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Special Plans

Our people are greatly blessed in their associations together in our general meetings. The object of this Special RECORDER is that by this means we may have a visit with each other and talk over the interests of our work together. A testimony meeting brings a great spiritual uplift to all in attendance.

From the first we have tried to have go out from our conference office Friday of each week, reports of how the work is going in the different parts of the field; our brethren and sisters are ready to verify the fact that their own souls have been watered as they have heard the good testimonies of how the work is progressing. We have requested our workers to send in reports of just how the work is advancing. We do not look with favor upon glowing reports that might be taken for more than has actually been done. If we have not had remarkable success, we can report just the same. Our brethren and sisters who by their vote asked us to enter the field as workers, want to know, and have a right to know, where we are and what we are doing. There is not a week passes, even when we are not holding a meeting, but we have experiences, which, if related, would bless all who hear them. We have not advocated a weekly report, at the same time, I am not sure but a plan similar to that followed by our canvassers would result in much good. While it would be impossible to pass it all through the RECORDER yet, when we have the information, as we write our churches we have a store of good things to tell them which does them a world of good.

I have no criticism to offer as our

workers have been quite faithful in reporting. This is only a reminder for us to keep our diaries so we will have a record of these evidences of the Lord's workings with us, and continue to give others the benefit of them.

Our workers are trying to set such examples as they would want our people to follow. They have taken a leading part in making donations. In this connection, I want to say that we have taken the lead in financial interests, generally, in encouraging our people to lift to their utmost in clearing our conference of its indebtedness, etc. I wish we might have seen some other way to accomplish this. I know it has been said of men in the past who have taken an active part in the business of the conference, that they were not spiritual.

Not long since, with much reluctance and a heavy heart, accompanied by Brother MacPherson, I started on a trip to some of our churches in the interests of our present obligations. I wish that I might meet with these good brethren and sisters and talk only of spiritual things. Many a letter, as well, have I written, in regard to this matter. I can assure you all that it was no pleasure to me to keep agitating this subject. Well, coming back to this last trip—at the close of our evening service at Modesto, I went home with Brother R. K. Beiler, and hastily retired with the work of the following day upon my heart. I knew that if we visited all our brethren that day, we could only make short calls and many times circumstances would be such that we would not be able to have a season of prayer with them. That night I dreamed that an angel came to my

room; I arose and hastened to extend greetings, the angel coming hurriedly to meet me; I was so anxious that there should be some communication for me that I immediately awoke; so impressive was this dream that I looked about my room to see whether there was a heavenly visitor present; so realistic was it that I was awe stricken, and never in all my life did any place ever seem more sacred than that room. You may be sure I went on my mission, visiting the brethren in Modesto, then to Hughson, and from thence to Salida, with a courageous spirit, and the results were marvelous. I am glad to report that at this writing we are able to tell you that the most of the debt is provided for so it will not be necessary for us to say very much about it hereafter. The loyalty with which our people are responding is wonderful. It is very evident that the Lord is blessing in this work. I hope that we can now devote our time when visiting, in considering the spiritual interests of the churches.

A brother who was to be baptized was asked to let another hold his purse while he was immersed, but he replied that he wanted it baptized, too. Brethren and sisters, that shows a willingness to give for the work, and indicates that all has been laid upon the altar. The Lord will certainly bless a united people who have given themselves and all they have to Him. I am sure our people are ready for every good word and work.

There is a plan we wish to carry forward in which we hope all will equally join us in carrying out. There are various ways of working. The plan we have in mind is not to ask our people to sell a certain number of "Object Lessons," but to ask every member in this conference to make at least twelve can-

vasses for this book; make twelve visits and give a good canvass for the book at twelve different homes, getting as many orders as possible, if any at all, leaving some literature in each home. Now suppose we take the month of April to do this specific work. What might be done in the month of April if every member in all our churches would make one dozen good exhibitions for "Christ's Object Lessons," passing out some literature everywhere? If but one book were sold by each member in the conference, it would mean 1252 books. We will have more to say about this later, but we certainly hope all will join us in this campaign. There is an inspiration in knowing at a certain time that every one is engaged in a certain work. Our people are taking a good interest in missionary lines; the work is progressing nicely but we have only begun the work we have to accomplish.

Let us pray, plan, and work.

C. L. Taggart.

Organization

[Extracts from a sermon preached by Elder C. L. Taggart at Lodi, February 1, 1913.]

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." 1 Cor. 12:27. It is probably apparent to you that I want to consider with you to-day the subject of organization. Here the human body is used to illustrate the union and harmonious working of the church of God; you have doubtless heard this enlarged upon from this standpoint. Again, the church is represented by a "building fitly framed together," and other like illustrations. The very building of this text and this chapter teach a similar lesson. To begin with, we have letters; then, words; next, a sentence; following this, a paragraph; and last of all, a complete narrative or composition. This beautifully illustrates our organized work; the complete narrative is entirely dependent upon the alphabet, but the letters standing alone have no value. The same is true of the "members in particular." "Letters properly arranged form a word." A word is not intended to stand alone. The same is true of a church. Words orderly united give us a sentence. Combining a number of churches we have a local conference, but like the sentence, there is more to follow. A number of sentences of like import brought together make a paragraph. Just so we connect local conferences making a union. Associate paragraphs of like character and we have a complete narrative which beautifully illustrates the General or World's Conference.

In order to have such an organization, some things are very necessary. In Romans 12:5 we read: "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Not every one is independent of the other but

every one dependent one upon the other. In the same chapter we read: "Be not wise in your own conceits." This must be observed if union and harmony characterize the church. The voice of the church must be as the voice of one man. The Saviour says the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it [the church]." He further says: "and whatsoever thou [the church, not an individual] shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou [the church] shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." It is not one man or a set of men delegated to do the work of God on earth, but a united church. There is no meeting ever held by the church so important as a business meeting; there you act unitedly for God; how important that the spirit of heaven control the church in executive session; it will either tell for or against the Lord's work on earth. Suppose I get a company of men to do a piece of work for me. I have placed the work in their hands. If they do it properly, well and good; if not done as it should be, the work is performed for me just the same. The church not singly but as a whole is the body representing the Lord on earth; whether we do the work as it should be or otherwise, it tells on earth and in heaven.

We individually have our opinions as to what plans should be followed in prosecuting the work of God. In council we find one class view matters in a certain light while another see it entirely different; each have a right to present the matter as they consider it and may urge that their policy be adopted; but if the Spirit of God controls, it will be agreed that when the matter is put to a vote it will be left to what the majority say. Suppose I find myself with the minority, if self-conceit is minus I will fall in line and do my best to make the plan succeed. The same is true of a conference. When the majority of the churches agree to follow certain methods, every church with every member in each church should bend every energy to see if that means of carrying forward the work is commendable.

There is much in the Scriptures on organization. Paul's charge to the elders, that they should have a care for all the flock over which the Holy Ghost had made them overseers, shows clearly it was not some scattered sheep but a united flock. Many places we find instructions for the church collectively. For instance, the Saviour tells us first how we shall individually deal with our erring brethren, that you are to "go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone," the very opposite, however, from what is usually done. If it can be settled this way, of course it is never to be repeated to anyone else, for we know the matter is not helped by giving it publicity. If it can not be settled in this manner he says: "Tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." In this instruction you will see that there is an organized body with a church roll. If it was simply a company of people who came together as you have

to-day, and had no church record, what recourse would you have in dealing with one who did wrong? "Tell it to the church" must refer to a company duly united in one common body. There are quite explicit instructions given us on church organization. We read that they ordained elders in every church, and yet some of these churches were very small; so much so that they met in private houses; at least I would judge so, for Paul uses this expression, "Greet the church that is in their house." Rom. 16:5.

It is very interesting to me to study their procedure in the church work. When the number of the disciples was multiplied, and there were some complaints about neglecting some of the widows, they called the church together and said: "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business," and this pleased them. The church elected these men, and then set them before the apostles, and "when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them." Acts 6:1-6. The minister did not do the electing or choosing the men, but the church did so, and then the ministers ordained them. You see clearly the people had a voice in the matter.

Now I read in Acts 16:4, 5 that the ministers and some of the elders,—who had been chosen by the people, as I would gather from the expression,—had been together in a council, had come to some conclusions, had formed some decrees, and then passed them on to the churches; and I am pleased to notice that the churches received them well, for it says: "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5). This isn't all; I understand from the 15th chapter of Acts that they held a conference, too; they sent delegates to that conference. Well, brethren and sisters, as near as I can see, our plan of organization is very much the same as they had back there; and I am glad for such a loyal people as we have to-day. I do not care how much a man may be looked up to in this denomination; let him step aside from the organized work, and you will see that our people lose confidence in him at once. Be it to their praise, our people will not support a man or any institution claiming to be Seventh-day Adventist, that is not working in harmony with the organized work. It is a misrepresentation for one to claim he is a Seventh-day Adventist and not work with us.

In the first place our brethren unitedly support the local churches, then their conference, from that the union conference, then the General Conference.

All men and institutions that have gone off on independent lines must sooner or later fail, but the body intact moves steadily forward. I expect this people as a body to go through to the end. Mistakes have been made and others may be made yet; if you see anything you think can be improved, in the fear of God, do what you can to assist the body as a whole to make advancement; it has

pulling away from the organized work. Let us continue to be loyal to God and with the remnant people stand shoulder to shoulder till the work is over.

Salida Church

In the fall of 1910 a few families from the Hughson section of the country moved into this locality and located a short distance west of Salida. For a time meetings were held in the home of Elder Basney, but in a few months several other families settled near and bought homes, it being their intention to locate near enough to one colony to organize a church school, which was done

during bids on material, the first load of lumber was placed on the ground October 7, by the side of the church school building, on an acre of land given to our people by the real estate men who sold us the land. After work began on this building it was ready for services in a few weeks. During the erection of the building, the financial committee called on the business men of Modesto, inviting them to assist financially, which they gladly did to the amount of some \$650 in cash. The cost of the material in this building amounted to some \$1,500; the labor was all donated by members of the church.

