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The Field

Quadrennial Report

Pacific Union Conference

The quadrennial period closing with December, 1912, was one of prosperity for the Pacific Union Conference. I may be permitted to speak more freely regarding this matter, since my official connection with the conference as president has covered less than one year of this time. The conference has formerly been blessed with experienced, aggressive leadership, and all departments of the work have moved steadily forward. The Lord has dealt very kindly with His people, and with deep gratitude of heart we acknowledge His blessings both temporal and spiritual.

This union conference embraces the states of California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and these are divided into six

local conferences. Within its territory many and varied interests center, and I am glad to be able to report progress in each. The progress has not been as much as it should have been, considering the times in which we are living, and we have no disposition to boast over what has been accomplished; but God in His great mercy has wrought for us, and of this we gladly speak.

We have endeavored to keep our force of workers constantly employed in aggressive, evangelistic work, largely in new territory, and, with but very few exceptions, some visible success has attended every effort. We now have 143 churches with a membership of 8,777, showing a net gain of 26 churches and 1,337 members. Twelve companies with a membership of 94 and 123 isolated Sabbath-keepers are reported, giving a total of 8,994. Thirty-five church buildings have been added, making 113 in all, an increase of about 45 per cent. The seating capacity of our church buildings has been increased from 15,370 to 21,170, or 5,800, and the estimated value from \$220,775 to \$271,641, or \$50,866.

We have an efficient and devoted corps of laborers that is continually being strengthened by the addition of recruits from our schools. We now have 63 ordained ministers, 27 licensed ministers, and 67 licensed missionaries, with 47 book and periodical canvassers, or a total of 204 laborers.

Finances

There has been a steady increase in our tithe receipts during this period, as follows:

1909	\$117,731.47
1910	135,731.01
1911	160,575.30
1912	179,772.45
Total	\$593,810.23

This shows an increase over the former quadrennial period of \$199,681.46. The average yearly per capita tithe has been \$19.99. A total of \$82,909.44 has been appropriated from our tithe to fields outside of our conference.

The offerings to missions amounted to \$213,155.46, or about 12½ cents per member per week. This shows an increase over the previous period of \$123,612, or 138 per cent. Including the tithe appropriated to fields outside of our conference, we have a total offering of \$296,064.90, with a total increase of \$192,608.84, or 186 per cent. Including the entire amount raised for the work at home and abroad, we have the sum of \$1,081,518.69, or an average of \$129.35 for each Sabbath-keeper. This does not include that which has been raised in cash for our institutions, or in the construction of church and school buildings, which, if added, would materially increase this amount.

Sabbath-School Work

Our Sabbath-school work has made commendable progress. There are at present 192 schools with a membership of 8,294, showing a gain of 30 schools and 1,596 in membership. The total offerings were \$67,336.40, a gain of \$35,338.40 or 110 per cent over the previous quadrennial period.

Educational Work

This feature of our work is also encouraging. Sixty-three church schools have been conducted the past year, with eighty-eight teachers. The enrolment has reached 1,656, an increase of 20 schools, 32 teachers, and 476 pupils. The estimated value of church-school buildings and equipment increased from \$38,000 in 1908 to \$41,326 in 1912.

We have three academies located as follows: San Fernando, Southern California; Lodi, Northern California; and

Armona, Central California. These have an enrolment of about 580 students, and a capacity of about 700. A good missionary spirit has prevailed in each of these schools, and quite a number are now occupying responsible places in the work who received part or all of their training at these institutions. Within the past four years the Fernando Academy has sent forth nineteen students who are now laboring in the following fields: one in Spain, two in the Philippines, one in China, two in Chile, five in India, six in Africa, and two in the Hawaiian Islands. Two are at present under appointment for India. There are two licensed and two ordained ministers, about twenty church school teachers, besides a number of canvassers, bookkeepers and stenographers working in the home land. The Lodi Academy has about 40 of its former students working as church school teachers, canvassers, etc. The Armona Academy students have been quite successful in the canvassing field.

The Pacific Union College will soon complete its fourth year, having opened its doors in September, 1909, with an enrolment of 85 students. Its present enrolment is 167. Since the opening of the college a large ladies' dormitory, one half of our new college building, and several cottages have been erected wholly by the work of teachers and students. A sawmill has been installed, and of the lumber taken from the trees growing on the property these buildings have been constructed. Not having seasoned the lumber, it was necessary to purchase some finishing lumber for part of the work. The school has a well equipped farm of 1,653 acres, and is endeavoring to make the industrial as well as the spiritual and intellectual features as strong as possible, thus giving a symmetrical education. During the four years of its operation about \$35,000 has been credited to student labor, thus enabling many young people to attend the college who would not otherwise have attended.

