the captain said for you to go on, and let me know if he stops you." So, the two leading boats plying between San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, now carry on their reading-tables the *Signs of the Times*. With less persistency, and without continued prayer and effort, however, permission would never have been obtained.

These are some of the incidents in the life of the one whose responsibility it is to carry on the work around the harbor. Let us remember him in our prayers, and let the work of supplying clubs of papers and magazines to fill the binders, thereby reaching the intelligent class he meets, be faithfully continued. Any amount entrusted to the conference treasurer for supplying literature for the ship mission work will be gratefully received, and used judiciously. J. R. Ferren.

Recent Success with Our Spanish Literature

It is a marvel how the sale of our books among the Spanish-speaking people is forging ahead all over the world. Recent reports from Cuba, Spain, Mexico, South America, the Philippines, and in sections of our own home land bear out this statement. It is plain that the Spirit of God is brooding over this people as never before. Now is their "call;" now is the "day of their visitation." They were hindered to a large extent from accepting the great reformation of the sixteenth century; but God is going to give them another opportunity to accept the full, the greater twentieth century reformation.

It has been my lot to come in contact with Spanish-speaking people, more or less at times, for over twenty-five years, in my canvassing work. I have had some success among them; but it was hard to get their orders, and more difficult still to fill the orders after having secured them. But quite recently a marvelous change has come over the situation. Now a wide door seems to be open to us to place our literature in the hands of this people. I never knew anything like it. One would scarcely realize he was dealing with the same race.

In some instances those who are living on the ragged edge of poverty are all ready to receive and pay for their books (from \$3 each, up to as high as \$5) when they come. Then likely all are willing to give an order for another book. Some, when they learned of my work, came to me; others sent word for me to come to their homes so they might buy our Spanish books. I can see the hand of God in it all, "and it is marvelous in our eyes."

On a recent six months' trip in Southern Arizona, the Lord blessed my efforts from the very first day. It was a continual surprise to me. On this trip I was favored in delivering from \$1,800 to \$2,000 worth of books (partly English), outside helps, etc. All honor, glory, and praise be to God alone. He grants it all. It seems to me now, as if we only have to take our books to the Spanish-speaking people, give them a chance to buy, and they do it in a way that is astounding.

Walter Harper.

"It was to redeem us that Jesus lived and suffered and died."

"The Beautiful"

A snow scene for the cover of the December *Signs Magazine*. An appreciative scene to many, and attractive and interesting to the unacquainted. The sun hangs low in the sky, and the clouds are so heavy that the orb shines yellow and red through the heavy bank that will soon precipitate the frozen flakes. The beech-trees and the firs cast their bluish purple shadows, and one almost feels the cold. It is a very pleasing cover for this month of the year, and will prove a strong selling feature of the magazine.

The Contents

"*A New Phase of Spiritualism*" takes up the announcement of Miss Stead that she has had a communication from her dead father, who was lost with the wreck of the Titanic. She makes some very startling statements; and the editor, in writing the article, draws some very contrasting statements on the authority of the word of God. This article should have a wide circulation.

"*The Heaven-Opposing Powers of Earth*" is another article in the series presented in the magazine from a well-known writer, Mr. Charles L. Taylor. Although embracing history nearly three thousand years old, some important applications are drawn bearing directly upon momentous questions of the present day.

"*The Second Coming of Jesus*," by George W. Rine, receives continued prominence in the magazine. This is a very important series of articles, and we can recommend them to our readers.

"*The Government and the Trusts*," an article showing how ineffectual the famous lawsuit of the government dissolving the Standard Oil Company has turned out to be. Since this gigantic trust has been dissolved by the United States government, it has increased in value about five times. Not much of a dissolution! You will want to read the whole article, and the prophetic application that is made at the close.

"*Increase of Metals as a Sign of the Times*," by Frank S. Weston. It is something new, and will be of considerable interest to a large number of our readers, on account of its statistics.

The Home Department has a very excellent contribution from the pen of Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle, the author of "Making Home Happy" and "Making Home Peaceful." She is a well-known writer, and this is an added attraction to our magazine.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1912

Elder M. Serna, one of our Mexican laborers in Arizona, writes us as follows from Tucson, October 4: "I am glad to tell you that I have had the privilege of baptizing five dear souls in the prison at Florence, Arizona, where now is the penitentiary of the state; and six more souls at Tucson were added to the church."

