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Religious Liberty

Utah's Sunday Law Defeated

"The Cardon Sunday closing measure went down to defeat in the House yesterday after two hours of fervid and at times acrimonious debate," began the report of the utter overthrow of the proposed enactment in Utah, published next day in the *Deseret Evening News*, the Mormon newspaper of Salt Lake City. The climax came February 18, after a hot campaign lasting for about two weeks, in the course of which wide publicity was given to the controversy by the public press, the final vote standing 21 to 15, eight absent and one not voting.

A despatch from Elder W. M. Adams, president of the Utah Conference, conveyed the information of the filing of the bill, February 5, by means of which it was sought to make the drastic Sunday

closing laws of Utah still more oppressive. That night Elder W. M. Healey came up from San Diego to join me in the journey to Salt Lake City, and together we arrived at the Mormon capital within 48 hours of the receipt of the telegram, and Elder Adams was at the station to greet us.

Two days before, on the day the bill was introduced in the Legislature, the *News* had printed an editorial entitled, "Now for a Sunday Law," and not a breath had been raised in opposition to the measure with the exception of the formal objection filed by our representative in Utah. At Sacramento last spring, I had visited the State Library, where I had looked up the laws of Utah and Nevada, those states being within the jurisdiction of the Pacific Union Conference. I discovered that constitutional guaranties had been violated in the adoption of the existing statutes, and while at Sacramento in January, I had prepared a memorial for introduction in the Legislature of Utah, protesting against this invasion of civil rights, and demanding the repeal of the Sunday law.

So happily was this memorial ordained by Providence that it was there and was introduced in the Legislature on the very day the new Sunday bill made its appearance. I had also prepared personal letters to every Senator and member of the House of Representatives of the Utah Legislature, setting forth at length the salient reasons why the Sunday law was unconstitutional and opposed to the natural rights of the individual, and these multigraphed letters arrived and were read at the very onset of the fight by the legislators whose votes were to decide the issue. I was not surprised to learn from Elder Adams, therefore, that he had discovered friends for religious

liberty in both houses of the Legislature, whose aid we could secure for the defeat of the proposed enactment.

Two other Sunday closing bills also had been introduced, making three measures we had to oppose. We drafted bills for the repeal of the several statutes already operative, other bills for the amendment of the laws prohibiting barbarous sports and the sale of liquors on Sunday, so as to make the prohibition apply to all legal holidays, thus removing the discrimination in favor of Sunday, and finally a bill granting full liberty to dissenters to exercise their volition in religion, without incurring any of the penalties for Sunday labor or operation of legitimate business. Our friends among the legislators introduced at our request seven bills in the Senate and four bills in the House of Representatives, and the newspapers began to make decided utterances favorable to the preservation of civil and religious liberty. As matters finally stood, there were three bills in the Legislature intended to extend and to make more oppressive the existing Sunday laws, and 11 bills intended either to remove all sectarian distinctions as to days, or to destroy completely the existing enactments.

Two hearings in committee were accorded to us by the Utah Legislature. Elders Healey and Adams, with myself, constituted the representatives opposed to Sunday legislation from the ranks of our own denomination, but the spirited warfare waged had encouraged others to rally to our side, and the moving picture showmen and one young Mormon of liberal instincts participated in the public hearings. One of these gatherings was held in the court room of the Utah District Court and the other in the Senate Chamber of the Legislature, where the

newspaper men listened to the debate, and almost unopposed we brought before the committeemen the telling arguments in opposition to interference by the State with the religious views and sectarian practises of citizens equally entitled to consideration and protection in the enjoyment of their conscientious systems of worship, so long as they do not meddle with the equal rights of their fellows, or commit acts in themselves opposed to good government.

The best report of our first hearing was given by the Mormon *News*, the paper which had been calling for a Sunday law through its editorial columns. This eminently fair and brilliant defense of the principles of religious liberty occupied about two columns of the paper, and while not directly framed to lend journalistic support to our contentions, it stultified completely what had been printed before in the same paper. The reporter had manifested eager interest when I called to his personal attention the doctrinal views of the Mormons, as set out in their authoritative work entitled "Doctrine and Covenants." Having this with me, to use in the debate, he saw that the fundamental teaching of the church behind his newspaper was in full accord with our contention, and making hasty note of the references I gave him during the debate he framed his report to make the most of such sectarian endorsement.

Thus the Mormon vote was split wide open, some standing for the passage of the law, on the grounds common to those who favor Sunday observance, and others siding distinctly with us, in view of the unmistakable logic of our position and the undeniable endorsement of their own doctrinal writings. In fact, when it came to the rub, two Mormon bishops, members of the House of Representatives, voted against the proposed extension of the Sunday law to other lines of business and sports which it was sought to proscribe by the first proposed amendments. The first hearing came on Lincoln's birthday, and the portrait of the great emancipator, hanging in the folds of the Stars and Stripes, emblem of our national freedom, gave an excellent opportunity for the suggestion of the remarkable fact that we were there on the birthday of the man who freed 3,000,000 slaves to plead for the natural rights and constitutional freedom of 100,000,000 free born American citizens.