Owing to peculiar conditions existing in our union, there seemed to be a lack of system in our educational work; and in order to secure closer cooperation to raise the standard of efficiency and to reduce the operating expenses to a minimum, a council consisting of the heads of our schools and the members of the union conference committee was convened for a brief period in June, 1912, when we could have the assistance of Prof. H. R. Salisbury. In December last we called another

and larger council, consisting of the members of the union conference committee, and of the local conference committees in the four California conferences, the members of the boards of our advanced schools, the educational secretary and church school superintendents. About a week was spent in earnest, prayerful consideration of the various interests of our local and union conference educational work. We feel confident that the results of these councils will be seen in increased efficiency in our school work, and in the reduction of our operating expenses.

I take pleasure in reporting substantial and encouraging progress in the work of the College of Medical Evangelists of Loma Linda. It was chartered as a medical college in the latter part of the year 1909, and has four classes enrolled—seventeen students in the first year; seventeen in the second; twenty in the third; and seven in the fourth year. There are also two taking the medical evangelistic course.

From the human view-point it seemed that as a denomination we were quite unprepared to undertake such a large enterprise; but our great need of a school for the training of medical missionaries and the direct counsel of the Lord urged us forward; and as we have endeavored to supply this need, and to walk in this counsel, we have been greatly surprised to see how wonderfully the Lord has led, and how He has enabled us to accomplish apparent impossibilities. The difficulties are not yet all removed, but our courage and faith in God have grown with the experiences of the past few years so that we no longer question the possibility of realizing all that God is calling for in this important department of our work. With the present equipment, and that which is now being supplied, we feel confident that the college will be able to graduate students with a scientific preparation equal to that which may be obtained in any of the medical institutions of the world; and when we consider the spiritual advantages offered, there is left no room for comparison with other medical institutions. We trust that our young people who are seeking a preparation to engage in the work as physicians or as medical missionaries will not fail to take advantage of this splendid opportunity God is now providing for such a training.

Medical Work

We have four conference sanitariums in our union, besides several private in-

stitutions. These are located at St. Helena, Loma Linda, Glendale, and Paradise Valley near San Diego, all in California. The former is the oldest sanitarium under denominational control. The past four years it has enjoyed marked prosperity. For many years it struggled under a heavy load of indebtedness, but through the blessing of God this load has been lifted. From its net earnings the St. Helena Sanitarium has appropriated to medical missionary work in the needy fields the sum of \$22,992.49. Its family of helpers at present numbers 155, including 5 physicians and 75 nurses in training. The food factory has been passing through deep waters, but the sanitarium has come to its relief. At the recent annual meeting the business was purchased by the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

The Glendale and Paradise Valley Sanitariums have passed through trying times, but the situation has greatly improved with each institution. The Glendale Sanitarium sustained a loss in 1908 of \$5,469.59. In 1911 the tide was turned, and we were able to report a net gain of \$3,496.36. In 1912 it amounted to \$7,516.01, and including donations, it was \$9,702.47. With the Paradise Valley Sanitarium the change has not been quite so marked, but during the biennial period its former losses have been converted into substantial net gains. It has recently been purchased by the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California, and is now under the same management as the Glendale Sanitarium. Each of the institutions is enjoying a splendid patronage. They are carrying heavy liabilities, but we believe it will be possible year by year to materially decrease these from the earnings of the institutions. The former has a family of helpers numbering 100, including 5 physicians, 76 nurses, and 19 other workers, while the latter has 55 helpers in all, including 3 physicians, 25 nurses in training and 27 other workers.

The Loma Linda Sanitarium has been prospered materially during the past four years. Its income from patients has increased from \$39,786.99 in 1908 to \$72,619.33 in 1912. Its present worth has increased from \$11,262.65 in 1908 to \$67,519.38 in 1912. With the removal of its liabilities, and the release for the use of patients of all its cottages, now occupied by medical students and employed as a clinical hospital, we believe it will be possible for the sanitarium to very

largely, if not wholly, carry the inevitable financial loss on the operation of the medical college.

Each of these institutions is successfully conducting large nurses' training classes. St. Helena Sanitarium has a class of 75, Glendale 61, Loma Linda 51, and Paradise Valley '25, or a total of 212. Many of our young people are in this way being prepared for efficient service in this great work. While we rejoice over what has been accomplished in this line, we are anxious to make our nurses' training schools still more effective in the preparation of workers to carry the third angel's message to the world, which we believe should be the ultimate object of every nurse receiving a diploma from our sanitariums.

These institutions are coming to be a positive force for the extension of the message. From the human view-point it seemed for a time that we were weighted down with an oversupply of such institutions, especially considering the heavy obligations we were carrying, and the strenuous effort required to place them on vantage ground. We can now see, however, that the Lord, who sees the end from the beginning, guided in their acquisition; and we are assured that if we follow His guidance in the future, we shall soon see every word He has spoken through His servant concerning them verified.