The Lord greatly blessed His children

dred and seventy-five members; quite a few have accepted the truth within the last year and there are others very deeply interested. We also have a Young People's Society which meets every Friday evening; they come together to sing praises to God and learn more of what the Lord has for them to do.

Our church school is doing creditable work under the management of two teachers, with an attendance of about forty pupils; we are thankful that we have such a school where we can send our children to study the Bible and prepare for the work of the Master. The Lord has certainly blessed us as a people here and our prayer is that we may all be faithful in doing what the Lord has for us to do, knowing that the golden morning is fast approaching and that Jesus will soon appear.

A. F. Dorsch.



Salida Church

the following summer with an enrolment of nineteen students. This school has been blessed in many ways and to-day the enrolment is thirty.

About the beginning of the year 1911, a church building located just east of Salida was rented to hold Sabbath meetings in, and on January 21, 1911, Elder H. C. Basney, assisted by Elder C. M. Gardner, organized a church of some nineteen members. Many of our people have since moved into this locality and joined our ranks, and to-day we have a membership of about eighty, while our Sabbath-school numbers one hundred and twelve. It soon became apparent that a church building of our own was very essential, but no definite action was taken toward securing one until May, 1912, when a pledge was taken from the heads of families, totaling \$1,400.00, which represented one half cash and the other half in labor. After some delay in se-

in laboring to erect a house where He might be worshipped. "Great is our Lord, and greatly to be praised."

Some of our young people have lately taken a stand for the truth and have expressed themselves as determined to follow the Saviour.

May the members of the Salida church, both old and young, with those of our sister churches, press onward and upward in the Christian warfare until the Captain of our salvation shall pronounce the blessed words "Well done," is our prayer.

L. O. Johnson.

Turlock

Perhaps a number would be pleased to hear from our church and learn how the work is progressing at this place. Our work is onward. We have a very neat church building with about one hun-

Redding, Oak P. O.

Owing to our scattered membership, it is rather difficult for us to meet regularly, but we hold services as often as possible. Our quarterly services are attended by all the church-members who can possibly be present. Some come a long distance, but we have some good spiritual feasts at these gatherings.

Quite a little work is being done with the Temperance Instructor as well as Bible readings given; we try to bring cheer and comfort to those who are sick and in need and the Lord has blessed our efforts.

J. C. Duncan.

Camino

A very interesting Young People's meeting was held at Camino, February 1. About twenty were present—the majority young people. It was very encouraging to notice the progress being made in storing up the Word of God in their hearts and minds. We had some temperance pledges and Morning Watch Calendars with us: fifteen signed the pledge. One young man who had used cigarets for over nine years, after a struggle, signed the pledge and said he would stand by it. He was under deep conviction at our meeting on Sunday night.

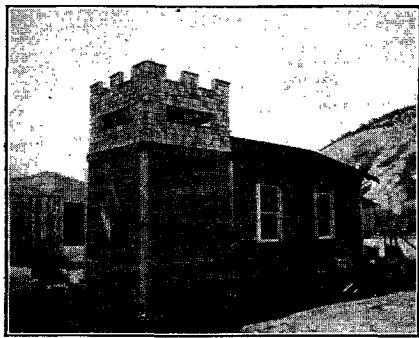
In Placerville we have entered upon house to house work with tracts and hope to find a number who are interested and with whom we can hold readings. Pray for the work in this part of the field.

Mrs. A. J. Osborne.

New Pine Creek, Modoc County

Our tent meetings were opened here in July with a good interest. When the nights became too cold for the tent, we were invited into the Christian church, there being no minister here; but soon we were asked to discontinue our meetings there. One reason they gave was, they feared we would break up the union Sunday-school. Of course this was a perplexing time, as the tent was already taken down and packed, but within twenty-four hours lumber was donated and plans drawn for a neat little chapel, and within forty-eight hours work began on it by Elder Holbrook and the writer.

As you may remember reading in a former report, we held our Sabbath-school there for the first time, November



New Pine Creek Church

23, 1912, and services on the evening following. Since then we have held Sunday night meetings regularly, except a few times when it was too stormy for the people to venture out.

When they invited us to leave the church, they thought we would leave New Pine Creek, as we had no place to hold our meetings; but this chapel is a continual reminder to them that God's plans can not be thwarted and that His truth will triumph, and it only strengthened those who were undecided.

During the winter, since Elder Holbrook left, we have been busy with the *Family Bible Teacher* and giving Bible studies besides the regular Sunday night meetings. When the storms kept the people from us, we went to them.

Several times, once in the early fall, we decided to leave, even setting the date, for we thought it a waste of time to stay so long in one place. Each time something seemed to hold us here, and now we see God's hand in it all. The people were very slow to come out fully, even after they admitted "it is the truth," but now we see clearly why we

were kept here, for in the last few weeks those who came out have become strong for this truth, so we feel it is safe to leave them.

There are now ten who are living the truth as the result of the work here in New Pine Creek; there are two or three who we feel confident will come out soon; our Sabbath-school numbers from twelve to sixteen.

A short time ago the subject of pork and tobacco was given to a family who seemed very slow to come out fully, and a few nights after, the man said, "Well, we have quit eating pork and I've quit smoking;" then he went on to say that even the smell of pork made him sick. Our hearts rejoiced at their victory.

One sister has consented to assist with the Sabbath-school work, so that will go on after we leave. It is inspiring to see the interest the children take,—many of the children of old Sabbath-keepers could learn lessons from them.

We expect to make trips over here once a month or oftener, between now and camp-meeting, to encourage the new believers.

There have been many trying experiences and many times of discouragement here, but when we can see God's power manifested in winning precious souls, everything else sinks into insignificance.

We are happy in the work and of good courage.

W. P. Dayton,
Mrs. Veda Dayton.

Paradise

Just a line from Paradise. We are all of good courage and our services are always well attended; our Sabbath-school has a membership of forty-four with an average attendance of thirty. We have had no ministerial help since the week of prayer, but our work is onward. We hold Bible readings and missionary meetings each week, also our regular weekly prayer meetings, which are a great help and benefit to us all.

The work among the people is not very encouraging at present. We are told that the medical missionary work is the entering wedge, so we are spending much time visiting the sick and making use of our opportunities. Each member of our church is anxiously watching the fulfillment of prophecy in the Far East and expresses a desire to be a subject in God's everlasting kingdom which is so soon to be set up.

S. C. Crawford.

Sacramento

The tent effort held in Sacramento awakened a great interest and many rejoice in the truth to-day as a result.

Six persons were recently baptized, all of whom are men with families, and a number of others are keeping the Sabbath who will unite with the church later.

Our work has been hindered here somewhat as we have had no Bible worker for over a year, with the exception of six weeks.

During the winter I have been reaching out, spending a little time at Woodland, Yuba City, and Marysville. Five were baptized at Woodland as a result of the efforts put forth by the church at that place. I hold Sunday night meetings in Yuba City and ten have taken a stand for the truth and are now keeping the Sabbath. Another brother is interested but is not keeping the Sabbath as yet. He gave \$100 tithes and promises \$300 by April. The Lord is certainly blessing the work in all parts of the field. Souls are uniting with the church and all enjoy many rich experiences.

F. DeWitt Gautereau.

Lodi

The work in Lodi among the German brethren is moving onward; some time ago Brother J. H. Boehm returned from Clinton, Missouri, for a short visit with relatives and friends before leaving for his field of labor in South America, and he held a one week's meeting with the brethren here. Through the effort put forth, ten were converted and buried with their Lord in baptism and united with the German church.

The past year I attended the camp-meeting at Spokane, Washington, where twenty-four German brethren and sisters were converted; from there I went to Portland and saw eight more take their stand for the Lord.

Elder Henry Shultz.

Stockton

Among the cases of interest in Stockton is that of a lady reared in the darkness of Romanism, who has recently united with the church and entered the work among her relatives and neighbors with earnest determination. A Catholic lady living near her said that she was done with her church when listening to a passage read from a Catholic publication saying they had changed the Sabbath; this sister being called to the

death-bed of her worldly father-in-law, presented the message to him and he accepted the Saviour and the Sabbath as well. When his former minister visited him he told him of the Sabbath; a second minister came and talked with the dying man and when the minister was asked why he kept Sunday for the Sabbath, he replied: "I can not tell; it has been handed down to me and I suppose it was also handed down to the ones who handed it down to me." A Christian Science lady has recently acknowledged the true Sabbath and upon consulting with one of their prominent workers in regard to the same, was informed that she was right. A number have expressed their desire for Bible readings and are anxious to hear more about the second coming of the Lord and the Sabbath question.

The blessing of the Lord rests upon the Stockton church more and more as the days go by. Slowly but surely the Spirit of God is having its way with our people and there is a spirit of brotherly love coming in among us that is pleasant to behold and is molding this church into the similitude of the Lord's most glorious body. Our congregation is increasing Sabbath by Sabbath, and a number of new faces are present at each service. Nearly every Sabbath we have the assistance of some visiting brethren, but we feel the need of a pastor who could during the week help carry the gospel message to the honest hearts in our city.

Alice Brayshaw, *Bible Worker*.

J. N. Webb, *Elder*.

C. E. Cook, *Elder*.

Corning

The little company at Corning is filled with renewed courage as we see others becoming deeply interested in the Word of God, and altho we are few in numbers yet we are striving to keep our lights trimmed and burning that the rays may find some dear souls and bring them into a saving knowledge of the truth before it is too late. Several to whom we have given Bible readings are interested. Pray for us, brethren, that we may all prove faithful unto the end.

Mrs. W. T. Lyle.

Manitoca

About two years ago, this little company of Seventh-day Adventists was organized with about fourteen members who were holding up the banner of truth and praying that some one might see

and believe. It was not long before our prayers were answered, for seven took their stand with us, and to-day they are strong believers in God's Word. It does our hearts good to listen to the testimonies given. We are all of good courage, believing that the Christian pathway is onward and upward. Prayer, we know, is the keynote to heaven, and our prayer is that some others may be gathered into the fold.