Discerning the fact that the main fight would revolve on the contention of the

advocates of the bill, that Sunday legislation is not religious in character, Elder Healey devoted nearly all his time to the demonstration that it is wholly religious, sectarian in origin, fanatical in its enforcement, and despotic in its very nature. Elder Adams pressed these facts home with telling arguments, and closing my arguments for the observance of constitutional guaranties I called upon the legislature to stand for the principles advocated by Abraham Lincoln and symbolized by the old flag, or to tear down the Stars and Stripes and to cast the portrait of Lincoln onto a dunghill, while the friends of liberty should drape the halls of legislation with crape and sit down in sackcloth and ashes to lament their departure from the high ideal that governed the former statesmen of the nation.

For two weeks the Sunday issue was the foremost subject of comment, and the newspapers printed much concerning the subject. The reporters, who maintain an organization at Salt Lake similar to the famous "Gridiron Club" of the press fraternity at Washington, printed the proceedings of their society, in which they extended a generous invitation to all the members of the legislature and to their wives and to all they might care to invite to partake of their hospitality, to join a theatrical party in their honor. The only condition attendant upon the invitation to the party was that the party should be made up for the Sunday night theatricals immediately following the day when the Cardon Sunday closing bill should become a law in Utah. These lampoons and the numerous reports of passing events during these stirring days in Salt Lake brought the issue up with a fervid interest to the date of final settlement.

Notwithstanding the writing on the wall, the Mormon newspaper came out with a column editorial, still favoring the Sunday law, and criticizing Seventh-day Adventists for their hostility to the existing law, which the *News* itself eight days before had characterized as both unjust and unfair, when asking for its amendment, on the ground that its evident discrimination between classes made it inoperative as it stood. Silly arguments concerning the round earth, and the inability of men to keep the same time throughout the world, whatever day was kept, and demanding the revision of the law so as to make it more drastic, gave us an admirable opportunity to respond in print. The Salt Lake *Tribune*

printed a long letter I prepared in its own editorial columns, with accompanying comments endorsing our position, the whole matter making an article nearly a column in length. The editor pertinently called attention to the fact, that if the Mormon newspaper's argument for the control of the minority by the majority in respect to Sunday keeping were carried to its logical sequence, it would lead to the sweeping off from the earth of Mormonism. And there the matter stood when the legislators lined up for the fray on the day of battle.

The bill had been made a special order for 3 P.M., at which time the interested public thronged the halls of legislation. The debate was sharp and hot, beginning with the attempt to add still more drastic provisions to the bill itself, and leading to absurd propositions from the opponents of the measure, calculated to reveal its sectarian nature and utter lack of sincerity when offered as a labor measure. The best speech against the bill was made by Dr. Jane Skolfield, of Salt Lake, one of the four women members of that body, and the poorest speech in favor of the proposed enactment was also made by a woman, thus proving that women can rise to sublime heights in the advocacy of moral principles and descend to the depths of silly and ignorant intolerance when espousing wrong measures devised for oppression. Three days before the combat, we circulated among the legislators an "Open Letter," setting forth afresh the objections to the proposed law, outlining the authoritative expressions favorable to religious liberty in the doctrinal books of the various denominations, including Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Mormons, and Catholics, ample material for reflection being imparted in this way, that would influence both Mormons and Gentiles. The constitutional pledges of State and nation were also made strikingly manifest, and this letter had been read and digested by the legislators, as was evidenced by their remarks on the floor of the house. The battle raged fiercely, but the bill went down in a storm of disapproval, and the spectators rushed in to congratulate the members of the House, who immediately adjourned at the close of the engagement. That night Elder Healey and I left for home, again to take up the fight in California.

J. F. Blunt.

"Ease is the disease of the church."

The Home Missionary Exchange

[Note.—This is the first in the series of missionary notes passed on to assist and encourage all of our people in their individual and united efforts to reach others with the truth. We trust our church officers will use whatever suggestions they contain for their church. Workers and church officers and members are especially invited to send in experiences, methods, and missionary suggestions of practical value to our people generally. We are already working to gather some studies on the giving of Bible readings and on other lines of work for use in subsequent numbers. The plan is to group these and pass them on in the second issue of the "Recorder" each month. Would suggest that missionary leaders and librarians keep these numbers.]