Publishing

Our book and periodical sales for the quadrennial period, closing with 1908, were \$160,992, while for the one closing with 1912, they were \$284,370.45, showing an increase of \$128,378.45, or 79 per cent. One very encouraging feature of this growth has been the large increase in the sale of tracts and small books, especially at our camp-meetings, for use in missionary work in our churches and in evangelistic efforts.

The Pacific Press Publishing Association has enjoyed, during this period, steadily increasing prosperity, its net gain the past year being \$33,343.78. From its net earnings the institution has invested \$9,720.78 in special work, chiefly mission enterprises in the Orient. Its business is wholly confined to our denominational work, and its capacity is almost continuously taxed to its utmost. We rejoice that such splendid facilities have been provided for lighting the earth with the glory of this message.

The Missionary Volunteer Department

The number of societies has grown during the past four years from 47 to 74, while the membership has increased from 937 in 1908 to 1,754 in 1912. While much has been accomplished in the department, it is yet in its infancy, and we expect much larger results in the future.

The Religious Liberty Work

The past four years have been strenuous ones in this line of our work, especially in California. Much has been done to enlighten the people on the true principles of religious liberty, chiefly by the generous distribution of literature on this subject. The names of more than 68,000 voters were secured in the autumn of 1910 and in January of 1911 to a petition addressed to the legislature of California in opposition to any form of religious legislation. It did not become necessary to present this petition to the legislature in 1911, hence it was preserved and presented to the legislature this year. Although very strenuous efforts have been repeatedly made to swing this state into line with all in the union, save Arizona, on the question of Sunday laws, each succeeding effort has failed, and California still stands uncommitted to the evil principle of religious legislation.

Conclusion

There is a strong desire on the part of our people throughout the union conference to see this message speedily carried to the darkest corners of the earth, and with the passing of the year, and the increasingly numerous tokens of the approaching end, this desire is being greatly strengthened. There is nothing that thrills the hearts of our people like the old simple truths of the advent message as they were originally proclaimed by the pioneers of this great movement; and they are ready to join in a grand united forward movement all along the line. With undying faith in the triumph of the message, and the coming of the Lord in this generation, we pledge our property, our children, and our lives, to the blessed work of hastening this glorious consummation.

E. E. Andross,
President.

“He who upholds the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity, at the same time cares for the wants of the little brown sparrow that sings its humble song without a fear.”

Seventh-Day Adventists Pay Last Tributes to Elder G. A. Irwin Services Conducted in Tented Pavilion

Nothing has so profoundly stirred the big encampment at Takoma Park, where the world conference of Seventh-day Adventists is convened in a twenty-four day session, as the death of Elder G. A. Irwin, of California, whose funeral service took place yesterday in the big canvas pavilion in which the conference is meeting.

Four thousand people, gathered from every state in the country and from nearly every nation on the earth, united in the solemn and impressive funeral service in the afternoon.

Elder Irwin, whose home was in Loma Linda, California, had held many positions of great influence in the denomination. He died Friday at the Washington Sanitarium at Takoma Park, of heart disease.

Paying their last respects to their fallen leader, thousands of persons passed by his coffin as it rested, preceding the funeral service, just in front of the great platform of the big canvas pavilion.

After the body had been viewed, the members of the General Conference committee, the governing board of the denomination, of which Elder Irwin had been a member for years, proceeded to the seats reserved for them, accompanied by Mrs. Irwin and Prof. C. W. Irwin, the son of the deceased, who is president of the Pacific Union College at St. Helena, California.

Clergymen Conduct Rites

The funeral service was directed by clergymen who had been closely associated with Elder Irwin. The Scripture reading was conducted by Elder J. O. Corliss, of Mountain View, California. Eulogies of the deceased were given by Elder F. E. Andross, the president of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who succeeded Elder Irwin in this position; Elder A. G. Daniells, of Takoma Park, the president of the General Conference, who also succeeded Elder Irwin in that position; Elder J. N. Loughborough, of Lodi, California, long associated in the ministry with Elder Irwin; and Elder O. A. Olsen, of Chicago, a former president of the General Conference. A choir under the direction of Prof. Clemen Hamer, the musical director of the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, rendered two selections.

After the service, as the funeral cortège

began its journey to Rock Creek cemetery, where interment was made, thousands of persons gathered on the banks of the roadway, and, with bowed heads, as the procession passed between their ranks, paid their last measure of devotion to their leader.

Served During Civil War

In addition to being prominent in the affairs of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, Elder Irwin also served throughout the Civil War.

At the beginning of the war, he joined Company I of the 20th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was engaged in at least seventeen battles and engagements. He was captured, and spent seven months in captivity, being in both Andersonville and Libby prisons.

At the close of the war, he participated in the grand review in Washington, and then was mustered out. Returning to his home near Mount Vernon, Ohio, he joined the prohibition cause. September 17, 1867, he was married to Miss Nettie Johnson, who survives him. One son was born to them.