L. O. Lyman.

Surprise Valley

We left Brother and Sister Dayton in New Pine Creek to carry forward the work there and came over the mountains into Surprise Valley. Our first work was at Fort Bidwell. The most of our time was spent in Bible study around the fire-side. Four were added to the church; three were baptized and two more are to be buried with their Lord in baptism in the near future.

A young man and his wife were visiting at the home where we were staying (both were teachers), and they now write us that they are keeping the Sabbath. We came to Lake City December 3, 1912, and found two persons keeping the Sabbath, a result of the work done here last spring. We had a hard time to arouse an interest and have accomplished more by personal work than by public services. One aged gentleman seems to be thoroughly established in the truth; two families are keeping the Sabbath and others are interested. Once a week we are holding cottage meetings two and one half miles in the country, where a good interest is manifested.

Last week we went to Likely, a distance of fifty-five miles, traveling through snow, with the thermometer registering from zero to twenty-one degrees below, and held Bible studies with a man and his wife who were baptized while we were in Fort Bidwell; they are much strengthened and encouraged in their Christian life.

Our Sabbath-school numbers twenty-five; several children attend from families who do not attend our meetings; we pray that the seeds of truth may grow. The people are reading with interest the *Signs of the Times* furnished them by the Lodi Missionary Society.

Remember the work here at the throne of grace.

W. S. Holbrook.

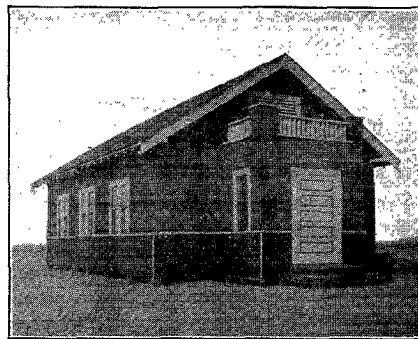
Atwater

About four years ago, a little company of Seventh-day Adventists settled near

Atwater, Merced County, and soon after were organized into a church since known as the Atwater church. They have had a hard struggle building up homes in a country which was almost a desert and which would be a desert to-day except for the many irrigating canals that cut their way through the country.

Some of those first settlers have moved away but a few others have moved in from time to time. About a year ago the Cooperative Land and Trust Company opened a town in the district which they named Winton, which is located on the Santa Fe railroad, and another large section of country was thrown open for settlement and scores of families moved into the district, making a pressing demand for gospel work.

Last fall we pitched a tent in this town and began meetings which were well at-



Winton Church

tended by the brethren and also by the outside people, as many as seventy-five being present at the meetings. After the cold weather came, we moved our meetings into a store building and have continued them since in this place. Recently five were baptized and added to the church and two others are keeping the Sabbath. As the church had no place to meet except a little rough board building that was used for a time for a church school, it seemed necessary to make a determined effort for a new building; so we took the matter up with some of our churches, securing liberal donations from our brethren and outside friends, and raised the necessary means with which to build a church. We decided to build a little chapel in the town of Winton. The old building contained some \$100 worth of material which was first pulled down, then with this lumber and other necessary material the building was commenced. We have been at work about three weeks, and, as the picture indicates, the outside of the building is complete

and painted, and we expect to have the inside finished in the near future. The building is of a neat mission style, 23 x 36 feet in size, besides a vestibule.

The building will be dedicated the latter part of this month. We now have about twenty-five church-members; all are of good courage, and as this is a large country with an ideal climate, we look for the work to advance rapidly here.

E. J. Urquhart,
B. T. Meyers.

Merced

The work here is light as we are very few in numbers, but our services are well attended and all seem to be deeply interested. We are trying to hold up the light of present truth according to the knowledge we have and let no opportunity pass by of giving the message to all who will listen, and the poor are not forgotten in our efforts to bring others to a knowledge of the Word of God.

Brethren, pray for the work here, that our little company may soon be increased in numbers.

Mrs. J. A. Clingenpeel.

Chico

The work at Chico is onward. A few meetings have been held by Elder Fred Brink and some are interested in the truth. Elder Brink will doubtless go to Concow to conduct a series of meetings, as there have been several calls from that place for a worker. We trust that a good company will be raised up in the near future.

Brother C. E. Urquhart and wife of Vancouver, B. C., are visiting relatives and friends at Chico. They will leave next week for Long Beach, where they expect to spend a few months.

A. E. Parker.

Conference Items

Elder Kohn of Lodi German church baptized two persons Sunday afternoon.

Brother W. C. Baldwin of Lodi met with the Manteca church Sabbath, March 8.

Mrs. W. D. Flemming left Monday morning for Oakland in the interest of the magazine work.

The Modesto church is greatly crowded and it will be necessary soon to enlarge their house of worship.

Elder Osborne also writes that the brethren and sisters of Camino are talking some of erecting a church building at that place.

Mrs. Mina Mann received a call from Salida and left for that place Sunday evening in the interest of the church school at that place.

Elder C. M. Gardner writes that a committee has been appointed to consider the matter of enlarging and improving the Turlock church building.

Brother R. S. J. Hamilton of Modesto called at the conference office Monday, March 11. He is planning on entering the foreign missionary work.

Elder and Mrs. Valentin Leer expect to leave in a short time for College View, Nebraska, where they will spend a few weeks with relatives and friends.

Brethren Urquhart and Myers, who have been laboring at Winton the past few months, are now working at Galt, where a church building is being erected.

Elders C. L. Taggart and Henry Shultz attended the annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association at St. Helena, the 12th and 13th. Elder Shultz will go from there to Los Molinos, where he will spend a few days with the little company at that place, holding meetings and getting acquainted with conditions there. Elder Taggart will go to Reno, Nevada, Thursday night to attend a Sabbath-school and Missionary Convention to be held at that place Sabbath and Sunday, March 15 and 16. Verah MacPherson, Mrs. C. L. Taggart and Mrs. Mina Mann, of Lodi, will also leave for Reno Thursday evening to be present at the convention and assist with the program.

Elder Holbrook and Brother Dayton send us the following report from their new field of labor at Cedarville, Modoc County:

"We just arrived at Cedarville and will soon open a series of hall meetings commencing March 12. Since camp-meeting, the towns of New Pine Creek, Fort Bidwell and Lake City have been worked, resulting in twenty-three new converts. Three Sabbath-schools have been organized with a total membership of about fifty; others, in all of the mentioned places, are deeply interested; and the prospects are bright for the spring work. One church has been organized; one chapel

built, and another company is waiting for organization. Cedarville is a thriving little town with a population of about seven hundred. Pray that the honest in heart may be gathered out and a nice little company organized here before camp-meeting."

In a letter received by Elder Taggart, Elder Brink writes:

"By invitation I have been holding meetings with the church here on Sabbaths. The brethren and sisters have found it difficult to understand the lessons on the sanctuary, so have invited me to review them every Sabbath; in nearly every sermon I have preached I have presented the subject in line with the lessons. I have endeavored to make both the sermon and the review thoroly practical, and as a result we have realized many rich blessings from God during the past few months; the Lord has given me many blessings and experiences in the work. I desire to keep very close to Him and to be so pliable in His hands that He can make me a blessing to others. I am still holding meetings in the school-house near Brother Horning's. Pray for the work here."

Special Offer with the Pacific Union Recorder as a Premium

During the month of April, 1913, the California-Nevada Missionary Society will send a full year's subscription to the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER free to any order for the following books, while our stock lasts, that are listed at the regular retail prices, on condition that cash accompany the order:

Past, Present and Future, plain . . .	\$1.25
Thoughts on Daniel, by Smith, cloth . . .	\$1.25
Story of Daniel the Prophet, (old edition)	\$1.25
Seer of Patmos	\$1.25
Home and Health, cloth	\$2.00
Young People's Nat. History, c.	\$1.50

Merl Horton.

Sabbath-School Department

Three new Sabbath-schools have recently been organized in Modoc County; one at Lake City has a membership of 24, while the average attendance for the past quarter, has been 23.

The Sabbath-school at New Pine Creek reports a membership of 18. That of Fort Bidwell eight, but they often have a number of visitors.

The Oak Sabbath-school, 'way to the west of Redding, in Happy Valley, writes "Our Sabbath-school is running regularly; we have two new members."

We are trying to encourage all our schools in giving a three or five minute

missionary talk just before the offering is taken up. Our schools are quite liberal in their gifts, yet I am sure we all want to see a larger sum given for missions.

Sister Plummer writes requesting maps of the state or states with stars marking our schools; she wishes these for General Conference; we have reasons to believe that the Sabbath-school work at that time will be given much consideration and we hope we will receive much that we can pass on to our people that will aid in bringing us where the Lord would have us in this work.

We are much encouraged by the good letters we receive from our Home departments; we hope all our Sabbath-schools will see that there are none of our isolated people who are not having their lessons regularly. If this RECORDER reaches any one with whom we are not in touch, we shall be glad to hear from them, as extra copies of this paper will be sent to our churches. We would suggest to our superintendents that they mail a copy of this issue to all the isolated brethren and sisters belonging to their church. If you do not have sufficient papers, send the names to us and we will send them from the office.

A word about our lessons this quarter may not be out of place. I am sure a great blessing will come to us if we give them the study they should have. We want our Sabbath-schools to be revival efforts. Are new ones coming to Christ as a result of their influence? God grant that this may be the happy experience of all.

Mrs. Lila Taggart,
Conf. S. S. Sec.

Church School Items

A large class are enrolled for Normal work next year. An encouraging feature is the number of boys desiring to take the course.

Miss Benton of the Modesto school is trying, with success, the plan of two sessions,—four grades in the forenoon and the older ones in the afternoon. This school will have two teachers next year.

Mrs. Stone has taken her husband's place in the school at Chico, thus releasing him for other duties. We would like to pass on some of the interesting and helpful devices we found in use in this school while visiting it recently.

We recently visited the little school of four pupils at Esmerelda, taught by Miss Oleta Butcher. We found them doing good work and altho there may be only three for school next year, they are preparing to keep up the school work.

