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Sketches of the Past—141

When, in the spring of 1868, the decision was made to open up the work on the Pacific Coast, the overland railroad was not completed, there being an unfinished gap of five hundred miles between the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads. Our only course was to come by steamer from New York to Aspinwall, cross the isthmus by rail to Panama, thence by steamer to San Francisco. While we were waiting for our tent to be made in Rochester, New York, and otherwise preparing for our journey, there was a peculiar providence which greatly favored us in point of means.

A Mr. Peters, of Battle Creek, who had been three times across the isthmus, said to the writer: “You will do well to go to New York and secure your tickets several days before you expect to sail. You will find on the Pacific Mail line the best accommodations. There is another line, the American, which runs a boat between the sailings of the mail line,

and there is considerable competition for transportation between the days of the mail line sailings. You go to New York the day after the mail line ship has sailed. Go to the office of the American line and get their best figures for their next sailing. Then with these figures go to the mail line office, and they will give you good terms, much lower. As for your freight, instead of taking it with you, ship it to New York by Wells Fargo, to go as slow freight to California. It will get there about two weeks after your arrival, at a cost of about one third what it would be to go with you.”

We followed Mr. Peters's advice. We learned that tickets bought on the day of the steamer's sailing, cabin fare, were \$160 for adults, and one fourth that amount for children three and one half years old. This would have been a total for our company of \$680. On going to the American line, the agent said he would carry the adults for \$129 each, and the boy for \$32.00, which would be \$548 for all. With these figures I went to the office of the Pacific Mail line. Their steamer for the next trip, the “Rising Star,” lay at the wharf by the side of the office. I was the second one who had applied for passage. The agent took me aboard the ship and let me select good rooms near the center of the ship, and offered to take us all for \$467.50. This was \$212.50 less than we would have paid had we not been advised by Mr. Peters, for we were planning to go to the steamer and secure our tickets on the morning of the sailing. All this was saved by a trip from Victor to New York and return, at a cost of \$17.00.

Wednesday, June 24, our steamer left New York City, and we arrived and landed at Aspinwall on Friday, July 3,

at 9 A.M. At eleven o'clock we were on our way to Panama by rail, where we arrived at 4 P.M., and were immediately taken by tugboat to the steamer, which was anchored about one mile from the shore. We were told that the steamer would soon be off for California. Instead of that, our boat lay at anchor until Sunday morning, July 5, at 4 A.M. The cause of the delay was this: This steamer, the “Golden City,” was the largest the company owned. The next steamer to make the trip was a small one; so the company took on all the slow freight it could well store to make it easier for the next ship, and to relieve waiting freight.

Our passage from New York to San Francisco, over 6,000 miles, was quite pleasant, especially on the Pacific. Our steamer came to the wharf in San Francisco at 10 A.M., Sabbath, July 18, being twenty-four days from New York. As Brother Kellogg had given us the address of Brother St. John's family, on Minna Street, with the assurance that they would entertain us until we could make further arrangements, Brother Bourdeau went at once to prospect, while I remained with the family until the trunks came from the steamer. He soon returned, stating that he found the few Sabbath-keepers (consisting of Brother St. John, his wife and two daughters, Brother Cronkrite, and a Brother Moon, —two who were to leave for the States on Monday's steamer) assembled for a meeting, which they had adjourned until we should arrive. An expressman took us and our trunks to Brother St. John's, where we were made welcome, and we at once had a brief Sabbath meeting as our first introduction to California.

J. N. Loughborough.

The Field

CALIFORNIA Conference Current

Finding that the evenings are getting cool for services in the tent, the brethren in San Jose are moving into a hall. A number of persons have already been baptized, and others will follow shortly.

Mrs. A. La France, a Bible worker who has been connected with the San Jose tent effort since the camp-meeting at that place, returned last week to Oakland, where she will labor for a time.

In harmony with the action of the conference at its meeting in San Jose in July, the committee is erecting a neat office building on the lot just west of the Oakland church. Already the roof is on and the building nearly ready for plaster.

The brethren at Petaluma write that the interest continues to be good in the tent meetings there. Besides their services at the tent, Elders Nelson and Stevens and their helpers are serving the churches in the Sonoma Valley on Sabbath days.

Elder and Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth returned the middle of the week from Humboldt County, where they have spent nearly three weeks in visiting the churches and isolated believers. They report a very pleasant and profitable time.

A lot has been donated to the brethren at Fort Bragg on which to place a church building. Considerable lumber has also been given by the mills in the vicinity, and Elder A. Brorsen and Brother J. W. Bressie, together with the brethren and friends of the church, are commencing the erection of a place of worship.
Claude Conard.