Later Elder Irwin became master of the county grange of Knox County, Ohio. He became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1885, and shortly after was elected treasurer of the Ohio Conference, of which he later became president. In 1895 he was made director of the Southern missionary operations of the denomination.

Headed General Conference

In 1897 the highest honor in the gift of the denomination was conferred upon him, he being elected as president of the General Conference. This office he filled for four years. In 1901, he was elected president of the Australasian Union Conference, and went out to Australia. He returned in 1905, and was elected vice-president of the General Conference. This office he filled for six years.

During this time he lived at Takoma Park, and also served as chaplain of the Washington Sanitarium, of which he was president of the board of trustees.

In 1910 he was elected to the presidency of the Pacific Union Conference, and removed to California. On retiring from this office, he was made the president of the board of directors of the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, which office he filled at the time of his death.

The pall-bearers at the funeral were close associates of Elder Irwin in the ministry. They were Elder O. A. Olsen, of Chicago, a former president of the

General Conference, and now secretary of the North American Foreign Department of the General Conference; Elder W. C. White, of California; Elder Allen Moon, of Chicago, president of the Lake Union Conference; Elder E. W. Farnsworth, of Oakland, California, president of the California Conference; Elder L. R. Conradi, of Hamburg, Germany, the president of the European Division Conference, and the vice-president of the General Conference; and Elder I. H. Evans, of Shanghai, China, the vice-president of the General Conference for the Asiatic division.—*Washington Sunday Star.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Our Next Camp-Meeting

It is none too early to call the attention of our people in the Southern California Conference to the camp-meeting and conference session which is to be held from August 4 to 17. This meeting will be held in the city of Los Angeles, on a beautiful tract of ground that is easy of access by the electric cars, two of the best car lines of the city passing the grounds within one half block.

The first three days of the time mentioned above will be devoted to transaction of conference interests. This will leave the remaining time clear to be employed in spiritual effort.

Information and instruction relative to election of delegates by churches for representation in the conference session, and concerning rent of tents, and other matters of interest to those who expect to attend the meeting, will be published in the RECORDER at an early date.

There is abundant reason for our looking forward to a meeting of great spiritual uplift. We need such an experience in our lives personally. The work in the Southern California Conference needs the impetus that is to come from this renewal of spiritual life, both for the various phases of its own work and that it may do its part in the great world-wide work. God is willing to give His people all they need and all they ask for in faith. Then will not all our people in every church begin to pray earnestly in behalf of this annual meeting? All should begin NOW to plan to attend from the very first day of the meeting.

Watch the RECORDER for further information relative to the camp-meeting.

F. M. Burg,
Pres. S. Cal. Conference.

Central Hall Effort in Los Angeles

Associated with a good company of Bible workers, we began a series of meetings in Central Hall, February 2. The meetings continued three months, a good interest being manifest all the way through, the congregation ranging from 50 to 500.

A goodly number of books were sold and considerable literature given away. The expense of the meetings came to \$376.58, all of which was covered by the offerings, except \$9.

Twenty-six were baptized and united with the church. Others await baptism, and still others are keeping the Sabbath, whom we hope to see take their stand later.

May 25 we began another effort in a tent in the east side of the city. This effort also promises good results. The first night the attendance was over 500, and Tuesday about 350. We rejoice at the way in which the Lord is blessing the work in Los Angeles, and all the honor be to Him. Pray for the work here.

A. S. Booth.
J. E. Bond.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Stockton Camp Meeting

The date of our camp-meeting this year being July 9 to 20 may not be so favorable for some to attend. The General Conference coming when it did has made it impossible to have it earlier. I am glad to report that regardless of the inconvenience, we are encouraged to believe we shall have a good attendance. Our delegates in this union will have just returned from the General Conference with a fresh experience, and will be ready to lay before us the plans for a speedy finishing of the work. Quite a number of missionaries from lands beyond expect to remain in this country for a time, and we feel sure of good help from this source.

Our conference this year has some very important matters to consider, and we hope that many in addition to the delegates will be present during the time allotted to the business of the conference.

Remember the conference session begins Wednesday morning, July 9, at 9:00 A.M., camp-meeting proper beginning with the sunset meeting Friday night of the same week. It is said that "it is the law of the mind that it will adapt itself to that upon which it is trained to dwell." We hope to keep this matter before our good people,

that we may all adapt ourselves and our circumstances to such conditions as will cause us to be in attendance at this great meeting of the children of God.

C. L. Taggart.

At the Lodi Normal

Responding to a call to give some help along spiritual lines during the closing week of the Lodi Normal Institute, Mrs. Osborne left Placerville Thursday, May 10, and I joined her a few days later, and we continued our effort until the close of the school. While it was a very unfavorable time on account of preparations for the closing exercises and examinations, yet the Lord graciously heard our prayers, and bestowed His blessing upon the school, and we were glad to be there and labor for the dear young people, many of whom gave themselves over to the Lord's service.