Misses Hicks and Oakes of the Turlock school are doing very acceptable work and a visit to their schoolroom will reveal many interesting devices and methods for carrying on the work. Miss Oakes has been having some interesting sand-table lessons.

Cheering reports of missionary work done by the church schools come in each month. Money is being raised to send a boy to the Industrial School, Waterloo, Sierra Leone, West Africa. It looks now as tho the funds would be sufficient to send several boys.

The Normal students are being encouraged to visit all the church schools they can the remainder of the year. Recently we went with the whole class to visit the Acacia Grove school near Lodi; all enjoyed it and received many helpful hints.

At least three schools will have two teachers each the coming year, and two more are canvassing the situation with this in mind. Stockton is at work on the school question and expects to open one next September. Three more churches will doubtless open schools also.

More pupils entering the Salida school has necessitated putting in an extra teacher this year for the last three months. Miss Edith Johnson of Lodi has been called from her school work to take the place and get an actual experience in the field.

Cheering words come from the teachers in the field; there is a growing enthusiasm in the work; and more and more are our teachers coming to realize the importance of this branch of His cause and the necessity of a rich measure of His Spirit in order that the work may be effectual in saving children.

Miss Alma Fink, who is doing very successful work in Sacramento this year, will help in the primary work of the Lodi school the coming year and take a few advanced studies; two other teachers are preparing to take advanced work the coming year. We are glad to see this feeling growing—for more thoro preparation.

Two more boys have joined the Normal class,—Guy Mann and Elmer Church. Both expect to teach the coming year. This week they visit the schools at Modesto and Salida. Miss Edith Johnson went with us on a recent visit to Hughson, where Miss Angell has a very successful school. We wish every teacher who leaves the Normal could have at least three months experience in the field before receiving a diploma.

Mrs. Mina Mann.

The Chico School

As it has been some time since our little school commenced operations, we will try to make our long-delayed report of the progress made. Tho the children started in with something of a handicap, we feel that on the whole they have done very good work.

School closed last year in March, and

it can be readily seen that there was a great deal of uncompleted work which must be brought up in order to commence with the regular grades. The classes have made a brave struggle against these odds, and if there is nothing to hinder their work, we hope to make a good showing yet. We would like to put in a word here in favor of as long a term as can be consistently maintained, as the work is laid out for a nine months' year, and anything shorter cuts down that time to such an extent that sometimes it is impossible to do the work thoroughly.

It is said of Garfield that he was puzzled at the fact that one of his classmates always had a better lesson in Latin than he did, tho he did not think he was any brighter, or could learn any more easily. One night, when he had finished his lesson, he watched the other boy's window, and noticed that his light was shining fully fifteen minutes longer than his own. "There," he thought, "that is the reason he gets ahead of me; after he has learned his lesson, he cons it over for fifteen minutes longer to impress it more fully on his memory." If we can have the extra fifteen minutes, we can more thoroughly finish the work.

It might be said, too, in passing, that the length of term should be understood at the beginning, in order for the teacher to more effectively lay his plans.

We have tried to devote some time to missionary work, as that, at this time, is one of the most important phases of the school work. We have devoted our Thursday mornings to a school society carried on entirely by the children, with an occasional hint from the teacher. The children thus become familiar with parliamentary usages, and as they arrange the programs mostly themselves, they are better prepared to take part in the Young People's Society. Whether each meeting was a success or not does not so much concern us, as the effort made was worth all the time and struggle. One hundred fifty Temperance Instructors were sold, and there is well started a campaign with the new ones just out.

On the whole we feel that we have been having a successful year's work. If there were nothing else learned than that there must be an effort made on the part of each individual in order to climb the heights of learning as there is no elevator, and if each one has gained so strong a desire to scale the heights that he is willing to make the effort, we would say just the same, that the year's work was successful.

We have an average attendance of about twenty-three. This is divided up into the eight grades, with the exception of the sixth.

Such is our report up to this time. We hope to have more to say later in regard to the more definite results of the class work. C. D. Stone.

Lodi Normal Tract and Periodical Rack

Realizing the necessity of placing our literature more and more before the public, we should always be on the lookout for better ways to reach the people.

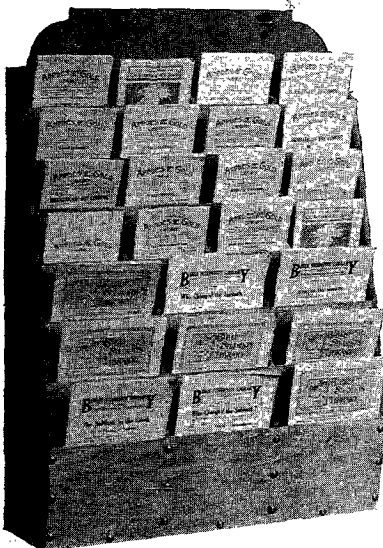
What better way is there than the tract rack way?

As tracts and periodicals play such an important part in the giving of the gospel message for to-day, why not have the little messengers of truth always before the people?

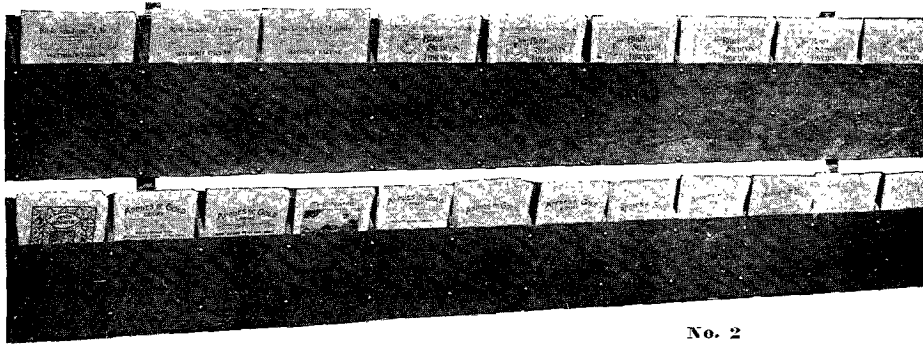
Every church should have a set of racks in a conspicuous place, so that its members will always be reminded of their duty to their fellow men.

Our conference school has gone to considerable expense to perfect racks that will answer all purposes. You can judge for yourself of their value by examining closely the different points. First, we have the large church rack with twenty-five divisions which will either hang on the wall or sit on the table. Each pocket will hold about twenty-five tracts, making a total of six hundred twenty-five.

Rack number two is also intended for church use, having twenty-one divisions and accommodating about the same number of tracts as number one.



No. 1



No. 2

In designing rack number three, several ideas were kept in mind that were gleaned at the recent Bookmen's Convention in Mountain View. It was suggested that it should be built with a glass front, so that not only the title but all the first page could be read without being removed from the rack. Second, that a small mirror placed in the center of the rack would attract many who would not be interested in the reading matter alone.

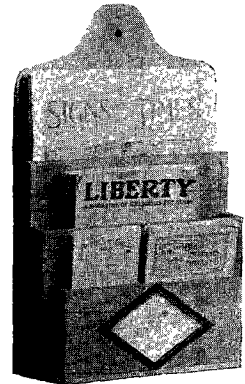


No. 3

Presenting a very neat appearance on account of its symmetrical construction and fine finish, it certainly would be an ornament to any waiting-room or public place as well as giving the truth-laden literature to the people.

Another rack that should be quite serviceable is number four. It, also, is intended for public distribution. It has many good features besides the diamond-shaped mirror in the front. Last but not by any means least is the one intended for home use, so that you will always have your tracts in such shape that you can hand one to a caller at a moment's notice. It has twelve divisions,—six for "Bible Students' Library" size, and six for "Apples of Gold." Why not have one in your home?

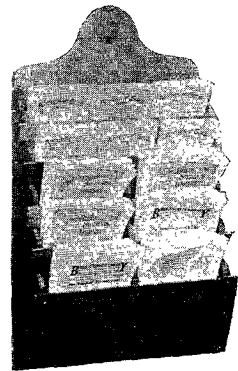
Rack No. 1, \$1.50; Rack No. 2, \$1.00; Rack No. 3, \$1.25; Rack No. 4, \$1.00;



No. 4

Rack No. 5, 75 cents; f. o. b., Lodi, California.

Order from your tract society. 10%



No. 5

discount if all five are taken or in half dozen lots of any size.

Cal.-Nev. Missionary Society.

Life is as full and perfect as my aim;
Peace can be bought with silence or
with lies;
But I would rather censure bear, and
blame,
Than play a coward's part in manly
guise.

—Russell D. Chase.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Below is a comparative statistical report of the California-Nevada Conference; the first column includes the work of 9 months, ending December 31, 1911; the second column, 12 months, ending December 31, 1912.