“Every means should be used to get the knowledge of the truth before the thousands who will discern the evidences, who will appreciate the likeness of Christ in His people, if they can have an opportunity to see it.”

ARIZONA Sanchez

Some of the readers of the RECORDER know that Mrs. Courter and I are carrying on self-supporting missionary work; but on account of the birds, rats, ants, and lack of water, thwarting much of our attempts to raise something and to finish paying for our little place, I have been enabled to do but little besides scattering a few of our papers and preaching each Sabbath to a small company of Mexican believers.

My wife, however, has had marvelous success in caring for the sick. To the dear Lord we give all the glory. I will here relate two instances that have occurred recently: A young woman who had been married but two days, was taken down with a severe attack of typhoid fever. A doctor was sent for, who treated her for about a week. As the woman grew worse, the friends became alarmed, and sent for my wife in the night. Mrs. Courter went on condition that they would stop giving medicine. To this they agreed, and the patient began to improve after the first day's treatment, and continued to improve until she was well.

A little over one week ago, Mrs. Courter was called to the bedside of a woman who had a complication of diseases, and was a wild maniac, the hope of whose recovery had been almost abandoned. The treatments given, which are along God's lines to assist nature, have wrought marvels for this woman. She has been a Christian Scientist, but finally despaired of salvation. After she began to amend, my wife talked to her concerning the hope of the Christian. The woman wanted Mrs. Courter to pray for her, which she did. The woman then prayed for herself. She then praised the Lord that she was not lost after all.

The Lord has greatly blessed Elders Isaac Dillon and William Sims in their work at Safford, four miles from our home. We also had a little camp-meeting at the same place, lasting one week from the 11th of September. Our brethren were assisted by Elders G. W. Reaser and Ernest Bond. Surely the Lord is enduing His servants with power in this closing work. Very soon the brethren expect to organize a church.

At the earnest solicitation of our brethren, and to meet my obligations, I am now teaching my thirtieth year. The school is fourteen miles from my home

at Sanchez, where I taught two years ago. I preach to the little Mexican church here, and the sermon is translated into Spanish, usually by Brother Adiel Sanchez.

Dear brethren, pray for us and the work here.
H. F. Courter.

Solomonsville, Arizona.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Elder C. M. Gardner reports regarding the work at Oakdale: “Interesting services were held last Sabbath and Sunday at Oakdale, after which four willing souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Two others promised to receive this rite in the near future. We are glad to see these souls added to the Oakdale church. Others are deeply interested.”

Sacramento

Within the past few weeks, it has been my privilege to hold communion services with the Sacramento, Woodland, Placerville, and Camino churches, and also the little company of believers at Clarksburg. Sabbath, September 27, I was with the Sacramento church. Many good testimonies were given as the roll was called, and a precious communion service followed. The regular quarterly business meeting was held in the evening, with a goodly number present and a lively interest manifested. It was decided to put forth strenuous efforts to hear from the absent members before the next quarterly meeting.

Sabbath, October 4, was spent with the Woodland church. The present membership is small, and the church has neither elder nor deacon. But we found that the Lord's promise that He would be with the few who meet in His name, is true. At the business meeting in the evening, the teacher of the church school, which has only recently been established, gave an interesting report of his school work. Located in a good section of the country, and with a church school, the Woodland church should in the near future be increased in membership and have a full corps of officers.

Sabbath, October 11, I met with the Placerville and Camino churches. The ordinances were celebrated and a blessed service enjoyed in each place. A hearty welcome would be given, by these small churches, to some of our faithful brethren and sisters from the larger churches

to unite with them in holding up the light of truth. A church school is much needed at Camino, and I understand one is now being started.

Twenty years ago, Elder H. H. Dexter and the writer held a series of meetings at Clarksburg, thirteen miles below Sacramento. A few of those who embraced the truth at that time are still there. With these I had the pleasure of meeting in Sabbath-school and communion service, Sabbath, October 18.

Mrs. Osborne and others have carried forward the work in Sacramento in my absence. A. J. Osborne.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Book Work

"I can say that we have had this publication ('Bible Readings for the Home Circle') at least twenty years, and have lent it many times for use in the Epworth League services. We find it a great help in all young people's meetings, as well as in the home."

Brother Farmer recently secured the above recommendation for "Bible Readings." It shows what people who use our books think of them. Many of our workers have secured other good endorsements for "Bible Readings" this year, and most of them indicate, as does the one above, that people are beginning to see the value of such literature.

Not long ago, I was canvassing a woman for the above-mentioned book, and just as I was about to conclude my canvass, she asked if it was an Adventist book. When I told her that it was, and that it was one of their best publications, she said: "Well, I surely want that book. I have been wanting something like that for a long time." She gave her order for a full leather binding.