IN a large general meeting in one of our conferences recently some intensely interesting missionary experiences were exchanged. A spirit of earnest enthusiasm came in as it always does when the minds of our people are turned to service. "The homes are open for Bible readings," stated one brother in referring to his town. "Five of our books are loaned out in homes within three blocks of our church," testified a sister who is leading the young people into active missionary work. "We have some excellent jail and hospital meetings started in our town," said the representative of another church; while another brother from still another church told how he had a neighborhood Bible class started and twenty-three were present at his last study. To the question—"How many are encouraged by hearing such missionary experiences," every one present raised the hand.

This seemed to give us anew the resolve to spare no effort in gathering material for our promised Home Missionary Exchange, that will be most helpful to all our people throughout this union. In our territory there are 2,620,000 people. More than 8,000 of these are Seventh-day Adventists. About 150 churches, or missionary centers, have thus far been established, and from these the light of truth should be shining forth in clear, strong rays. Every home, including those of the several hundred isolated believers, must be a light; and it can be. Never have more definite appeals been made through the spirit of prophecy for *all* to actively engage in soul-saving. Never have the opportunities, nor the facilities for meeting them, been larger. Never in all the history of our work has there been a time when it seemed that God was more definitely touching hearts and making them impressionable than now. He wants men and women and children to herald the news of a soon coming Saviour. Let

us study a few of the points brought out in this experience meeting to which reference has been made.

Personal Work

Says Dr. Wilbur Chapman in his little book "The Personal Touch:" "The personal touch is necessary. It is not so much what we say, as the way we say it, and indeed, it is not so much what we say and the way we say it, as what we are, that counts in personal work. God has called the evangelist to a certain mission in soul-winning. He has given ministers the privilege of winning many to Christ. Mission workers, generally, are charged with the responsibility for this special work. But this fact can not relieve the parents, the children, the husband, the wife, the friends, the business man, the toiler in the shop, from personal responsibility in the matter of attempting to win others to the Saviour."

The brother who referred to his Bible class of twenty-three is not a minister. He is a carpenter. In a tactful way he gains the friendship and confidence of his fellow-workers. Through helping a friend who is a Catholic he met a painter. After cultivating his friendship, one day he asked him if he was interested in religious subjects. The man responded that he had investigated both Spiritualism and Christian Science, and asked what the Bible said about prophets in the church. This opened the way for a Bible study on the subject. Other subjects have followed, and this man and his wife are now studying and deeply interested. "Why do you keep Saturday, George?" he was asked one day by another fellow-worker. He knew this man was interested in history and gave him a short study on the prophecies of Daniel 7 and 8 before coming to the Sabbath question. This man also is now in his Bible class. These are examples of the tact that may be used in gaining the confidence of people and leading their interest to the study of the Bible. I was impressed that this brother uses heart power in his work. He keeps close to the people and earnestly seeks God in their behalf. Are there not many who are having similar opportunities every day?

Lending Our Books

"What are you doing this for?" inquired a lady of one of the young people who had called to loan her a book, "just to help people be good?" "Yes, that is why we are doing it," frankly replied

the girl. "Well, that is certainly a fine work," returned the lady, and she gladly took a book and is reading it. The young people of that church are lending in this way "Christ Our Saviour," "Coming King," "Steps to Christ," and other of our excellent books. They are having some good experiences. They go out on Sabbath afternoon after the meeting. They explain the work something like this: "We are lending some good books among the homes. These are some of the best books written, and our plan is to leave one that you would like with you for you to read. It doesn't cost anything, and later we will call and get it." From this they speak of the need of literature on Bible subjects, etc. This band of volunteers are finding many people who gladly accept the books.

Meetings in Jails and Hospitals

A simple program is followed by the band who are carrying on work at the jail and at the hospital, of which the sister spoke in this experience meeting. One gives a brief study or reading on a subject like "God's Love," "Prayer," "Faith," or some other subject that can be understood and draws their minds to the Saviour. A number of cheery songs precede and follow this. They then distribute flowers and papers and tracts, and leave the inmates greatly cheered.

When permission was asked to hold meetings at the jail the one in charge consented readily. He said, "You send the best literature that we get here, and we will be glad to have you come."

The Lord's Spirit Is Working

Sabbath, March 1, I made a strong appeal to the members of a church in the California Conference to be faithful in individual missionary work for their relatives, friends, and others they can reach. Following a little study on the church as a missionary center, incidents were given, showing how remarkably the Lord is working. Singular it seemed at the close of the service to learn that two ladies were present who were there as a result of just the kind of personal work that had been outlined. One of them explained how her daughter, who had at the time of the camp-meeting joined our church, had recently visited her. While there the daughter had told her something concerning points of truth and had left a copy of "Scriptural Evidences." These two women had become so interested in searching the Scriptures with the aid of this little book that they had come to the church. There they stated that

they are anxious for the truth, and arrangements were made for them to receive Bible studies.