	9 Mos., 1911	12 Mos., 1912
Number of Churches	22	25
Membership	1079	1210
Number of Companies	8	4
Membership	64	21
Number of Isolated Sabbath-Keepers	41	23
Total Number Sabbath-Keepers	1120	1254
Total Tithe Receipts	\$22299.98	\$27423.98
Tithe per Capita	19.91	21.87
Number of Church Buildings	13	20
Estimated Value	\$31850.00	\$32450.00
Approximate Seating Capacity	2885	2900
Ordained Ministers	9	10
Licensed Ministers	6	3
Licensed Missionaries	8	7
Book and Periodical Canvassers	18	12
Total Laborers	41	32
Retail Value of Book and Periodical Sales	\$9547.74	\$10737.97
Amount of Tithe Appropriated to Fields Outside of Conference	9045.15	9598.29
Offerings for Foreign Missions	5039.06	4282.58
Contributions for Home Missions	597.02	1086.02
Contributions for Local Church Work	2967.42	1988.00

Sabbath-School Department

Number of Sabbath-Schools	35	35
Membership	1337	1385
Sabbath-School Contributions	\$1872.29	\$3216.41
Sabbath-School Offerings to Foreign Missions	1812.22	3216.41

Educational Department

Number of Church Schools	11	12
Number of Teachers	16	16
Enrolment	325	325
Estimated Value of Buildings and Equipment	\$4102.00	\$4300.00
Expense of Annual Maintenance	2287.60	3720.75

Missionary Volunteer Department

Number of Young People's Societies	6	20
Membership	213	334
Contributions for Foreign Work	\$63.78	\$267.38
Contributions for Home Missionary Work	8.40	137.47
Contributions for Local Society Work	10.14	35.01
Total Contributions	\$82.32	\$439.86

VERAH MACPHERSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

C. L. TAGGART,
President.

Tithes and Offerings Received by the Northern California-Nevada Conference

From April 1, 1912, to Jan. 1, 1913

	Tithe	Offerings
	9 mos., 1912	9 mos., 1912
Atwater	\$183.66	\$ 87.36
Camp-Meeting Donations		120.06
Chico	2170.17	386.10
Corning		5.57
Dos Palos	247.80	62.52
Fallon	270.73	119.02
Pt. Bidwell	263.14	49.62
Galt	254.35	98.21
Hughson	251.78	100.12
Home Dept.	587.61	747.96
Lodi, English	4849.80	2593.37
Lou, German	428.97	338.13
LeGrand	121.89	78.33

Merced	1680.14	249.60
Manteca	419.50	90.51
Modesto	560.41	306.72
New Pine Creek	26.05	17.34
Oakdale	230.29	193.73
Oroville	22.95	11.11
Peters	299.47	79.08
Paradise	205.92	98.27
Placerville	239.64	111.14
Reno	366.00	226.76
Red Bluff	102.20	59.16
Redding	216.60	183.80
Salida	594.81	146.14
Stockton	1100.98	426.00
Sacramento	2542.93	515.32
Turlock	1527.69	718.07
Woodland	504.54	461.88

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Verah MacPherson,
Treasurer.

Life's Mission

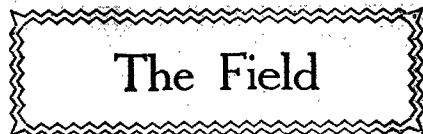
Go forth to life, O child of earth,
Still mindful of thy heavenly birth.
Thou art not here for ease or sin,
But manhood's noble crown to win.

The passion's fire are in thy soul,
Thy spirit can their flames control;

The tempters strong beset thy way,
Thy spirit is more strong than they.

Go on from innocence of youth
To manly pureness, manly truth.
God's angels still are near to save,
And God Himself doth help the brave.

— Selected.



The Field

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Thanks from China

Dear Brethren and Sisters of Central California:

The following letter from Brother C. N. Woodward in China will speak for itself, and expresses the appreciation of the workers in that distant field for the little token of kindness shown them in a shipment of dried fruit last fall. As I am not able to recall the names of all who so kindly contributed to this shipment, I take this opportunity of placing Brother Woodward's letter in full before you.

Let me suggest that we send a shipment this coming fall considerably larger, as you will notice that it was distributed among all the foreign workers in that field, and the thought that came to me while writing this letter was this, What would the shipment amount to when divided among so many?

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Behrens.

"Elder J. H. Behrens,

"Fresno, California.

"My Dear Brother Behrens:

"It may seem that we have been a little slow in acknowledging the receipt of the fruit sent us by the good friends of your conference, but it seemed better to wait until it came to hand so we could report how it arrived.

"The fruit was received about two weeks ago, and came to hand in good condition and was a fine lot. We had no disposition to be selfish with it here at headquarters, so it was divided up *pro rata*, together with a shipment of canned fruit in glass which came with Brother Meeker's goods from the North Pacific Union Conference, and has now been shipped out so that every foreign worker in China will receive an equal share of it all.

"I wish you would, so far as able, express to those who so kindly remembered us, the most sincere thanks of the workers in this field. We know they will receive their reward in the kingdom also.

"The work in China is onward. While the enemy is stirring up the people to hate all foreigners, many are open to receive the truth for these last times; and rejoice with us in it.

"We trust you will remember us in your prayers, for the enemy is strong here,

and besides man we have to combat disease of every kind, and it is only the Lord's good mercy to us that keeps us from it all. With many personal regards, I am

"Sincerely your brother,
"C. N. Woodward."

News Notes

Brethren E. P. Ackley and Paul E. Scoggins have just opened a hall meeting at Fowler. They report good interest.

A series of meetings is being held at Hardwick, a town where little has been done in gospel work heretofore. Elder F. E. Brown and Brother C. W. Fuller have charge of this effort.

Our canvassers who are working in Fresno and vicinity are meeting with excellent success. Monday Brother M. L. Rice sold \$25.00 worth of "Bible Readings." Sister Rice started to work on Wednesday, when she, with the help of Brother Davis, sold \$12.00 worth; and Thursday, the second day, \$17.50. They are finding many people who have been thinking of Seventh-day Adventists and who are leaning toward the truth and are glad to read.

The organization for carrying forward the campaign against the saloons in Fresno was partially effected at a meeting here in the Seventh-day Adventist church Thursday evening. An "Anti-Liquor League" was formed and Mr. M. N. Swetnam elected president. Mrs. H. F. Wakefield, a prominent W. C. T. U. worker, was elected secretary, and Brother G. A. Wheeler elected treasurer. A committee of nine was formed to direct the distribution of the literature and other educational features of the campaign. Dr. R. O. Ross and Brother F. M. Rodman were asked to serve on this committee. This campaign will be in behalf of a straight dry city. The leading temperance workers in Fresno feel that this is a general sentiment of the people and feel hopeful of success. The voting takes place early in April. The 4,000 copies of the *Temperance Instructor*, which will be used in this campaign, have already been received at the office.

Dedication at Byron

Late last summer a tent meeting was held in Byron by Elder Nelson and Brother Fries. As a result of their labors there, about sixteen are keeping the Sabbath.

Sabbath, March 8, we met with this little company and those who had labored for them, and organized them into a church. With the exception of a deacon, a full complement of officers were elected.

In the evening of the same day the dedicatory services of their new house of

worship were held. The lot was donated for this neat little chapel, and the building cost \$1,200. The whole amount has been provided for, so there is no debt.

The chapel is not ceiled inside, but the studding and boarding are beaded and painted, giving a very neat appearance. It will seat about one hundred persons, and is beautifully lighted with electricity.

The house was well filled at the dedication with intelligent and sympathizing neighbors and friends. Many expressions of approval were heard after the service with reference to the building, and also the fact that there was no indebtedness upon it.

Elder Nelson remained over Sunday to administer baptism. The company at Byron are of good courage, and are willing to sacrifice for the truth. They have shown this already in the erection of their house of worship, and we are sure they will continue to give for other objects. We expect the church at Byron will continue to grow.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Church Dedication at Berkeley

Sabbath, March 1, the Berkeley church dedicated their house of worship. For ten years or more this church has moved from place to place, having no certain dwelling place where it could worship.

Last summer the Park Congregational church was offered for sale, located on Fairview Street, near King Street. This building was purchased for \$1,750. Some repairs were needed which made the total cost a little over \$2,000.

The auditorium will seat about 200 persons. There are four rooms in the rear well adapted for Sabbath-school work, and in which a church school can be held. We think the place will prove very satisfactory for the present, but hope it may soon be too small for this growing church.

When the property was purchased the church membership was seventy. Now it numbers one hundred and nine. A good spirit prevails, and there is a marked increase in the activity of the members in all departments of church work.

After the building had been repaired and repainted, it was deemed proper to dedicate it to God and the cause of the third angel's message. Elder Andross was present on this occasion and preached the dedicatory sermon. Elder A. O. Tait assisted in the services. Elder B. J. Cady, recently returned from the South Sea Islands, was also present. The choir, composed mostly of the young people in the church, assisted greatly in the services. It was truly a pleasant and profitable occasion. God helped Elder Andross as he presented the truths for which the house now stands as a memorial.

We believe the Berkeley church will grow in numbers and influence. The labors of Sister Celia Green as a Bible worker have aided in its upbuilding, and in adding to its membership. The church has a large field to work. We hope and pray that it may have good success.

E. W. Farnsworth.

California Conference Current

Prof. I. C. Colcord, principal of the Lodi Normal Academy, was a caller at the office last week.

Elder Andrew Brorsen baptized four believers in Alameda last Sabbath. Let the good work go on. We shall hope to hear of many more.

Several of the conference workers attended the annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association at Sanitarium last week.

Five persons were baptized in the Oakland church March 8. Three of these were from Richmond, and two will unite with the Berkeley church, so we are informed.

Elder Farnsworth spent the forepart of the week at Pacific Union College and the St. Helena Sanitarium, attending important meetings of the boards of these institutions.

Elder and Mrs. B. J. Cady, from the South Pacific Islands, were recent visitors at the home of Elder and Mrs. Farnsworth. Elder Cady is Mrs. Farnsworth's brother.

The meetings in San Francisco, conducted by Elder J. W. McCord and Brother Fries and other helpers, are increasing in interest. The last week the hall has been filled nearly every night. Many are becoming deeply interested. We ask the prayers of God's people that they may fully embrace the truth.

Claude Conard.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Additions to the hospital, which include a new operating room on the fourth floor, are approaching completion.

Several much-traveled guests at the sanitarium are loud in their praise of the scenery surrounding the institution. The view from the main building certainly looks fine at the present time.

The graduating exercises of the training-school will be held April 8; the baccalaureate sermon is to be preached the morning of the previous Sabbath. Those who graduate are: Misses Inga Larsen, Grace Van Horn, Florence Lillard, Margaret Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wesner, Floyd Harris, Karl Murphy, C. G. Lindbloom, A. J. Sargent, A. D. Fowler.

We wish to offer a slight correction to Brother C. G. Bellah's article in the RECORDER of February 27, which, in telling of the bookmen's joining the nurses and helpers in the gymnasium drill during their visit to the sanitarium, stated: "But we had the satisfaction of telling them that we did about as well keeping step to the music as they would selling books." There are 13 nurses in the training-school who have successfully sold our large books,—some earning scholarships, the others as regular canvassers. Twenty-two have sold periodicals, many to the number of hundreds daily. Five others have worked with either books or papers in foreign countries,—England, Norway, and Switzerland. Besides this, nurses often go to neighboring towns with the temperance numbers of the *Instructor*.