Our home workers are getting nicely started now with the small books. Those who are taking up this work are meeting with success, and are having some blessed experiences.

One sister who has never had any previous experience with the books, took eighteen orders in fourteen hours. She said that two women stopped her on the street as she was passing their house, and asked her about the books she was selling, saying that their friends who had ordered from her had told them about the books, and they were anxious to see them. Each of these persons gave an order.

Yesterday a woman who is working

with the home workers' books told me that she had sold as high as four books in a single home.

A brother who began to keep the Sabbath a few weeks ago, came into the office yesterday and got a Home Workers' Prospectus. He went out a little while in the afternoon, and took \$7.50 worth of orders.

One of our faithful workers has just reported \$101.50 worth of orders last week in about thirty hours' time. He is working for "Practical Guide," and this same territory was canvassed for this book about four years ago. This shows that books can be sold twice in the same territory.

While there are a large number who are doing some work with these small books, we are sure there are many others who should have a part in it.

The following statement is taken from a letter which just came to the office from one whom, we are sure, God needs in His vineyard: "Somehow this canvassing question has been bothering me of late, and I do want to be doing my duty." We believe that if all were willing to walk in the path of duty, many others would be making similar confessions. If this brother wants to do his duty—and we are sure he does—God will help him to know his duty. If *your* mind has been troubled because you are not engaged in the Lord's work, why not settle it just *now*, once and for all, and say, "I'll go where You want me to go?"

C. C. Morlan,

Field Agent S. Cal. Conf.

Religious Liberty

New Phases of the Sunday Closing Movement in California

The California Synod of the Presbyterian Church, comprising all the congregations of this denomination in California, decided at its recent session to affiliate with the Weekly Rest Day League in a state-wide movement for municipal Sunday closing ordinances. The synod approved of the appointment of Dr. G. G. Eldridge and Prof. Loren Handley as members of the central committee of the league.

The Weekly Rest Day League is simply the organized personality of the Rev. G. L. Tufts, of Berkeley, whose presumable presence at Santa Rosa,

where the synod was in session recently, doubtless prompted the action of that body. Professor Handley is city clerk of Los Angeles, where he has been identified with the Church Federation and its various activities. The mention of his name at Santa Rosa appears to have been without authority, for it was my honor to give him the earliest information of the action of the synod.

Inquiry of the Church Federation authorities, to whom Professor Handley referred me, for information as to any organized body known as the Weekly Rest Day League, elicited the information that there is absolutely no such organization, the movement being a "one-man" proposition, with the Rev. G. W. Grannis as the conspicuous factor, having for local support a Berkeley concern headed by the Rev. G. L. Tufts. Mr. Grannis was lately injured in a train wreck at Everett, Washington, where he had gone after attending the letter carriers' convention at San Francisco. He is said to have taken the lead of the campaign in thirty-seven states last year for Sunday rest for post-office employees, his interest in the matter being evidenced by the fact that he was general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance.

While in varying guise the same champions of Sunday sacredness are cropping out, wherever legislation is proposed for the compulsory closing of shops on the first day of the week, it is evident, from the endorsement hastily given to this one-man movement by the Presbyterian body above referred to, that the real standing of the Weekly Rest Day League is not so thoroughly understood as it ought to be in California. Other bodies, equally distinguished, are liable to be made the victims of misplaced confidence if not advised of the situation. Mr. Grannis has never been conspicuously identified with any of the legislative schemes heretofore fostered in the legislature by Mr. Tufts, and his prominence now is due, apparently, to his endeavors elsewhere in relation to the post-offices. In other words, his name may have been linked with that of Mr. Tufts for obvious reasons, with the object of strengthening a waning cause in California.

But failing to secure the enactment of a Sunday closing law in the legislature, it is apparent that here and there attempts will be made to secure unconstitutional enactment of local ordinances, with the same object of exalting the

false sabbath. Such ordinances have been proposed for Oakland, Alameda, and Berkeley, and have been rejected by Los Angeles, on proof of their unconstitutionality, as well as of the earnest opposition of the Jews, the Seventh-day Baptists, and the Seventh-day Adventists. Defeat is probable wherever the constitutional arguments are presented; and various religious and civic organizations doubtless would be glad to make common cause, if advised of the intention to make a demand for the preservation of constitutional safeguards. Should any such proposed legislation be offered anywhere in California, send full information to me at 149 N. Kern St., Los Angeles.

J. F. Blunt,

Sec. Pacific Rel. Liberty Assn.