Notes of Activity

The following note from the librarian of one of our active churches gives some idea of what a group of workers may accomplish when they take up definite lines of work:

"Work is being done in a quiet way by different members. We have a paper rack now in one depot, and expect to have one in the other station soon. Mr. C—, who attended my studies last summer, but did not step out, is now coming to church every Sabbath. One of my neighbors is much interested, and is subscribing for the *Signs* for the second time. Sister G— has also interested one of her girl neighbors in a quiet way. To-day we decided to take a club of twenty-five *Signs*, and one of our new members volunteered to sell the *Watchman* each week. You know of my studies in the S— home last summer. Three of them are now active members and tithe payers. The K—'s are now both consecrated Sabbath-keepers and happy in the message. Others attending those studies are still reading and thinking. The Bible work is nearest to my heart, and when not in it, the spiritual life lapses."

Here is a note from an isolated family up in Lassen County, California. "We are sending out 500 tracts on the Eastern question, and 300 of the 'Proposed Sunday Law.' In the same wrapper we are sending *Signs*, *Instructor*, *Protestant*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, etc. We wrap one paper with the tracts. We take the names from the 'Great Register,' and give each name half a page in a record book where we make note of literature mailed and the date. We are not able to furnish all in the county, but if we can get sufficient tracts and papers, our aim is to warn every family in this county. We will do the work and furnish the postage, if some of our brethren will assist. There is no conference worker in this county, but with the Lord's help we want to create such an interest that there will be soon. Pray for the work here." (Signed) Hayden Gilstrap. (In another place we are inserting a call for literature to help in this effort.)

The Glendale society has 105 *Signs* now. Elder Proctor and his associates are getting district work well started.

A few days ago one of our bookmen had just begun his canvass for "Bible Readings" when the lady spoke up saying: "I think I have a Bible readings that is better than that. It is put out by the Adventists. You know they are the greatest Bible students in the world." She then brought out "Desire of Ages" and "Steps to Christ," saying that they were the finest books in the world. "Are you an Adventist?" inquired the agent. "No," she replied, "but I lean that way, because I think they have the truth." The brother took her name and has already arranged for some personal work to be done by some one in the church.

A Call to Service

Four City Churches Training for Bible Work

More than 100 lay members of the Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, and Melrose Seventh-day Adventist churches are training for Bible work. "Our work is to study the *method* of teaching the message rather than to study the truth itself," writes Elder B. E. Beddoe, in a personal letter. Elder Beddoe has recently taken heavy responsibilities in the city work, and is giving every bit of his energy to the building up of the churches to make of them strong forces for the advancement of the work of God in that great city field.

For the inspiration and help of other churches, we quote further from Brother Beddoe's letter with reference to the great need, and how they have planned to strengthen their missionary forces. Note carefully this brief outline, turning if possible to the references given:

- "1. The need of setting the lay members to work kept pressing upon me.
- "2. Our people, in general, were unprepared to do a careful, intelligent work.
- "3. Volume 9, pp. 116, 117 — 'Plans for Enlarging Our Laboring Forces;' also pp. 125-136, especially p. 126 — 'A Reformatory Movement.'
- "4. The word 'shall' in Matt. 24:14 is positive and emphatic.
- "5. John in vision saw the work accomplished. Rev. 14:6-9. He saw the gospel by the first angel given 'to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.' The second angel 'followed.' The third angel followed them.'
- "6. Christ said 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world.' John saw it preached to

'every nation . . . and people,' and David said the *people* would do the work. Ps. 110:3. 'Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power.'

"The foregoing is responsible for what we see here in the East Bay district. It was the work called for by the Lord and we see His blessing upon it.

"During the week ending February 28 we organized three classes — one evening, and two afternoon classes — to serve the four churches of Alameda, Berkeley, Melrose and Oakland.

"The elders of these churches met for counsel with Elder E. W. Farnsworth as chairman, and the following action was taken:

"'In view of the increasing demand upon us for church-members who are competent to teach the truth in the form of Bible readings;

"'And in harmony with the request of many of our church-members in this section that opportunity be given for such training; therefore,

"'We favor the organization of three classes for the training of church Bible workers, as follows: . . .' (time as given above).

"These classes organized with a combined enrolment of 79. Have now had a second meeting of all classes and the total enrolment is now 112. We feel thankful for the 'willing' response on the part of our people. Our work is to study the *method* of teaching the message rather than to study the truth itself.

"We are using as a text-book the 'Family Bible Teacher' pamphlet. Other books such as 'Daniel and the Revelation,' 'Bible Readings,' etc., will be used as side helps."

We feel very grateful to Elder Beddoe for this clear setting forth of the plans for their work. Does not a similar call to service come to every church? And can there not be started many such Bible classes? "In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as His soldiers are to render faithful service as minutemen, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them individually. Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work." Vol. 9, p. 116.