A. D. Fowler.

UTAH

Conference Items

Brother and Sister C. H. Castle will soon leave this field. They will go to South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where he will connect with the academy as a teacher.

Brother J. F. Gaster, of Los Angeles, California, has been asked to act as our conference and tract society secretary and treasurer. He and his wife are now in Salt Lake City and the work has been turned over to him.

Elder J. D. Alder moved to Ogden some time ago and is engaged working from home to home with our literature. He is also pastor of the church there. Sister Johanna Jensen is associated with him in the Bible work.

Utah has had an unusually long, cold winter. Notwithstanding that, our state missionary field agent, and others, have been visiting the people from home to home. We hope to have a report from them later. Others are planning to enter the canvassing soon.

On Sabbath, March 8, two new Sabbath-keepers were baptized in Provo and united with that church. This is the partial result of the series of meetings held there by Brother Castle and Elder Adams. One or two more expect to be baptized.

Sister Hilda Jensen, who is working in the Bible work in Salt Lake City, writes me as follows: "One lady, whose husband has forbidden me to call at the home any more, has said that she will hereafter try to observe the seventh-day Sabbath."

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1912

School	Member-ship	Attendance	Regular Offerings	13th Sabbath	Total	Av. per Mem. per Sab.
Alameda	58	45	\$ 33.17	\$ 7.00	\$ 40.17	\$.05*
Arcata	17	14	7.21	3.40	10.61	.05-
Banner	17	15	5.37	.94	6.31	.06½
Berkeley	110	83	108.99	23.62	132.61	.09*
Blue Lake	4	..	....	....	3.50	.07-
Byron	19	16	41.88	8.85	50.73	.20*
Calistoga	29	20	6.89	6.28	13.17	.03½
Eureka	74	54	34.69	15.52	50.21	.04*
Ferndale	6	6	6.35	1.00	7.35	.09*
Finley	6	..	1.30	2.00	3.30	.04*
Fort Bragg	..	..	....	....	4.60	..
Fortuna	9	6	3.50	1.50	5.00	.04*
Guerneville	4	4	7.50	....	7.50	.14*
Haywards	25	19	11.00	1.50	12.50	.04-
Healdsburg	90	73	50.78	7.42	58.20	.05
Kelseyville	4	..	2.65	3.00	5.65	.10*
Lakeport	4	..	3.30	.85	4.15	.08
Los Gatos	22	19	16.56	6.35	22.91	.08
McKinleyville	19	14	4.00	1.42	5.42	.02*
Melrose	120	84	45.49	13.05	58.54	.03*
Miranda	6	6	..	..	2.02	.02½
Morgan Hill	21	20	14.86	4.98	19.34	.05½
Mountain View	204	175	184.45	80.11	264.56	.10
Napa	66	69	36.66	4.04	40.70	.05-
Oakland	265	228	146.29	19.40	165.69	.05*
Oakville	12	11	3.75	4.25	8.00	.05*
Pacific College	175	142	61.36	25.83	87.19	.04-
Park St. S. F.	24	18	20.00	7.00	27.00	.08*
Pepperwood	18	11	3.87	3.30	7.17	.03
Petaluma	15	12	11.50	1.10	12.60	.06½
Petrolia	8	10	15.25	5.00	20.25	.19½
Richmond	25	20	14.43	2.06	16.49	.05
San Francisco	90	67	59.36	17.14	76.50	.06½
Sanitarium	174	113	102.99	32.10	135.09	.06
San Jose	56	48	27.15	5.54	32.69	.04½
San Rafael	8	6	13.60	5.25	18.25	.17½
Santa Rosa	50	40	16.07	6.11	22.18	.08½
Santa Cruz	34	27	15.66	16.29	31.95	.07*
Sebastopol	70	53	16.40	5.29	21.69	.02*
Shively	12	11	9.65	....	9.65	.06*
Sonoma	58	46	37.05	14.05	51.10	.06½
Soquel	7	4	6.74	1.50	8.24	.09
St. Helena	138	110	51.15	12.15	63.30	.03½
Ukiah	38	31	33.02	5.50	38.52	.07½
Vallejo	23	16	5.75	1.13	6.88	.02½
Vista Grande	37	32	27.25	6.75	34.00	.07*
Willits	12	..	9.10	....	9.10	.06
State Home Department	18	..	....	5.05	13.29	.06

Notes

The approximate average contributed each Sabbath per member is given. Where the fraction is more than one half it is marked*. Where it is less, it is marked-.

The school which gave the highest average per member for the quarter was Byron, with over twenty cents per member. Petrolia comes next, with nearly twenty cents.

The average contribution given by all members during the quarter, each Sabbath, was nearly seven and one half cents.

The increase in the Thirteenth Sabbath offering over the previous quarter

During the present session of the Utah legislature, two Sunday bills were introduced. They were both killed, neither one passing either house. Brother J. F. Bunt and Elder W. M. Healey were present and rendered valuable assistance to the cause of religious liberty.

As Brother and Sister Castle are leaving, it was necessary to choose con-

ference secretaries for the Young People's work and the Sabbath-school. Those chosen are, Brother W. A. Johnson for the secretary of the young people, and Mrs. W. M. Adams as secretary for the Sabbath-school work.

was \$24.26. The total increase in offerings over last quarter was \$140.93.

Forty-eight were reported converted in twelve schools.

Eleven schools reported fifty-three baptized.

The schools at Blue Lake and Finley failed to send regular reports, but sent their offerings. The membership given is as it was reported last quarter.

A school has been organized at Fort Bragg, which will report next quarter. The members sent \$4.60 for missions, which is reckoned in this report.

The State Home Department members have written very encouraging letters, and have sent liberal contributions.

Vesta J. Farnsworth,
Cor. Sec. S. S. Dept. Cal. Conf.

A canvassers' institute will be held in Salt Lake City, March 21-29, in the Seventh-day Adventist church. Brother A.

A. Cone is expected to be with us at that time. Let all, who possibly can, attend this institute. All the conference workers will attend this institute for counsel and plans in all lines of the work.

In the Compiled Laws of Utah, 1911, is an act forbidding the sale of "liquor" on "Sunday." The Seventh-day Adventists put in a "bill" amending the act to make it read "every legal holiday" instead of "Sunday." In the discussion it was made plain who was the father of the "bill," yet it passed the house by a vote of 39 to 4. So far as we have learned, it has not reached the Senate yet.

W. M. Adams.

Sandy, Utah

On March 7, 1913, Elder W. M. Adams and wife, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, and the writer opened a series of hall meetings in Sandy, Utah. This town has a population of a little over one thousand, which is practically all Mormon. Since opening meetings here, there seems to be a determined effort on the part of the prevailing church to conduct a dance, theater, card party, or some other entertainment every night, but notwithstanding that, the average attendance is about fifty.

The Rebekah Lodge placed in the Odd Fellows hall a new piano, which they have kindly given us the free use of.

Two months previous to the hall effort here, the town was thoroly worked with literature. There are at present two hundred families who have the message in tract form within their homes. The other day a lady said that she desired to pay for and keep some of the tracts, that she might compare them with the Bible. She also stated that if she found the same texts written in the Bible that were quoted in the tracts, she would thenceforth keep the seventh-day Sabbath.

The company here desires the prayers of God's people.

W. A. Johnson.

San Diego

About three weeks ago we moved to San Diego and began a series of meetings in the University Heights church. Because of the unpleasantness of the weather our attendance has been small from the beginning. The members of the church who could, have cooperated in the work of getting the people out and furnishing the music. All have appreciated the assistance Elder R. S. Owen has given in these meetings. Last Sunday night the writer presented the "Change of the Sabbath" and three precious souls took their stand for the truth. Two of these had been taking Bible readings from our German Bible worker, Brother H. Zutt. We are thankful for these and are expecting more. We ask the prayers of all for the work in this large city.

Silas Davis.

Educational

At the Teachers' Institute — Pacific Union College

A very important and interesting feature of our Institute work is the conference or class meeting that is held with our teachers every two weeks. At these meetings such subjects are presented to the teachers as we feel will be most helpful to them when they are out in the field at work. Some of the topics outlined for presentation are as follows: The Organization and Progress of the Church School Work, The Certification of Teachers, The Relation of the Teacher to the Church, The Essential Qualifications of a Church School Teacher, and kindred topics.

The last mentioned topic was presented at our last meeting by Sister McKibbin. In presenting the literary qualifications of the Christian teacher, she stated that when this work first started many teachers began their work with very poor preparation for it and the Lord accepted their labors and blessed their work because they did the best they could. Today the Lord will accept our labors if we have gained all the preparation we possibly can for the work; but if we are capable of obtaining a grade of 90 or 100 per cent the Lord will not accept a grade of 65 or 70 per cent. Our literary qualifications should be of the very highest order and the Lord will expect us to give to Him the very best of which we are capable.

The speaker also presented to us the spiritual qualifications of the teacher, basing her remarks on the statement, "The habits and principles of a teacher should be considered of greater importance than even his literary qualifications." As the great privilege of the Christian teacher was presented to us, all were impressed with the sacredness of the calling and the responsibility resting upon us in becoming teachers; and all felt constrained to give themselves in a definite way to this work.

At the close of Sister McKibbin's talk a consecration meeting was held and it was indeed a real inspiration to us to hear the teachers express themselves concerning the importance of this great work and their desire to be qualified in every way for it.

The time allotted for our Institute

work is now half gone. Two new students entered last week and others, who can not come for all the work, are planning to come at the last and take the examinations. We believe the Lord is blessing the teachers in their work and our constant prayer is that He will impress many others with a burden for this work and with a desire to give themselves unreservedly to it.

Grace O'Neil Robison.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Manual Training in the Church Schools

The El Centro school, in the Imperial Valley, has already begun selling vegetables from its garden, and are planting more. They are doing whittling and sewing also.