2,600 New Subscriptions

It is with much pleasure that we are able to inform you that the *Liberty* magazine has added 2,600 new subscriptions to its mailing list during the past few weeks. This is in addition to the large increase in monthly sales by our regular agents.

We are especially elated over this increase, because it is largely due to the efforts of a few faithful individuals. If a few persons can swell the subscription list like that in a few weeks, I am confident that we can bring it up to 500,000 new subscriptions this year, provided we can get 20,000 of our people to work for the magazine.

We are receiving many letters of commendation from prominent men regarding the merits of the current issue of *Liberty*. Every mail brings in clubs of new subscriptions, and we are expecting to more than double our list during this quarter.

The present number of *Liberty* has so many good things in it, and it is such a good prejudice breaker, that everybody ought to secure it and work with it during this quarter, to get at least a club of ten subscriptions, which costs only \$2.00 at the club rate.

Visit the patriotic orders in your town, secure their cooperation, and get their subscriptions. It can be done easily. Furnish the news stands in your town with ten copies of the magazine, and see how soon they will sell them for you. Our regular agents in some of the large cities are furnishing the *Liberty* magazine to the news stands in clubs of fifty at five cents a copy, and by doing

this, the agents still make one cent on each copy sold by these dealers. Many copies are sold in this way.

One of our agents recently sold a copy of *Liberty* to a very prominent leader of Christian Science, and she was so favorably impressed with its contents that she gave the agent a long list of names. As a result of his interview with this Christian Scientist, he was able to sell \$348 worth of "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and the Revelation." The same thing might be repeated many times by systematic efforts. One brother has just duplicated this experience by working among the Guardians of Liberty and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He first sold the *Liberty* and *Protestant* magazines to them, and then followed the effort by selling them "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and the Revelation." He did not experience any difficulty in securing their orders.

While there is so much agitation on the subject of religious legislation and the encroachments of Catholicism and apostate Protestantism, over this whole country, let us take advantage of the situation and give the people the truth upon these important questions. Let each one make an effort to secure a club of at least ten subscriptions before the holidays arrive. We shall be pleased to send a sample copy of the *Liberty* magazine to any one who desires to secure clubs of subscriptions for us.

C. S. Longacre.

State Convention in Los Angeles

Los Angeles has been chosen as the place for a state convention, to be held November 19, at which it will be determined whether to undertake a statewide campaign for the adoption on the initiative of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating beverages in California. A call has been issued by representatives of more than twenty-five organizations, and delegates will be recognized on the basis of one person from each church, lodge, party, club, or other temperance, religious, or moral reform organization, and one additional delegate for each one hundred members in excess of the first one hundred or major fraction thereof in any such organization opposed to the liquor traffic. Credentials should in all cases be given the delegates, and should bear the signatures of the presiding officer and secretary of the organization

by which they are issued. These credentials should be retained by the delegates, and handed in to the committee on credentials when the convention assembles; but a list of all delegates should be mailed to Mr. Fred F. Wheeler, 212 South Reno Street, Los Angeles, California. Special fares are promised on the railways; and inasmuch as the issue is clear-cut, and has no distinction of days, like ordinary Sunday closing propositions, there seems to be no valid objection to hearty cooperation in the attempt to drive the saloon business out of California. The opportunity is one that should appeal to Seventh-day Adventists, in the estimation of those who know their hostility to the liquor traffic. The convention will be held in Blanchard Hall, 233 South Broadway, Wednesday, November 19.

J. F. Blunt.

Missionary Work

Harvest Ingathering Campaign

It is clear to be seen already that this Harvest Ingathering campaign is of divine origin. Those who have been out with the *Review* will testify to this fact. One brother remarked the other day, after being to prayer-meeting where a number during the day had been out soliciting, that if the church would send out some each week to have such experiences to tell, he would want to be present at every meeting. It is encouraging to see such a revival coming into our churches. Why shouldn't our ministers and leaders engage in this work? Not depreciating the work that we have done as laborers, yet I want to say that in all our efforts to bring up the spirituality of our people by our preaching, I have never in the same length of time seen such advancement made. When we go out with our brethren and sisters and show them that we are with them shoulder to shoulder in this effort, we find a willingness to take part.

I find that some have looked upon this work as something for women who have but little to do, and for the children in particular. Some have thought it belittling for a man to start with a roll of these papers under his arm. Think of it—a magazine which we believe the Spirit of God has directed in making! I am inclined to believe that the man, I care not what his calling may be, who

thinks this is lowering his dignity, has entirely too high an estimate placed upon himself. Of course, if we go about selling papers at ten cents apiece, that is another thing altogether. This is not saying that it is not proper to receive ten cents, but it seems to me we should pass the papers to the people, asking for donations, requesting them to give freely and liberally. If it is ten dollars, or one dollar, or one dime, thank them for it. If you are inclined to think sometimes that you are engaged in a small work, let yourself once in a while hear yourself say, as you go to the people, that you are engaged in a work that, in your judgment, is a grand and noble work.