J. R. Ferren,
Miss. Sec. Pac. Union Conf.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Utah						
U. E. Mowery	P. G.	25			\$29.00	
L. R. Ackerman and A. R. Robinson	P. G.	10		\$3.50	15.50	
3 Agents		35		\$3.50	\$44.50	
California						
A. C. Hanson	B. R.	8	3	\$.75	\$10.75	
O. H. Shrewsbury	G. C. and P. P.	19	6	2.25	22.25	
Miscellaneous for February					200.00	
2 Agents		27	9	\$3.00	\$233.00	
California-Nevada						
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	13	6	\$.25	\$28.25	
M. A. Reese*	G. C.	62	12	2.00	38.00	
W. S. Brown	B. R. and Steps	26	9		12.05	
3 Agents		101	27	\$2.25	\$78.30	
* Two weeks.						
Southern California						
I. J. Herbert	P. G.	23½	12		\$40.50	\$12.50
W. O. James	H. & H.	10	11		27.50	
D. L. Albright	P. G.	20	10		38.00	
T. Martin	P. G.	15	3		10.50	
Mrs. T. Martin	H. W.		6		5.35	
H. Bonde	P. G.		4		16.00	
6 Agents			46		\$137.85	\$12.50

Saved from Mormonism

Some of the blessed fruits of the faithful canvasser are seen in the recent experience of Brother Robinson in Provo, Utah.

An exemplary young man who had drifted from the Methodist church was working in Provo, and rooming at the same house in which Brother Robinson was staying. They had met many times but one evening Brother Robinson felt a strong impression that he should show the young man the book he was selling — "Heralds." He had been studying Mormonism, and was about convinced that it was the true religion, although it didn't satisfy him. He became much interested in the contents of the book and desired to study further into the prophecies and signs relating to Christ's second coming. They studied together evening after evening, and the young man attended all the services he could, that were held in our church.

To make a long story short, in less than two months, Brother Robinson received the following letter:

Provo, Utah, Feb. 22, 1913.

Dear Brother Robinson:

I expect you will think this is writing rather often, but I just had to write and

tell you what I have done. I have promised from now on to keep all the commandments, and to you, Brother Robinson, I must give all my thanks as the one who caused me to turn and seek for the true light that leads to God.

He says in His Book that he that climbeth over the wall is a thief and a robber, and shall not enter in. But he that cometh by the straight gate receiveth — what? Not that I am anything or that He must take the likes of me, but through His love He has made all His promises to a backward people. To the one who will obey God's commandments and do His will with all his heart is the reward promised, and the greatest of rewards it is.

Again I must thank you for trying to sell me that book that day, which caused me to look for the way which is hid from no man if he will only seek for it. And may God bless you, not only in selling books, but in causing lost souls like myself to come to the light.

Your brother in Christ,
Paul Moore.

Did it pay to canvass that young man? He is now rejoicing in the "blessed hope," and has decided to walk in the light and keep the commandments. We

expect to see Brother Moore at our institute in March and help him get started to work for the salvation of other souls.

Would you, dear reader, like to have a part in pointing lost souls to the light of truth by which your own soul is saved? If you have a deep conviction that you should engage in service, do not delay. Some soul may be waiting for a personal interview with you. If you can not talk, take some of our message-filled books which speak for themselves. We must hurry, for time is short.

L. R. Ackerman.

Redmond, Utah, March 1, 1913.

Book Men Wanted for Arizona

The days in which we live are full of interest to every thinking person. In the world we see great inventions being perfected and mighty enterprises being accomplished. We see wars and strife, and are in the midst of political corruption and great wickedness. These are a fulfilment of the sure word of prophecy. While these things are evident to all, yet they are understood by but very few people. We who know their real meaning have a great obligation to make known to others the significance of these things. We possess in our many truth-filled books the keys that unlock the real meaning of present-day events.

There are a few loyal and faithful men in this work in this state at the present time, but we need more who are willing to sacrifice the comforts of home and go out among the people wherever they are and carry to them the precious message for this time.

If you who read this are impressed by the Lord's Spirit to take up this work, please write to the field missionary agent of Arizona, Charles F. Innis, Phenix.

Canvassing Work in Central California

The past week has been a sad experience for us in this field, as we moan the loss of our faithful canvasser, Dr. Mable Church, who was called to rest on the 26th of February, after a short illness of three days. Sister Church loved her work and was loved by all. Her sister, Mrs. Inez Church, and the writer made a partial delivery of her books to day. Many of the customers were deeply moved when they learned of the sad news. Mrs. Rosenfeld expects to join her sister in the work for a time.

Brother and Sister Rice are of good

courage and enjoying many precious experiences in the field.

We will look for a report from Sister Gonter this week, as she began Tuesday morning.

Brother and Sister Rudolph have been delivering and expect to canvass at Dinuba this week.