The chapel exercises and morning and evening worship hours were seasons of blessing. The last Friday evening sunset service was a precious season. The gentle and peaceful Spirit of God rested upon those assembled in the chapel, and all hearts were touched. It was good to be there.

We enjoyed the exercises of the graduation class, and hope and pray that all who go forth from the Lodi Normal Institute this year will be men and women of God, and will become mighty factors in carrying this glorious message to the world. We hope many of the students will be able to return next year, and that many new ones will avail themselves of the advantages offered by the school.

A. J. Osborne.

Conference Items

Elder F. D. Gauterau held baptismal services in Sacramento Sabbath, May 24, when five persons were buried with their Lord in a watery grave.

A very interesting program was given by the missionary society Sunday evening at the Lodi church. A goodly number were present, and all seemed to enjoy the time spent.

Brother E. J. Urquhart, having finished the work at Galt, left the first of the week to assist with the tent meetings at Yuba City, where Elder D. T. Fero and Brother W. P. Dayton began work last week. We learn that the meetings opened pleasantly,

and we trust that good will result from the effort being put forth at that place.

Brother J. W. Rich spoke to the brethren and sisters of the Lodi church Sabbath, May 24, taking for his subject, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Many important thoughts were brought out, dealing with the problems of sin which every individual has to meet in life.

As a result of a series of meetings conducted by Elders Fred Brink and H. Shultz, seven miles north of Los Molinos, a good church was organized and some were baptized. The work will be continued in the town of Los Molinos, where a tent is being pitched, and we trust that others may take a stand for the truth as a result of the work done there. Elder Shultz spent last Sabbath with the brethren and sisters of the German church in Lodi.

Mrs. Mina Mann and a number of the young people from Lodi attended the church school picnic at Hughson, Sunday, May 25, motoring across the country. All report a pleasant time. Sister Mann is hard at work getting the church school teachers located for the coming year, and is putting forth strong efforts to make the educational work a greater success than ever before. A number of the teachers are already located.

Merl Horton.

May 30.

Appointments

- LODI —
 - June 14, C. M. Gardner;
 - June 21, F. Gauterau;
 - June 28, D. T. Fero.
- STOCKTON —
 - June 7, F. Gauterau;
 - June 14, I. C. Colcord;
 - June 21, E. D. Sharpe;
 - June 28, C. M. Gardner.
- MANTECA —
 - June 28, I. C. Colcord.
- SALIDA —
 - June 7, N. W. Kauble;
 - June 28, F. Gauterau.
- HUGHSON —
 - June 14, N. W. Kauble;
 - June 21, J. W. Rich.
- TURLOCK —
 - June 7, I. C. Colcord;
 - June 28, N. W. Kauble.
- WINTON —
 - June 14, F. Gauterau;
 - June 21, C. M. Gardner.
- SACRAMENTO —
 - June 7, C. M. Gardner;
 - June 14, A. J. Osborne;

- June 21, D. T. Fero;
 - June 28, Mina Mann.
- WOODLAND —
- June 7, E. D. Sharpe;
 - June 14, D. T. Fero;
 - June 21, Mina Mann;
 - June 28, E. Urquhart.
- CHICO —
- June 7, E. Urquhart;
 - June 14, F. Brink;
 - June 21, W. S. Holbrook.
- LOS MOLINOS —
- June 7, F. Brink;
 - June 21, F. Brink;
 - June 28, F. Brink.
- GALT —
- June 7, D. T. Fero;
 - June 28, E. D. Sharpe.
- FALLON —
- June 14, Mina Mann.
- RENO —
- June 7, Mina Mann.
- PLACERVILLE —
- June 7, A. J. Osborne;
 - June 21, A. J. Osborne;
 - June 28, A. J. Osborne.
- FORT BIDWELL —
- June 7, W. S. Holbrook.
- JANESVILLE —
- June 14, W. S. Holbrook.

The Church

The Coming of the Lord in This Generation

[Taken from "Field Tidings"]

Ever since the rise of this denomination there have been those among us who have believed and taught that Christ would come in this generation; that some of the ones who witnessed the falling of the stars in 1833, would live until Jesus should be revealed in the clouds of heaven. This belief was based upon the words of Christ in Matt. 24:34, and on other prophecies which led up to the same thing.

As we study the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, it seems clear that Christ is giving what might be called a double prophecy. That is, He prophesies of two things at the same time and in the same language. The disciples asked Him a double question, and in answering it He gave them a double answer.