We certainly hope that this campaign will not close till every one, man, woman, and child, in this conference, has done his part in this God-given work. It is for your own good I urge it, for the good of the people to whom you go, and for those who will, through the means gathered, hear the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour.

We hope all will do what they can, right now; and let us continue this work to the close of the year. Some have worked faithfully and received good returns. Again, others are receiving small gifts. But all have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing what they can. Some have received over twenty-five dollars, having their mark set for fifty dollars; others have less, but having set their mark high, are working faithfully. I do not know what we will do in helping to develop the interest that is being awakened in the truth. The brethren and sisters will have to furnish tracts and give Bible readings until we can send ministerial help.

One sister writes that she is teaching school, but does what she can on Sunday. She will soon have five dollars. Another has received money from some she least expected would give.

Surely the Lord is going before us in this work. Let us continue to hear from those who have already reported, and many others. Let us not forget to pray while we work. C. L. Taggart.

“It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do that you will develop talents and aptitude for the work, and it is by neglecting your daily opportunities that you become fruitless and withered.”

How One Sister Uses the “Review”

A sister writes as follows: “For several years I have been sending my papers after reading, to four different families, which gives to each one about twelve papers yearly. Before sending I carefully mark the articles which I think will most interest the readers.

“One of the number is a Methodist clergyman. Another is a devoted Christian worker with whom I boarded seven years ago, and who has been shut in almost ever since, caring for an invalid niece. A few days ago I received a letter from her in which she said: ‘Thank you for the dear little paper. Annie [the niece] reads it, and Mr. T. reads it too.’ Mr. T. is the pastor of the oldest Free Baptist Church in the world.”

Thus five families, two of them clergymen, among the lonely New England hills, where the living preacher has never gone, are getting the truth through second-hand *Reviews*.

It seems a pity that any of our good papers should be wasted when they might be saving or at least warning souls. Will not others of our people try this sister’s plan?

E. M. Graham,

Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Dept. Sec.

A Missionary Report

This report of a day’s work, sent in by one of our sisters who is isolated and lives on a farm, ought to stir those who read it:

“I feel I must tell you about my day’s work. I got up this morning hungry and thirsty to work for the Lord, so I began looking over my tracts and papers, and placing my books where I could get to them immediately. They were working the driving horse, and the places are too far apart to walk. But I thought I would do what I could. Soon I saw a man coming after a canteen of water. He runs a pumping plant near. I thought the Lord was sending him here, and I would sell him a book. So when he came, I said, ‘Do you have any time to read?’ ‘Yes,’ he replied, ‘If I had anything to read.’ I said, ‘I have a good book I would like to show you.’ He was so glad to get it he almost grabbed it out of my hands. About noon another man came. I told him I had a good book I would like to show him. He said that he was a bachelor and got lonesome, and would like to have something to read. So he took the book after about a minute canvass. Another man

to whom I was giving some letters, came by. He is a Portuguese. I asked him if he would like to have some papers in his language to read. He said he would, so I gave him some tracts in his own tongue. He thanked me, and said he would give me some money for missionary work. Still another man came by, and I had some more letters to mail. This man is our ditch tender. I told him about the books, and he said he would take one and let his wife see it. I feel sure they will take the book. We talked a half-hour on missionary work. Besides placing the books, I have given away four *Signs* to-day—all without leaving the place—and have written two missionary letters and two cards. It is just half past five, and I may have a chance to do some more yet. Yesterday I had to go to Tranquility, so I took two books and sold them, and mailed one I gave away. The people here are hungry for something to read. I have written to Sister — to come down and help me. Please get me some tracts in Spanish on the change of the Sabbath and the coming of the Lord. I have some more orders for Bibles. If Sister — can not come, send some one else to canvass.”

California Conference Missionary Volunteer Society

We want every isolated young person to become a member of the conference society of Missionary Volunteers. It is encouraging to feel that we are not alone in our labors, but are a part of the large army of young people all working for the same goal. The object of the conference society is to keep every isolated young person in touch with the work that this company of young people is doing all around the world.

I will be glad to have every young person write me in regard to plans for the future, also send me the names of the young people in your community. Let every one who reads this, think if he knows of any one in the conference who is not a member of any society, and get him to send in his name, or send it in for him.

Now, young people, wherever you are in this conference, if you do not belong to a society, send in your name and address to H. B. Thomas, 2201 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, California, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the California Conference.