C. L. Davis,

Field Missionary Agent.

"Persuading Men"

A most interesting letter, just received from Brother W. P. Dayton, New Pine Creek, California, tells something of the success that has attended their efforts in Modoc County. He states that a company of 15 now meet from Sabbath to Sabbath for Sabbath-school, and that more are interested. Seventeen have begun to live the truth since Brother Dayton and his associates began work there.

Most of you will remember that Brother Dayton was for a long time one of our most successful canvassers, having done successful work in San Francisco, San Jose, and other places in this union. Later he was called to act as field agent of the California-Nevada Conference; which position he filled creditably till he entered the ministry, a year later.

Students in our schools, and others who are preparing to enter any branch of the Lord's work should notice carefully the following statements which are quoted from Brother Dayton's letter.

"Brother Cone, by all means encourage young, prospective ministers to spend from one to three years in the book work. I can not estimate the value this work has been to me. I have had a great deal of visiting and personal work to do here and the ability to meet and gain the confidence of the people, acquired in the book work, has brought people into the truth. All honor to the Lord and the book work He has ordained.

"The forts, *attention, interest, desire, and resolve* must be captured in their order in this work the same as in the book work, and there is no better training for winning souls than that received in gospel salesmanship.

"It takes some heart work to capture fort *resolve* and I am glad to tell you that some fine people up here have been captured for God."

We have greatly missed Brother Dayton in the book work but we can see that he has not forgotten his past experiences in this work and that he is still a book man.

Right in connection with this I will quote from the pen of Sister White:

"Let not too much time be occupied in fitting up men to do missionary work. Let young and old consecrate themselves to God, take up the work, and go forward, laboring in humility, under the control of the Holy Spirit. Let those who have been in school go out into the field and put into practical use the knowledge they have gained. If canvassers will do this, . . . combining the work of selling books with personal labor for the people, their talents will increase by exercise, and they will learn many practical lessons which they could not possibly learn in school. The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed *higher education*."

A. A. Cone.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

California Conference Current

The Sunday night meetings in the Oakland church are still being well attended.

Elder J. W. McCord and company are having a good interest in their hall effort in San Francisco. Their attendance ranges from 75 to 250. They expect soon to start Sabbath meetings at the hall.

A recent card, dated February 19, from Brother C. W. Peter, contains the following:

"At the house where I held a Bible reading Monday evening, the young man has worked up a class of a dozen people for each Tuesday evening. I give a Bible reading to-morrow night to the county recorder and wife."

Within the past two weeks three Bible classes have been started in different sections of the East Bay district. One of these, with a present membership of over 50, meets Thursday evening at the Oakland church. The other two meet week-day afternoons, one in the Berkeley church and the other at the Melrose schoolhouse. The object is to help our people to become more familiar with the points of our faith, to the end of doing Bible reading work among their neighbors. One hundred and twelve are enrolled up to the present time. Elder B. E. Beddoe has the classes in charge.

March 1.

Claude Conard.

California Conference Church School Equipment Fund

The fourth Sabbath in March, the 22d, has been set aside by the conference committee as the day for the second semi-annual offering for the Church School Equipment Fund in the California Conference. A statement relative to the purpose of this offering and explanatory of our needs, especially along the line of manual training equipment in the schools, has been sent to all the churches in the conference.

All churches conducting church schools will contribute one half of the offering taken at this time to the Conference Equipment Fund, retaining one half the amount collected for their own local equipment fund.

Those churches not carrying church schools will send the entire amount of the offerings taken to the conference office to assist toward the better equipment of our smaller church schools. May all give liberally at this time, and may the assistance given at this time be substantial and encouraging.

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

A Missionary Volunteer Society for Santa Rosa

Sabbath, March 1, was a good missionary day for the Santa Rosa church. At the eleven o'clock hour Brother J. R. Ferren gave a study on "The Church as a Missionary Center," and presented many facts in the recent development of our work which show that the Lord's Spirit is working everywhere. All were urged to give themselves unreservedly to the work of soul-saving. In the afternoon the writer organized a Missionary Volunteer Society of fifteen members. Mrs. J. W. Harris was chosen as the leader, and Miss Sylvia Branstetter, to act as the secretary and treasurer. The young people were truly in earnest, as shown by their testimonies prior to receiving membership cards. The work of the society and the organization was carefully outlined, and all understood that they were banding together for study and service. Before receiving the membership card each gave an earnest testimony of consecration, thus indicating a desire to become an active member.

The church welcomed the society by paying for their record books, membership cards, and 112 copies of the *Temperance Instructor* with which to begin

work. We believe that with this start this will be a working society. One has already joined the church as a result of this organization. May the Lord bless this new society, and use it in bringing souls into the truth.

Our membership in the fifteen Young People's Societies in the California Conference now numbers 555.