They came to Him and said, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" In answering this question, Christ enumerates a number of things that were to take place in that generation, as signs of the approaching destruction of Jerusalem and of its final fall, which would mark the end of not only that generation of men, but also

the Jewish people as a nation. The first part of their question is answered. In answer to the second part of their query, Christ speaks of an increase of famines, pestilences, earthquakes, strifes, wars, and rumors of wars, together with signs to be seen in the earth, sun, moon, and stars. He also warns them of false christ, false prophets, and false teachers that were to come in the last days. These things were to be signs of His second advent and of the end of the world. They were to take place in the last generation of men on the earth. And those who see them are to know by that that the last generation *has come*; that there will not be another generation, and that the end is near.

These predictions we have seen fulfilled within this generation, and the Lord says: "Now learn a parable of the fig-tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, *This generation shall not pass*, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:32-35.

These are the words of God, and they can not fail, and it can not be much longer until Christ will be revealed and the end of all things will be at hand. Wherever we look, we see indications of the end. Wars and rumors of wars daily remind us of the words of Christ. "The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."—*Vol. 9, page 14*. The conditions of the church, society, and the world in general, all point in no uncertain way to the final consummation of all things.

Here are a few words from the spirit of prophecy that I wish every Seventh-day Adventist would consider and ponder well: "I was shown the company present at the conference. Said the angel, 'Some food for worms, some subjects of the seven last plagues, *some will be alive and remain* upon the earth to be translated at the coming of Jesus.'"—*Volume 1, pages 131, 132*. These words were spoken May 27, 1856, at the conference held in Battle Creek, Michigan, fifty years ago. I have before me a list of the names of those present at the

meeting. And of the fifty-seven who were there, thirty-eight have already passed away and become "food for the worms." The names and ages of the remaining nineteen are as follows:

Ellen G. White	age	85
Lorinda Nordyke	"	—
J. E. White	"	63
May Abbey	"	58
W. C. White	"	58
May L. King	"	80
T. B. Lewis	"	72
Ashael Smith	"	76
Ogden Lewis	"	64
Mrs. D. W. Revis	"	60
J. W. Bachellor	"	74
Amelis Bachellor	"	74
Anna I. Wilson	"	72
Julis J. McDowell	"	75
Mrs. R. M. Kilgore	"	73
Smith Kellogg	"	78
Albert Kellogg	"	76
Dr. J. H. Kellogg	"	61
Mrs. Emma Kellogg	"	63

Brethren, this should stir the soul of every believer in the Advent message. The youngest individual now living, of whom we have any record, that attended that meeting is now 58 years old. The oldest one is 85 years old. Elder G. W. Amadon, whose obituary appeared in a recent *Review*, was present at the meeting, and was one who had to lay down the burden before the coming of the Lord. Surely the coming of the Lord draws near. Should not this cause us to "work as in the light of eternity"?

G. G. Lowery.

Seed Thoughts for the Missionary Meeting

The crime of indifference is the crime of the church.

The man that buries his talent buries himself.

Wilberforce truthfully said: "If my faith is false, I ought to change it; if it be true, I am bound to propagate it." We believe our faith to be true. If not expressed to others it will die within us.

Christianity is founded upon love, not on duty. "Duty" is mentioned less than a dozen times in the Bible; "Love," hundreds of times.

"Always abounding in the work of the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

"While the stream keeps running it

keeps clear, but if it comes to a standing water, then it breeds frogs and toads, and all manner of filth." The keys that men carry in their pockets and use every day, wax brighter and brighter; but if they are laid aside and hung on the wall, they soon grow rusty. "Always abounding in the work of the Lord"—is the way to keep clear from the pollutions of the world.

Ernest Lloyd.

Miscellany

The July "Signs"

Can you beat this list of subjects? Short, pointed articles. Full of the message. Without question, a strong number.

"The Reformation and Liberty."—L. A. Reed.

"Supernatural Agencies," Origin of Miracles, False and True.—T. E. Bowen.

"Life from Preexisting Life Only." Evolution Annihilated.—George McCready Price.

"The Present World-Wide Unrest."—Frank S. Weston.

"A Warning Rejected."—Mrs. E. G. White.

"One Star Differs from Another." Study in Astronomy.—L. A. Reed.

"Alphabet of Symbolic Prophecy." The Great Image of Daniel Two, the Kingdom of Man.—M. C. Wilcox.

"The Memorial of Creation." There is only one, and it will never be out of date, and can not be changed, annulled, or superseded.—A. O. Tait.

"A New Dark Ages."

"The Age of Lawlessness."

"Babylon and the Bible."

"Peace or Safety."

"The New Slavery."

"The Burden of War."

"The Dark Ages Foretold."

"War in Europe, Why?—A Sign."

Bible Reading—"The Two Families." Only two—some counterfeits.

Ready for mailing, June 2.

Send in early orders to your tract society.