The school at Loma Linda is the largest in the conference, having an enrollment of 101 pupils with four teachers. Their new building of four rooms is filled. They have planted a large lawn and some trees in the front yard, and will plant some flowers soon. They are planting their vegetable gardens in the rear, and will soon have a good variety of produce growing. The pupils in the eighth and ninth grades have planted a patch of early potatoes. The primary children are furnishing a miniature bungalow.

Practical work in cooking is being conducted at the Garden Grove school. The pupils are making a recipe book as they proceed. It was with some hesitancy that the cooking was started, but the results have proved very satisfactory. The parents and the pupils are enthusiastic. A class in sewing is conducted for the girls of the lower grades and the boys have been making some whittling models. Their school garden is doing well and will soon be furnishing vegetables for the cooking class.

The girls in the Edendale school have been doing some very practical work in sewing. The boys of the primary room are the gardeners for this school and have some fine looking gardens coming up. The older boys have been having wood-work since the holidays and have made a number of useful models. Reed and raffia work have received some attention.

In Glendale both the boys and girls of the upper grades have been taking wood-work. They have made good progress and have many models to show for their

efforts. The younger children have been taking sewing.

At Long Beach a large school garden has been planted and is just beginning to show above the ground.

The school at Rivera has done a great deal of work fixing up the school grounds. A fence has been built around the premises, walks have been laid out, and gardens have been planted. The agriculture class trimmed the fruit and walnut trees on the place. They also have an experiment garden.

The primary children at Escondido are much interested in making cardboard furniture for a small bungalow which one of the older boys made for them. The school gardens have been planted for some time and are growing nicely. The sewing class have curtained off a sewing room, which they have made quite cozy. Two hot foods are served each day for dinner by the cooking class. This work is receiving the hearty support of the parents.

Snow is still on the ground at Bishop, but they are at work planting their gardens in hot-beds, where they can be protected from the cold. They expect to have cabbage, tomato, pansy, and other plants for sale.

The Paradise Valley school was among the first to have its garden planted. Sewing class is being conducted for the whole school.

Milton P. Robison.

Religious Liberty

Another Victory

Late advices from Salt Lake City contain the information that the house of representatives adopted by a vote of 39 to 4 a bill drafted by us when engaged in the recent legislative campaign there, whereby the sale of liquor hitherto prohibited on Sunday is shorn of its discrimination in respect to that day by making the prohibition apply to all holidays alike. As Sunday is included among the legal holidays of Utah, nothing is lost to the cause of temperance by the change in the law, and the friends of temperance in the house added an amendment compelling all saloons to close at 10 P.M. on all days, instead of at midnight, as heretofore.

In writing to report this victory, Elder W. M. Adams, president of the Utah Conference, adds that it was made clear in the final debate in the house that the amendment was proposed by the Seventh-day Adventists, who thus are admitted to be the prime movers in this

reform. The Cardon Sunday bill, which failed so ignominiously in the house, where it had been proposed to create additional prohibitions in Sunday labor, was followed by the defeat of a similar bill in the senate, where the vote stood nine to six.

Another bill, introduced at our request, removing all prohibitions from those religiously observing any other day than Sunday from the existing penalties for Sunday labor, awaits determination in the Legislature there, but the reasonable nature of such exemption was recognized by individual members of both houses, who will seek to extend this consideration to those of other denominations and to those not members of any church.

All these movements have brought the obligation of the true Sabbath distinctly before the view of the community, and the discussions held have revealed the undeniable logic of the position taken by commandment-keepers as opposed to apostates from the faith delivered to the saints.

J. F. Blunt.

Sacramento, California, March 14.

Protest

The following memorial, addressed to the State Legislature, by the California Conference, Seventh-day Adventists, was formally introduced March 11 in the Assembly by Mr. Richardson, of San Francisco. It was printed in the *Assembly Journal* of the next day, and makes the ninth remonstrance to be offered this year in the Assembly of California in opposition to the proposed Sunday closing law:

"To the Honorable Senate and the Assembly of the State of California:

"At a convention of delegates, representing thirty-five churches with a membership of twenty-five hundred, constituting the Fourth California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which meeting was held in Oakland, California, January 26, 1913, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote in the affirmative:

"Whereas, The enactment of any law for the compulsory cessation of labor on Sunday is religious in its character, in that it is designed to foster the religious observance of Sunday, and would be detrimental to the welfare and prosperity of the state, and an infringement of the natural rights of mankind; therefore,

"Resolved, That we urge your honorable body to refrain from the enactment of any Sunday law, or other statute whereby the compulsory observance of any weekly day of rest might be attempted by the representatives of the state.

"E. W. Farnsworth,
President California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

"Claude Conard,
Secretary California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."

Besides this and similar protests, filed

with the legislators, in opposition to the proposed exaltation of Sunday as a day of enforced idleness, more than sixty chambers of commerce, boards of trade, and other civic organizations have held formal gatherings to protest against this and other proposed enactments. Several hearings have been held in Los Angeles and elsewhere, at which opponents of the Sunday law have appeared at meetings of the legislators and made appeals for the preservation of liberty in civil and religious affairs. The hotel men, the seaside resort owners, and many others have urged consideration, on account of their business interests, but earnest remonstrance has been made by many organizations on religious and ethical grounds. Such pleas, properly supplemented by personal letters from individuals, will have much to do in preventing the enactment of this unjust and sectarian law. Let a systematic campaign be maintained by cooperative effort all over the state, that the legislators may know the sentiments of all who oppose the law.

J. F. Blunt.

Pray

Pray, Christian! Pray!
Always, and never faint.

God hears thy humble plaint.

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Ask, for the need is sore;

Seek for His secret store;

Knock at His mercy's door.

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Prayer is a weapon strong.

Wield it against the wrong.

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Mightier deeds are wrought,

Knightlier battles fought,

Praying, than man e'er thought.

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Say not the fields are sear;

Deem not the prospect drear.

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Faith shall revive with prayer;

Hope shall her harvest bear;

Love never can despair.

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Pray, Christian! Pray!

"To earth's remotest end,

Lord of the harvest, send,"

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Weep for a world in pain,

Under the blight and stain.

God give it rest again.

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Pray, Christian! Pray!

Plead every promise old;

O, for a faith more bold,

Pray, Christian! Pray!

"Gather thy bride all fair;

Israel's waste repair;

Hasten the crown to wear."

Pray, Christian! Pray!

— J. H. S.

Missionary Work

Foreign Missionary Work in California

Why not? What is the meaning of the great influx from the foreign nations to our shores? What is it but the providence of God directing these people here to receive the third angel's message and then carry it back to their countrymen?

In a letter on this important subject, Elder O. A. Olsen writes:

"In the beginning of the gospel dispensation when the truth was to be preached to all the world, there were present at Jerusalem *representatives from every nation under heaven*. (See Acts 2:5 and also the following verses.) All these people heard the gospel in their own tongue. Was all this a mere happen-so? or had the providence of God so ordered it that these could hear the truth in their own language and carry it to their own people?

"From Col. 1:23 we learn that the apostle is able to say that the gospel at that time had been preached to every creature under heaven. A wonderful accomplishment indeed! especially when we consider the meager facilities and the peculiar conditions then existing. This was made possible by the fact that when the Spirit of God was poured out in such large, copious showers as on the day of Pentecost, representatives from all these nations and people were there to see, to hear and to carry the gospel to their own people.

"Now, the General Conference has never had to send a minister to Germany, Norway, Denmark, or Sweden to learn the language and then preach the truth, because representatives of these nationalities took the truth home to their own countries as soon as they received it from the English-speaking brethren here in America. Had this been done by all the nationalities, the truth would have been far advanced to-day."

In California alone we have more than 195,000 Germans, 86,000 Italians, 60,000 Scandinavians, 45,000 Chinese, 35,000 French, 32,000 Japanese, 20,000 Portuguese, 15,000 Russians, thousands of Spanish-speaking people, and others in large numbers. In every town or city of some size we find *representatives of the 26 leading nationalities of Europe*.

Books and tracts in all these lan-

guages can be easily obtained through the local tract societies, and at a small price. Attractive magazines in the Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, German, and Scandinavian languages may be purchased for a few cents per copy.

Here is a foreign missionary work that we can carry on right in our home state. "While but few of us can ever go to foreign lands to spread the message, we can all have a part in advancing the truth here at home, and in the day of God our work will be considered as valuable as that in regions beyond."

Missionary Items

The Loma Linda missionary society has just ordered \$30.00 worth of tracts — 5325 pieces of literature. Some of the students have Friday mornings for field work.

On a recent visit to the weekly Edendale Missionary Society meeting, one of our workers found a nice new assortment of tracts. The librarian had them nicely arranged on a large table, and, said he, in referring to it, "We had a good 'Free-for-all' meeting."

House-cleaning.—Spring is house-cleaning time. Wouldn't it have an invigorating effect on our missionary work to clean the shelves and closets of old tracts and papers that have accumulated and get them out into circulation? Let's do it all along the line. Make way for your new stock. It will give new life to your work.

One hundred twenty-five pounds of literature were sent out from the Southern California office one day recently to the ship missionaries, Bible workers, and other distributors. Through a little co-operation in that conference a fund is provided, and thousands of pieces of literature are being put into circulation in various ways. Interests are springing up.

Those of our people who take meals at our cafeterias either in San Francisco or Los Angeles can not fail to gain inspiration in seeing how readily the *Signs of the Times* is read. Business and professional men and women may at every meal hour be seen reading the papers which are kept on all the tables. The other day in a few moments at the San Francisco cafeteria we saw eight persons

earnestly reading. The manager of the San Diego cafeteria has just ordered literature for his patrons. May the Lord richly bless this great missionary field.

From way down in the Imperial Valley comes this report:

"Some work is being done by our little company. One sister reports placing six copies of the *Signs* weekly for six months among her neighbors, and she has loaned 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation' to one who is so interested that he sits up until eleven o'clock at night to read it. All of my papers and tracts have been scattered. I am finding people who like to read our papers, and we pray that God will help them to see the truth."