Are You Taking It?

What are you doing to improve the fast fleeting hours? Are you embracing the opportunity which God has given you for the strengthening of mind and heart, and for the building up of character against the time to come? Our young people throughout the United States and the world are having placed before them just at this time one of the greatest opportunities ever presented to men. I refer to the work of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course. Very few really realize what it means to take advantage of such a splendid cooperative work as is offered in the young people's reading course sent out by the General Conference.

Once in a while, however, we do receive excellent testimonies concerning the benefit derived from this work; and when such testimony comes, it seems only right to let it be passed down along the line. Here is a word that came just recently from one of our young people in Southern California:

"I know I can not commend the reading courses too highly. I am so glad I have taken them! They have entirely destroyed my taste for light reading. I can now peruse a large volume of history or biography with more pleasure than I used to find in the perusal of a story. While I never was a novel reader, there was a time when I could very easily have become one. Novels now have no attraction for me."

This little word speaks volumes in regard to the value of good reading. This young woman has found her mind strengthened, her taste improved, and her power of pleasure wonderfully augmented. Her determination to choose good reading, and, in particular, to follow the reading course, has, in fact, made a complete change in her character and life-work. There are many young people who are to-day going adrift simply because they allow their precious time to go unimproved or else to be spent in some worse than useless way. Instead of becoming stronger and better in life, they retrograde. How necessary that we realize the value of present blessings!

The Young People's Committee of the Southern California Conference is very anxious indeed to encourage all the young people in its particular field to become members of the young people's societies, to join in this work of self-

improvement, and thus be fitted for more faithful work here and for work in the world to come. The committee would like the names of any who are in any way interested in the reading course work, and will do all it possibly can to get into their hands at an early date some of the good books that our young people throughout the world are now reading.

If, when you read this, you have not already secured a copy of the book "From Exile to Overthrow," please take steps at once to secure it and begin the work of self-improvement. The undersigned would be glad to correspond with any who have questions to ask, and will gladly do all in his power to aid the interested ones.

C. L. Taylor.

San Fernando, Cal.

An Educational Program

Next Sabbath, November 1, the Southern California Conference will carry out in all its churches an interesting educational program. This is designed to increase the interest particularly in the church school work of the conference. "Our people believe in the Christian school idea, and are good, loyal supporters," writes Prof. I. C. Colcord, educational secretary. "Still more is to be accomplished, more of our children are to be gathered in—a good work, a noble work, a needed work, a blessed work."

Some of the items on the program are as follows:

Paper—"Secondary Education"—Prof. H. G. Lucas, principal Fernando Academy.

Paper—"Training of Teachers"—Miss Ada Somerset, normal director, Fernando Academy.

Special Music—The local church school pupils.

Paper—"Our Church Schools"—Prof. I. C. Colcord, educational superintendent.

Paper—"Support of Our Church Schools"—Elder F. M. Burg, president Southern California Conference.

Symposium—Messages from our church school teachers.

Concrete Opinions—"The Church School Junior Missionary Society"—Ernest Lloyd.

Offering taken for Church School "Emergency Fund."

Brother James Robison and wife, of Southern California, have recently left for Washington, D. C., under appointment as missionaries to Bengali, India. They will spend a few months at the Foreign Mission Seminary. Before leaving they visited their parents' home at Lemoore, and there, with Prof. Milton Robison and family, attended the wedding of their sister, Miss Laura Virginia. Her marriage to Mr. George E. Stearns took place at Lemoore, September 1. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns will leave for Madison, Tennessee, in October, and a little later they expect to take up regular missionary teaching work in the South.

The series of articles on "Federation of Churches," by Elder B. G. Wilkinson, that is scheduled to appear in the new series of the *Signs*, is now in the hands of the editors.

Elder Allen Moon has also handed in his series on the "Millennium."

Elder G. B. Thompson's articles on "Nature of Man" are also ready. These are from the side of the objector, and cover the subject well.

Dr. D. H. Kress contributes a fine article on "Health" for an early issue.

The Home Department is in receipt of two excellent stories from Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttile.

Obituary

SANFORD.—W. B. Sanford was born in New Haven, Connecticut. As he grew to manhood, he moved to Iowa. Our dear brother was converted early in life, and joined the Methodist Church. In the summer of 1878, he and his wife attended a few lectures on the second coming of Christ. For many years a lover of his Bible, he soon became convinced of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Three years ago he and his family came to California, and were granted membership in the St. Helena church. Brother Sanford has lived thirteen years past the allotted threescore and ten. For about four years, he has felt the feebleness of advanced age. During this time, the Bible has been a comfort and help to him.