Canvassers' Band at Bakersfield

Last week we assisted some of the canvassers to get a start at Bakersfield, six working part or all of the time. By Wednesday night the sales figured \$114, which was reported at prayer meeting, after which the Young People's Society was or-

ganized into a canvassers' band. Mrs. M. E. Miller was chosen leader and A. R. Barnes, secretary. At the close Mrs. Miller announced that Sunday would be their first meeting. This meeting was indeed a real success, fourteen being present.

I am assisting again at Bakersfield this week. In eleven hours I have helped four canvassers to sell \$41 worth of books. Last evening at the close of a wide-awake prayer and social meeting, we had a practical demonstration on "Great Controversy," "Practical Guide," and "Story of Daniel." To show the effect I would state that two substantial orders were given at the close.

Herschel Brown, 13 years of age, has learned to canvass for "Story of Daniel," and is having some real success, selling three books in his first two hours.

Irva and Ben Gregory started for San Luis Obispo Tuesday night, where they will canvass for "Bible Readings." One lady who hesitated to give her order, told of the loss of her husband. Before leaving we sang to her the song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and as we prepared to go, she gave her order. Sister Miller is visiting some sick people that we found. Surely this is the Lord's way of reaching the people.

C. L. Davis,

Field Agent, Central Cal.

Wanted

A thoroughly competent hygienic cook for the school cafeteria for next school year. Woman preferred. State experience, wages expected, and give references. San Fernando Academy, San Fernando, Cal.

Wanted

A good strong woman to assist in cooking for cafeteria; also two men for dish-washing. Good home and good wages. Must be Seventh-day Adventists in good standing. Address A. C. Giddings, 2144 Blake St., Berkeley, Cal.

For Sale

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REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 1913

<i>Agent</i>	<i>Book</i>	<i>Hrs.</i>	<i>Ords.</i>	<i>Helps</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Delivered</i>
Utah						
A. E. Robinson	P. G.	19	4	\$3.00	\$21.00	\$24.50
L. R. Ackerman	P. G.	5		6.50	45.00	38.50
2 Agents		24		\$9.50	\$66.00	\$63.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 1913

Arizona						
G. H. Reese	P. & P and H. & H.	27	38		\$119.50	
Utah						
A. E. Robinson	P. G.	10	2	\$7.90	\$15.90	\$ 6.00
L. R. Ackerman	P. G.					23.50
2 Agents		10	2	\$7.90	\$15.90	\$29.50

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 1913

Central California						
Edith Willets and						
Mrs. Gehring	B. R.	19	13	\$3.00	\$43.00	
Dan Breitigam	P. G.	17	5	3.75	25.25	
F. O. Jensen	H.	40	23	7.35	53.35	\$11.85
A. R. Barnes	P. G.	23	8	1.35	28.00	21.00
5 Agents		99	49	\$15.45	\$149.60	\$32.85
Arizona						
G. H. Reese	P. & P. and H. & H.	33	48		\$144.00	
Comer Thompson	C. K.	18	16	\$6.25	30.75	
B. Van Tassel	C. K.	16	18	6.75	36.25	
C. F. Innis		34				\$110.00
4 Agents		101	82	\$13.00	\$211.00	\$110.00

Northern California-Nevada

W. S. Brown	B. R.	25	18	\$6.50	\$32.55	
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Southern California

Henry Block	B. R.	36	7		\$14.85	
David Sackuth	B. R.	34	7		24.00	
H. E. Farmer	B. R. and C. K.	30	10		28.50	
A. B. Chase	B. R.		10		31.75	
John Livingston	B. R.		8		27.00	
Wm. Keele	B. S. and Signs	36	20		14.90	
J. R. Leon	H. & H. Span.	25	7		26.00	
L. C. Parmele	P. G.	3	1	\$.25	3.75	
T. Martin	P. G.	37	6		21.00	
C. T. Adams*	P. G.		10		38.75	
Albert Nelson and Lee Fredrick	B. R.	20	9		31.00	
Mrs. H. Weil	H. W.		1		1.00	
13 Agents			96	\$.25	\$262.50	

*A part of two weeks' work.

Utah

Paul Moore	H.	29	23		\$ 67.00	
A. C. Walgamott	B. R.	36	36		135.00	
A. E. Robinson	P. G.	9	3	\$2.00	15.50	
3 Agents		74	62	\$2.00	\$217.50	

Wanted — Housekeeper

Seventh-day Adventist woman capable of managing the house and doing general housekeeping. Will pay good wages for good help. Address G. M. Harmon, Fallon, Nevada.

For Sale

Will sell, or may trade for property near church school — modern seven room house near Lodi Normal. Address owner, B. T. Myers, 337 East Walnut St., Lodi, Cal.

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In this issue is given the quadrennial report of the Pacific Union Conference, presented at the General Conference, by Elder E. E. Andross, president.

The obituary on pages 3 and 4, of Elder G. A. Irwin, is taken from the *Sunday Star* of Washington, D. C. In last week's paper we stated that the funeral took place May 25, but it should have been given May 24.