Near the entrance in the large hall at the St. Helena Sanitarium hangs a tract rack that will hold many tracts and papers. Recently I met the one who keeps it filled looking over its empty spaces. "I filled that rack only a few days ago," she said. It is truly remarkable the amount of our literature that is in this way reaching the guests of that institution. How we wish that in some way a similar work could be going on from every sanitarium, treatment parlor, cafeteria, and other of our institutions. Small metal racks can be placed in convenient places. There they are giving out the pages of truth day and night. Word just comes that Brother Balzer, of Pasadena, has opened new rooms for treatments in or near one of the largest hotels in the state. "We are to have a nice reading rack prepared at once for the new rooms," writes Brother Lloyd. "This will be placing the literature before the wealthiest tourists."

Strength for the Home Missionary

Talents unused will rise at the judgment-seat to rebuke us. God gives us ability and then calls us forth into the field that we may exercise it. Fitness for service also lies in the response to God's will. The possession of power and the call of God may both be realized and we may still fail. It is when we say "I will" to God that human weakness is linked to divine strength and then a great service is possible.—*Chapman*.

No young man can be possessed of a right spirit who does not respect women and seek to lighten their burdens.—*Mrs. E. G. White*.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 1913

Miscellany

Obituaries

STEVENS.—Edith Naylor-Stevens died at her home near Napa, on the night of Tuesday, January 14, 1913. She was born at Dayton, Ohio, in 1872. While she was a small child, her father died, and soon after, she, with her mother, went to Massachusetts, where she attended school at the South Lancaster Academy. Later they moved to California, and she attended the Healdsburg College, afterward working at the Pacific Press.

In Fresno, she met Brother Oattie B. Stevens, to whom she was married June 9, 1894. Since that time they have lived at Sanitarium, at Ceres, and other places. Sister Stevens was a devoted Christian, and gave evidence of a consecrated life.

Besides her husband, she left to mourn her sudden death her mother and three children,—two boys aged fifteen and seventeen, and a little girl four years old. The funeral services were conducted at the St. Helena church by Elder C. L. Taylor.

D. E. Robinson.

PARADEZ.—Filipi Paradez was born in Sonora, Mexico, nearly one hundred years ago, and died in Sanchez, Arizona, February 11, 1913. Brother Paradez was one of the charter members of the Sanchez church, having been baptized by Elder Kilgore, just previous to its organization in 1899.

He was among the first to rush to California after the discovery of gold, and spent the most active part of his life there in the employ of Miller and Lix as vaquero, his skill with the lariat being proverbial. He had a wonderful memory, and could tell much of the early history of California. Among his many reminiscences was the story of the falling of the stars in 1833, and he hoped to be permitted to remain till the Lord came.

Though belonging to the humbler walks of life, his example was an uplift to the community in which he lived. Services were conducted by Brother Adiel Sanchez and the writer. Text, Titus 2:13. F. M. Owen.

FLINT.—William P. Flint was born in Penobscot County, Maine, January 29,

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
California						
A. C. Hanson	B. R.	20	6		\$22.00	
O. H. Shrewsbury	P. & P.	29	9	\$6.00	36.00	
Miscellaneous	B. R.	3	3		13.00	
2 Agents		52	18	\$6.00	\$71.00	
Central California						
Wm. E. Whitmore	Min.					\$25.60
Mrs. I. L. Church						30.15
A. M. Gonter	B. R.	6	5		\$17.00	
M. L. Rice	B. R.	7	6		18.00	
F. O. Jensen	H.		1		2.00	
F. M. Slater	G. C.		6		21.50	
6 Agents					\$58.50	\$55.75
Utah						
U. E. Mowery	P. G.	22	3		\$12.50	
A. R. Robinson	P. G.	20	3	\$1.00	14.50	
L. R. Ackerman	P. G.	26	7	5.75	27.50	
3 Agents		68	13	\$6.75	\$54.50	

1850. He was converted early in life; came to Iowa in early manhood. Later he embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith under the labor of Elder R. M. Kilgore, in which faith he died March 3, 1913. He leaves a wife, two daughters, and one son to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

He was apparently well in the evening. About eight o'clock he was stricken with paralysis and died at 1:30 the same night. A service was conducted at the house by the writer. Text, Heb. 9:27, 28. Those who knew him are confident that he was right with God and will come forth in the resurrection of the just.

His body was taken in an auto hearse to Long Beach, California, his former home.

C. McReynolds.

Would You Like to Know at a Glance

When the first Sabbath sermon was preached by an Adventist minister?

Who that minister was?

When the General Conference was organized?

How much money our people have given to the cause since the organization of the General Conference?

How many union and local conferences we now have?

How many laborers are employed?

When we first began work in foreign lands?

When the first missionary was sent to heathen lands?

How many missionaries have been sent to these lands?

How many publishing houses we have? In how many languages the truth is being published?

How many periodicals we publish?

When the first sanitarium was opened?

How many sanitariums we now have?

When the first denominational school was opened?

How many young people are now attending our schools?

Who have been the presidents and secretaries of the General Conference since its organization?

How many sessions of the General Conference have been held, and where?

If you wish to know all these and many other valuable facts concerning the growth of our work, and have them in concise and convenient form for reference, sent 25 cents to your tract society and get the handy Diary prepared by the General Conference which contains this data.

“The love and suffering and death of the Son of God, all testify to the terrible enormity of sin, and declare that there is no escape from its power, no hope of the higher life, but through the submission of the soul to Christ.”

“No calamity can befall the least of His children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which He takes no immediate interest.”

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1913

The annual subscription to the RECORDER is 50 cents; and we take pleasure in receiving renewals.

On Saturday evening, during the last few weeks, Prof. M. W. Newton, of Pacific Union College, has given at the St. Helena Sanitarium an interesting series of stereopticon lectures on the Holy Land. These talks have been greatly enjoyed by patients and helpers.

The friends of both Elder J. H. Behrens and Miss Mabel Noggle will be glad to learn of their marriage which took place at the home of Dr. B. E. Fullmer in Los Angeles, Wednesday evening, March 12. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended to Elder and Mrs. Behrens.

Several days of the past week were spent by the board of trustees of the Pacific Union College in considering the needs of that institution. It was observed that encouraging progress has been made by the management on the new college building, which will be ready for class recitations before the close of the present school year.

The annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association was held at the office of the corporation, Sanitarium, California, March 12. At this meeting the board of directors was increased, by vote of the constituency, to 12 members, and the following persons are to serve for the coming year: L. M. Bowen, Dr. George Thomason, H. McDowell, C. L. Taylor, R. Rose, G. E. Klingerman, W. E. Whalin, J. J. Wessels, E. E. Andross, C. L. Taggart, W. C. White, E. W. Farnsworth.

The following individuals have been appointed by the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference as the delegates from this union conference to the next General Conference: E. W. Farnsworth, Dr. George Thomason, C. C. Crisler, H. H. Hall, Claude Conard, J. W. McCord, F. M. Burg, H. G. Lucas, Dr. D. D. Comstock, J. A. Burden, F. Lane,

J. H. Behrens, Elmer Adams, Nis Hansen, C. L. Taggart, P. J. Wolfson, J. A. L. Derby, W. M. Adams, G. W. Reaser, C. C. Lewis, C. W. Irwin, J. F. Blunt, E. J. Hibbard, and J. J. Ireland. In addition to the above list of delegates the following persons from this field will attend the General Conference: E. E. Andross, C. H. Jones, W. C. White, who are members of the General Conference Executive Committee; and G. A. Irwin, J. N. Loughborough, M. C. Wilcox, Dr. W. A. Ruble, J. O. Corliss, who will be general representatives.

The following testimonial came from a lady who received copies of the *Instructor*, under peculiar circumstances, and who found it to be so interesting and helpful that she sent us her subscription:

"I am enclosing one dollar for one year's subscription to your lovely little paper, for my eldest daughter, and hope to be able to have it in the home until my children are grown. It is by far the best young people's religious paper I have seen, and the only one that ever interested me much. You certainly have a fine combination of common sense and the right kind of religious sentiment, which seems to me is terribly missing in most of the so-called religious papers. I am not a church woman, and probably never will be; but I want and expect to bring my girls up in the fear of the Lord, nevertheless; and your paper I know will be a great help to me.

"You are sending the *Instructor* to Miss Ida Baird here. She has never been here, so the papers are dead in this office, and that is the way I happened to see them."

One of the brightest leaflets ever designed to interest people in studying the scriptures referring to Christ's second coming has just been issued by the *Signs of the Times Magazine*. Its purpose is to bring strikingly to the reader the fact that the Bible has definitely spoken with reference to the conditions and events in the world to-day. Each topic, such as the "Prevalence of Crime," "War Conditions," etc., is introduced with an attractive and striking drawing which at once calls the mind to familiar occurrences. Bible texts neatly arranged present the argument. The leaflet will be used by our people generally in creating among the people a desire to read further on the subject of Christ's coming. It opens the way for the sale of the *Signs of the Times Magazine*, and the gaining of subscriptions for it. Quantities of this *Signs of the Times Magazine* leaflet are furnished the tract societies, from which our people may secure them without cost.

Price Reduced

As long as they last, the Sabbath-school Birthday Cards may be obtained at the rate of one cent apiece on all orders of five or more.

This card was designed especially for the use of Sabbath-school teachers. The autumn leaf design in seven colors, with its dainty background, the neat arrangement of the appropriately expressed "best wishes," the blank lines for the names of the receiver and the giver, and the pure white bristol-board make a very attractive card.

Show your pupils that you are personally interested in them by remembering their birthdays. It is a little trouble, a little expense, but the results make it worth while. Send the order, accompanied by the money, to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Do not wait until the supply is exhausted. There will be no more like these. We shall send out the cards in the order in which the requests are received.

For Sale

A bargain; six-room bungalow containing all the modern improvements, electric lights; ten-minute walk from Lodi Normal Institute.

G. W. Sargeant.

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.

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