H. B. Thomas,
Miss. Vol. Sec. Cal. Conf.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

News Notes

The Armona school board organized with J. H. Behrens, president; William Bond, secretary; J. L. Jones, treasurer.

Brother G. A. Wheeler, our conference secretary and treasurer, was called to Phenix, Arizona, to the bedside of his sick brother.

Elder H. F. Graf reports nine baptisms at Kaweah and ten added to the church. Two were added to the Dinuba German church.

Another matter of importance is the Workers' Institute to be held in Fresno April 11-19 inclusive, where all the conference laborers and church officers are called for the study of the Word and consecration to the service of the Lord.

Upon organization of the Conference Association, the following officers were elected for the year:

President of the board, J. H. Behrens; vice-president, E. H. Adams; secretary, G. A. Wheeler; auditor, the Pacific Union Conference auditor.

We regret very much to lose from among our faithful canvassers Dr. E. Mabel Church, who fell at her post of duty February 26, 1913. Not only will we miss her influence among the members of the church, but those with whom she came in contact while distributing the printed page had formed a warm attachment for her and express regret of the sad news.

Another item of interest to all is the action of the committee to purchase a new tent 60x80 for camp-meeting purposes. This calls for an outlay of about \$400. It was voted by the committee that on March 22 and 29 there be a collection taken up in all our churches for the purpose of purchasing this tent. Let the church officers please take note of this and lay it before our brethren.

At the recent session of the Central California Conference the following distribution of laborers was made:

Elder E. H. Adams and Brother Breitigam at Bakersfield; Elders Brown and Fuller, Hardwick; Elder J. R. Patterson, Monterey and vicinity; Elder H. C. Basney and G. A. Truesdell, San Luis

Obispo; Brother E. P. Ackley and Paul E. Scoggins, Fowler; Elder H. F. Graf, assisted by O. Koch, goes to Kerman to take up work there, as an interest has been awakened by the sale of "Object Lessons" among the Germans.

Do not forget Loma Linda Day which is March 15. The offering on that day should be one of the most liberal we have seen in our conference, as not only is this institution in the direct line and providence of the Lord, but just now is the time when means is much needed, in order that the work may be strengthened and put upon a basis to meet the great demand in training workers for the fields beyond. We hope the people of our conference will consider it a privilege to make on this day a \$1.00 offering. In fact it seems to us that we have passed the day of nickels and dimes.

J. H. Behrens.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

A Sabbath-school and Missionary Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada, March 15 and 16.

The funeral services of Sister Frances Brown were conducted at the Lodi church, by Elder D. T. Pero, Wednesday afternoon.

W. P. Dayton and wife, who have been laboring at New Pine Creek the past winter, are now located in Cedarville, where they will carry on the work at that place with Elder W. S. Holbrook.

Our canvassers out in the field are having excellent success with "Bible Readings," and large orders are being received from them. Still the seed is being sown in many places and we look for results in the future to the saving of souls for the kingdom of heaven.

Merl Horton.

Engineer Wanted

Must be a practical mechanic, competent to handle large heating and electric plant. A knowledge of plumbing and general mechanical and engineering work an advantage.

Address, "Engineer," care of PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, Mountain View, California.

California Conference Comparative Statement of Tithe Received

Up to February 28, 1913

	1912	1913
Alameda	\$ 95.55	\$ 83.40
Alcatraz	90.30	....
Arcata	70.75	15.55
Berkeley	....	71.05
Byron		
Calistoga	81.05	8.13
Daly City		
(Vista Grande)	84.71	67.65
Eureka	132.89	90.47
Ferndale	....	2.50
Fortuna	122.35	....
Guerneville	39.95	1.70
Haywards	....	29.04
Healdsburg	....	147.85
Kelseyville	13.75	4.00
Los Gatos	....	23.03
McKinleyville	42.70	....
Melrose	328.03	342.37
Morgan Hill	128.64	17.20
Mountain View	603.13	518.91
Napa	7.65	125.30
Oakland	71.37	147.35
Pacific College	312.32	350.51
Park St., S. F.	48.85	21.42
Pepperwood	28.55	....
Petaluma	79.40	27.80
Richmond	75.58	115.73
St. Helena	125.04	239.47
San Francisco	793.56	477.81
Sanitarium	819.44	371.91
San Jose	203.70	141.50
Santa Cruz	....	45.75
Santa Rosa	43.45	126.07
Sebastopol	56.20	56.50
Smith River	5.00	1.00
Sonoma	39.73	....
Soquel	....	10.05
Ukiah	16.85	39.45
Union St., S. F.	19.05	....
Vacaville	....	....
Vallejo	....	21.05
Watsonville	22.90	44.25
Personal	108.87	329.90
	\$4711.31	\$4115.67

Work on Farm Wanted

A man of experience, strong and willing to do hard work, member of the S. D. A. church at Lodi, wishes employment on a farm. Those in need of such help may reach him by addressing T. C., care of California-Nevada Missionary Society, 339 Lodi Avenue, Lodi, California.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1913

In Southern California several of our earnest lay members are giving a few hours each week to the distribution of literature among the Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish people. They report cases of interest in each of these nationalities. There are two new Japanese students at Loma Linda as the result of recent personal work with our Japanese literature.