Five children are left to mourn their loss. "Let me die the death of the righteous," was the text chosen from which to speak a few comforting words.

S. T. Hare.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Arizona						
C. F. Innis	P. & P. Spanish	17	17			\$45.50
G. H. Reese	C. K. Spanish	27	23		\$34.50	39.00
2 Agents		44	40		\$34.50	\$84.50

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 1913

Central California						
Dr. J. E. Hackney *	P. G.	12	10	\$7.25	\$43.75	
Bert Myers	S. D.	20		5.65	25.65	
D. A. Morton	P. G.	19	9	2.25	35.75	
Ada L. Bond	P. P. F.		8	4.50	20.00	
F. O. Jensen	P. G.	8	3	6.90	11.25	
A. R. Barnes	P. G.	21	8	1.10	29.10	\$69.60
6 Agents	* Two weeks			\$27.65	\$165.50	\$69.60
Utah						
Paul Moore						\$97.00
A. C. Walgamott	B. R.	26	27		\$110.00	
Mrs. Cora Walgamott	B. R.	34	24		88.00	
3 Agents		60	51		\$198.00	\$97.00
Southern California						
C. Egner	P. G.		23		\$101.50	
W. O. James	H. & H.	12	17	\$1.00	43.50	
L. H. Johnson	B. F. L.					\$ 2.00
H. E. Farmer	B. R.					56.50
William Keele	B. S.	32	58		43.00	14.25
C. Castilla	H. W.		63		28.70	
Mrs. Hyatt	H. W.	8	8		7.00	
E. Hilliard	H. W.		24		11.25	
Mrs. M. McDowell	H. W.	6	16		9.25	
Eva C. Buckner	H. W.	3	3		1.50	
T. E. Williams			24		10.50	
Miscellaneous			20		6.00	
				\$1.00	\$262.20	\$72.75

Silent Messengers

"Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts, leaflets, and books containing the message for this time."—*Words of Encouragement to Workers*, page 1.

"Do something; do it now. Remember the angel bearing the closing message of mercy to this world flies swiftly."—*Unpublished manuscript*, Mrs. E. G. White.

These messages from the Lord are most urgent. They call for immediate and wide-spread action. How can we best carry out the Lord's wishes?

Besides the system of lending tracts from door to door, there are many ways in which these little messengers of truth may be used to excellent effect in spreading a knowledge of this message.

A supply of small leaflets may be kept on hand, and one slipped into every letter we write to those not of our faith, business letters included. Who knows

which will prosper? The safe way is to sow beside all waters.

Besides putting them into our personal correspondence, we may obtain names from the tract society offices, of persons who have purchased large books, and open up correspondence with them, sending a letter with some helpful tract, perhaps asking if the book bought has been read, and calling attention to some chapter in it that appeals to us. Care should be taken not to send tracts that would arouse prejudice. Select a practical, spiritual tract, and endeavor to establish confidence and a spirit of inquiry before venturing further.

We give below a letter written by a church worker to a man who had purchased a copy of "Desire of Ages." We do not give this that it may be copied, but that it may suggest ideas, and ways of approaching people.

"Dear Sir:

"Please find enclosed a tract 'Origin

of Evil.' I believe you will read it with interest, as it deals with a subject that has proved a perplexity to many. We frequently hear the question asked, 'If God is love, as Christians say He is, if He is all-powerful, why does He permit so much sin and suffering to exist in the world?' We are glad to know that God has anticipated this inquiry, and in the Bible answered it, and every other question pertaining to man's best interest in this life, as well as his eternal salvation, in such a clear way as to show perfect harmony in the Scriptures. "My object in sending out reading-matter in this way, is that it may be the means of helping others, as it has helped me, by creating a deeper interest and confidence in the word of God, as it calls attention to, and brings light to bear on, features of the gospel not usually touched upon by the churches, but that nevertheless are of vital importance at this time.

"I believe the enclosed tract will be the means of showing that, as the author says in her excellent work, the 'Desire of Ages,' page 22, 'The plan for our redemption was not an afterthought. . . . God did not ordain that sin should exist, but He foresaw its existence, and made provision to meet the terrible emergency.'

"When you have read this tract, kindly pass it on to some one else. I shall be glad to hear from you, and to know if there are any subjects in which you are especially interested, on which I may be able to send you reading-matter.

"Yours respectfully."

Tracts may be used in missionary correspondence with others than those who have purchased books. There are parts of the country which are sparsely populated, where the people do not have as much reading-matter as in the towns and cities. If names and addresses of people living in such localities can be obtained, they are excellent for missionary correspondence, as it is difficult to reach them in any other way. This work is especially adapted to those largely confined to their homes. The busy mother may find time to write one or two letters a week, and the effort will be a spiritual refreshment.

Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Dept.,
E. M. Graham, Secretary.

Those who had the privilege of hearing Elder W. A. Spicer in his inspiring talks this summer, will be more than glad to know that he is already planning a good, strong series of articles for the *Signs of the Times* weekly. Not one of our people can afford to miss them.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1913

The students of the Lodi Normal Academy made up a subscription for fifty copies of the *Signs of the Times* weekly last Monday morning, for use in missionary correspondence work.

Elder R. A. Beckner, of Burma, called at Mountain View this week before leaving on his return trip to his field of labor. He gave an interesting stereopticon lecture in the church last Sunday night. Mrs. Beckner made a short stay at the St. Helena Sanitarium.

Up to the 17th of October there had been ordered from Washington 504,375 copies of the *Missions Review*. There seems to be unusual enthusiasm attending the campaign throughout the United States. More than 73,000 copies have been taken by the conferences in this union. Let us not waste a single one.

The articles from the many missionaries, showing the providences of God in Seventh-day Adventist missions, will be one of the strongest features of the new series of the *Signs* to begin November 11. Let us tell our friends and neighbors all about the leadings of Providence in our missions by sending them this series. There will be new things in these articles for us all.

As a result of missionary effort which is being put forth by one of our brethren in Napa, one man has begun to keep the Sabbath, and others are studying the Bible. But the field is large, and the workers are few. There is plenty of room to work, and God is faithful to fulfil the promise that "he that goeth forth . . . bearing precious seed, shall

. . . come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

For Sale

A modern four-room house with pantry and bath, large cellar, and three lots 50 x 150 feet each, situated 2½ blocks south of Pacific Press, on Palo Alto Ave. Also well-fenced chicken yard, 30 x 50, and chicken house to accommodate fifty fowls. Two of the lots are fenced and have a choice variety of four-year-old fruit-trees, also vines in bearing. For price and terms, call on H. O. Behrens, Palo Alto Ave., Mountain View, Cal.

Special Call for a Meeting of the Central California Conference Association

A meeting of the Central California Conference Association is called to convene in connection with the special session of the conference at Laton, California. The regular delegates to the Central California Conference (unincorporated) are the constituency of the Central California Conference Association. The first meeting of the association is called to meet on Wednesday, November 5, at 10:30 A.M.

J. H. Behrens, *President*.
G. A. Wheeler, *Secretary*.

Call for a Special Session of the Central California Conference

At a joint meeting of the Central California Conference committee and Armona school board it was voted "that the future policy of the Armona Academy and equipment be submitted to a special session of the conference to be called in connection with the coming camp-meeting, October 30 to November 9, 1913."

In harmony with the above action, a special meeting of the Central California Conference is therefore called to convene at Laton, California, October 30 to November 9, 1913, for the transaction of the above named business and any other business as may seem best to the regular delegates and people in conference assembled. The first session of the conference is called to meet on Monday, November 3, at 10:30 A.M.

By order of the conference committee.
J. H. Behrens, *President*.
G. A. Wheeler, *Secretary*.

A company one hundred strong from the Lodi church and the Lodi Normal Academy spent last Tuesday in Sacramento with the *Missions Review*. There is something inspiring about such a united effort. Forty students volunteered. These are days when the message is being carried in extraordinary ways. For example, a special car was secured over the Central California Traction line to carry more than sixty of the company. The rest were taken by automobiles lent for the day's work. We believe the Lord will bless this effort. This is only an indication of the response that is seen to the call to accomplish great things in this Ingathering campaign. More than one hundred dollars was gathered in a similar effort made by the Lodi church and students in Stockton the week before. We trust that this may not only encourage the other churches in the Northern California Conference, but be of inspiration to our people throughout the union.

The reports given by the various companies who went out from the Mountain View church October 15 in the Harvest Ingathering are most encouraging. The Pacific Press was closed for a day, and a large number, gathered into companies so that all of the towns near could be visited, took part in the campaign. In Mayfield one family was found who will be glad to have further calls and Bible readings. In Santa Clara last year one of the brethren found a family who showed some interest, and has during the year sent them literature at times. When he called last week, they showed more of an interest, and told him they had been going to our meetings in San Jose. Upon inquiry of those in charge of the meetings, the brother learned that a Bible worker had already been sent to this home, and that two of the young men sons are particularly interested in the truth.

Two families were found in Mountain View who will be glad to have some one come and study the Bible with them.

At the experience meeting following the campaign, many told of how the Lord had blessed their work, and of the rich experiences enjoyed. Up to date, the amount that has been turned in from this campaign is \$387.51.