Elder M. C. Wilcox, in the Pacific Press chapel Sunday morning, gave a brief account of his two months' absence while attending camp-meetings and also the General Conference fall council in the East. Instead of finding warm weather as planned for, it was cold and rainy nearly every day, and sometimes frosty. Nevertheless they had good meetings. He arrived at Washington the day before the council began. During the meetings four principal questions were considered: (1) place of the next General Conference meeting; (2) reorganization; (3) financial situation; (4) what we are to do to meet the new religious thought in the world at the present time. After considering a number of generous offers from different points, it was decided to hold the General Conference quadrennial meeting in Washington, D. C. On account of the growing progress our work is making, next year's meeting may be the last session of the large general conference, as it is thought now that at that time divisional conferences will be formed. In reference to the financial question the brethren felt that the non-debt policy of the denomination, enforced ten years ago, had been largely departed from, and that it is time for a halt. Action was taken recommending that no church should involve itself in a debt that would affect the church seriously, or affect the local conference, with-

out the fullest consultation with its members who had to meet the debt and with the conference. Likewise the local conference is responsible to the union, and the union to the General Conference. One is not to involve any debt unless it can have the fullest voice of those who are to meet the obligation and bear the burden of the debt. Those institutions which are in debt were urged to come to such an economical basis that each institution may bear its own burden and clear itself as far as possible. Concerning the best method of advancing the rising religious liberty question, and owing to the tremendous forging ahead of the papacy, there was general enthusiasm in encouraging the use of the *Protestant* at the present time. It will probably be the paper to be pushed during the coming year.

Notes from the Ingathering Work

"Yountville, California,

"September 30, 1912.

"Dear Friends at the California Bible House:

"Sister Syas and I have covered the little town of Yountville with Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. We have done the best we could. Sister Syas has done better than I. She is an old lady nearly seventy. She received nearly \$9, as she is acquainted with nearly every one here. We had fifty *Signs*. We have sold or disposed of them all. Enclosed find \$12 for missions. From

"Mrs. B. L. Francisco."

"Willits, California,

"September 26, 1912.

"Your letter came into my hands today. I received it at the post-office on the way home from my first effort on the Harvest Ingathering for missions. I went out for a few hours this afternoon and secured \$6.60 for a starter. I have promises of more from those I met. In closing I wish to state that I intend to do more this year than I have done before.

"Yours in the blessed hope,

"Chas. W. Peter."

Thirteen thousand copies of the Ingathering *Signs* have now been ordered in the California Conference, and our people are taking hold of the work. This number does not include the papers that will be needed by Mountain View, Sanitarium, and St. Helena, whose work has been deferred a week or so. The Moun-

tain View members are to go out this week on Wednesday. The Pacific Press closes on that day so that all may have opportunity to go. The Sanitarium young people have just closed a campaign in which were used 500 sets of the Religious Liberty *Signs*. They are now ready to do what they can with the ingathering work. A special missions program was held at Sanitarium last Friday night, and all are enthusiastic about the work this year.

The church at Napa began their work last Sabbath, when the 250 papers they had ordered were taken, and 100 more asked for. They will doubtless use 500 papers in the campaign. A sister from Concord was present. She ordered 25 for use in her home district, and expects to see two other isolated Sabbath-keepers in that vicinity, and encourage them to order magazines and take hold of the work with her.

In an experience meeting at the Oakland church last Wednesday evening, one sister said she had been able to go out only an hour that afternoon, but that in that time she had gathered \$2.50. A few hours like this one would support a native missionary a whole year. Let us remember that every dollar of the money gathered in this ingathering work goes to help establish schools, provide medical equipment, send teachers and preachers with this gospel message, in these great needy fields.

Even as the appeals in the paper touch our hearts, will they touch the hearts of some not of our faith, and in His own good way, if we are faithful, God will bless this seed sown to greatly advance the work in foreign lands. Think of what a strength it may give to this movement if every one will take some part! I met a lady the other day who said: "Last year I couldn't get out at all, but I canvassed some who came to the house, and secured over \$6." So, every effort counts. May the Lord encourage every believer to have a part in this special effort which publishes to the world the advancement of this truth in the earth, proves a blessing to each one taking part, and brings thousands of dollars into the treasury to still further extend a knowledge of the soon coming Saviour.

J. R. Ferren.

"Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to lost humanity."