Report has just come to the *Watchman* magazine office of another family's accepting the truth as a result of a copy of the magazine sold in New Orleans. One of the most successful colporteurs in the South was brought into the truth through the *Watchman* some time ago. Truly the Lord is blessing the work with our magazines.

Next week the RECORDER will give some special items and articles concerning the work in the Northern California-Nevada Conference. Since the organization of this conference, with headquarters at Lodi, the work has pushed out rapidly. A new church has recently been built way up north, near the Oregon line, at New Pine Creek. A picture of this will appear next week, also a picture of their new church at Winton.

A few weeks ago a lady traveled 30 miles to attend her first Adventist meeting. Her interest had been aroused by the *Signs of the Times* which she was receiving regularly. She heard one sermon, received one Bible study, and asked for baptism. It pays to mail the *Signs* weekly. Let every missionary society go over its list of relatives and friends and keep the good old *Signs* going out to tell them of Christ's soon coming. Don't forget to send a letter frequently to call attention to special articles the paper contains.

This week we give considerable space to "The Home Missionary Exchange." It is designed to bring to our people throughout the union every possible help to make their work in the proclamation of the message more effective. Special meetings for the instruction of officers are to be held in the near future. These will be reported, and the good points passed on. We also hope soon to have some regular studies on various phases of the work of church officers. In order that these shall reach all of our people, let us make a constant united effort to get every Adventist family to take the RECORDER. This is a good opportunity to speak of the help of this weekly messenger. Will not all of our church officers personally make an effort for the circulation of the paper just now?

A Request to the Church Clerks of the S. D. A. Churches of California

A request has come from the foreign department at Chicago, Illinois, to collect the names and addresses of the Scandinavians in all our churches in California. The wish of the foreign department is to get these names and addresses as soon as possible. We therefore humbly ask the church clerks to mail a list of the brethren and sisters in the different churches, whether they are Swedish, Danish, or Norwegian. Kindly send the names and addresses to Elder R. R. Reinhold, 442 Julian Ave., San Diego, Cal.

F. M. Burg.

Papers and Tracts Wanted

We are earnestly endeavoring to warn this isolated county by systematic mailing of tracts and papers. We shall greatly appreciate receiving tracts on the Eastern question, the signs of our times, Sabbath question, etc., also clean copies of the *Signs, Life and Health, Protestant, Liberty, and Instructor*. Send by mail or express (prepaid) to Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Gilstrap, Janesville, Lassen Co., California.

German Work in Los Angeles

We organized a German church here before our last camp-meeting in Glendale. There is a membership of 31, and our meetings are held in the Conference hall at 417 West 5th Street. Here we have regular Sabbath-school and church services each Sabbath and a prayer meet-

ing on Wednesday evening. In spite of the efforts of Satan to defeat, our work has gone forward with victory. A number of persons not of our faith are attending our meetings. We feel that the Lord is coming very soon, and desire that our hearts may be softened by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We praise God for a humble part in this last great message.

G. A. Rauleder.

Arizona Conference Corporation Meeting

The annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, will be held on the eighth day of April, 1913, at 7:30 p.m., in the city of Phoenix, Arizona. This meeting will convene in the church building on the southeast corner of Third and Pearce streets. One thing to be considered at the above meeting will be the changing of the by-laws so that the legal annual meeting can be held in connection with the annual conference meeting. All churches in the Arizona Conference are requested to select delegates on the basis of one for the organization and one additional for each 15 church-members or fraction thereof.

G. W. Reaser, *President*.

G. A. Roberts, *Secretary*.

Fernando School Work Resumed Strongly

About two weeks ago, it was found that some of the students were affected with scarlatina. We sent for Dr. Rand from the Glendale Sanitarium, to attend the pupils of the school, and on account of the contagion of scarlet fever it was thought best to close the school for a time. For this reason, Dr. Rand put a protective order on the institution, and invited the health officer of the city to give it his endorsement. Strong efforts were made and put into operation to stamp it out, and after a loss of only eight school days, we were enabled to resume school work this morning.

The students have all been examined by Dr. Rand, the buildings have been fumigated, and everything is in a good condition for the "home stretch" of our work. We will be able to close up our school work in ten weeks, which will make it about May 8. The Lord helped us in this, and we trust that we have learned some precious lessons by passing through the experience.

H. G. Lucas.