Manual Training Work in Fernando Church School

In harmony with the awakening in educational circles to the need for, and the advantages of, a more practical education, considerable attention has been given during the year to this feature of the school work. Sewing, cooking, woodwork, stenciling, raffia, cardboard construction, and gardening have been carried on in the different grades. From the results of the year's work, it is evident that advance steps have been taken, and that manual training branches are worthy of more attention than they have received.

During the closing days of the term very interesting exhibits of the work done in the sewing and woodworking classes were gathered to the respective shops. In all the work the aim has been "Practicability," and the exhibits showed that no time had been spent on theoretical models, but that even fourth graders can make simple, useful articles.

The cooking class gave practical demonstrations of its work instead of the usual written examination.

The children in grades four to six had studies in color combination, giving them a start on the path for refinement in color schemes; also work in constructive and applied design, and all common, and

many of the decorative stitches. This led to stenciling, in which some very pretty articles were completed, including hand-bags, curtains, pillow tops, etc., carrying forward the refinement of color, before mentioned, and showing that much of the beautiful and artistic may be economically brought into the home.

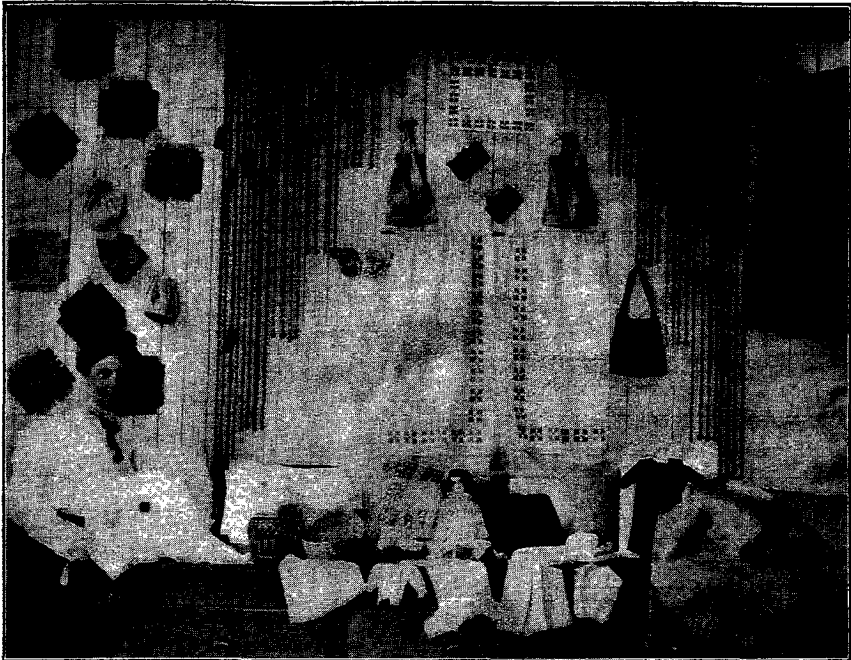
On Fridays, these children were given work in raffia and reed. Various problems in knotted work, Indian stitches, and reed baskets were worked out.

Later in the term a missionary doll claimed their attention. Here once again the children touched life problems in planning the little wardrobe. Utility and simplicity were taught, as well as kinds of materials and goods, and their appropriateness for various garments; also

dinner dishes. Early in the school year, a sample breakfast was given to six invited guests. This plan proved so satisfactory in clinching points of dining-room etiquette and service, that it was repeated after completing each division of the outline. The white aprons and caps which the girls wore, were products of their sewing class. Their time in sewing all their clothing together upon articles for themselves.

This is the first time that cooking has been given here to the pupils in the grades, but the pioneer effort has proved that it can be done with good results.

The primary children carried on their usual busy work combined with nearly all their classes. They had a small doll cottage, which they furnished with card-



Sewing, Stenciling, Reed, and Portiere. Grades 1-6

combination and matching of colors. The bed, trunk, etc., for the doll were made by the boys of the same grade, in their woodworking class.

The boys in the grades from the fourth up were given regular classes in woodwork, beginning with simple articles and introducing more difficult problems, until in the eighth and ninth grades the pupils were making some very desirable models.

The girls of the seventh and eighth grades were united in a cooking class, which met once a week for a period of two hours. Their work was outlined in three divisions: breakfast, lunch, and

board furniture; the rugs and carpets they made on the weaving loom; they tied a hammock also. During the spring, these children gathered the buds from the eucalyptus trees and made a valuable eucalyptus and bead portiere, which they hope to sell, and thus increase their missionary fund considerably.

We have been much encouraged by the interest taken in these different lines of work, both by the children and their parents, and our hope is strong that the manual training feature may quickly find its proper place in the education of our children.
Lotta Bell.