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The Field

Word from the Union Conference

The seventh biennial Pacific Union Conference has at the present writing just about closed up its business for this session. The union has been well represented by delegates from every part of the field, men generally of a thoughtful turn of mind, who have given due weight and consideration to every matter that has come before them. Some of the weightiest questions that have ever been dealt with in this union conference have been disposed of at the present session of the conference. All of these will be presented in detail in the regular report of the conference.

Among those present from the General Conference and the North American Division Conference are Elders W. T. Knox, W. A. Spicer, I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, and W. W. Eastman. Their counsel has been highly appreciated by the local delegates, and their advice will doubtless be followed in the

administration of the affairs of the union conference during the coming biennial period.

Among the interesting and profitable occasions are the meetings of the 1,200 or more of our people in the large Baptist church located about three blocks from our own church edifice. The use of this was generously granted by the pastor and his board of trustees, and the favor was very highly appreciated by our own people. Sabbath, March 14, Elder I. H. Evans occupied the time of the forenoon service, and gave a very impressive discourse upon the nature of love, which induces one to keep God's commandments. In a short report no accurate impression can be given of the important things that came forth upon the subject of the morning, but one may truthfully say that it was at least very timely for all, and it is hoped that it opens to our people the era of a deeper consecration and a higher ambition of life.

The afternoon service was conducted by Elder W. A. Spicer, in which he set forth the importance of the missionary work in the regions beyond, and recited in a clear way the many providences of God not only in the establishment of missions, but in the care that has been manifested in behalf of the work in those fields hitherto considered beyond the reach of evangelistic methods.

To date, the evening meetings, since the burden of the conference work was lifted, have been occupied by Elders G. B. Thompson and W. M. Healey.

One feature of the conference worthy of mention is the cheerfulness with which the brethren of the Oakland church have opened their doors to entertain the delegates. Of course it was

not expected that our brethren here would provide meals for the delegates, because that would prevent them from attending the meetings, but excellent arrangements were made with the Y. M. C. A. to feed our people in their cafeteria, which was done with much satisfaction to those who patronized them. In fact, every arrangement in connection with the union conference has given the highest satisfaction.

The ministerial institute proper began Monday afternoon, the 16th, to continue in full swing until the close of Sabbath, March 21. Much regret has been expressed that Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference, could not be in attendance, on account of his slightly impaired health, and his preparation for a world tour to our mission fields.

In this connection we may also state that Brother J. J. Ireland was greatly missed in the councils of the conference, being confined to his home by illness. When it was learned that he would no longer serve the union conference as secretary, because of a call to the North American Division Conference, there was also much regret expressed that he was to leave the field with which he has been so closely connected all the years since the organization of the conference. The delegates expressed, however, a hearty Godspeed to our beloved brother in the work which he has been chosen to in the higher organization.

Brother Claude Conard was elected to fill the position Brother Ireland vacated. Elder E. E. Andross was re-elected to the position he has so ably filled during the past two years. Elder F. M. Burg was chosen to act as vice-president for the ensuing term.

We believe that this conference will mark a new era in the work to be accomplished by this union conference, since there is evidence in the movings of the brethren here to show that a determined effort will be manifest on the part of all to serve more faithfully the cause of the Lord in the future than they have done in the past. We shall look for speedy results from the holding of this conference.

J. O. Corliss.

March 16.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Experiences Related by Workers Experience No. 3

Sanitarium Patient Embraces the Truth

A few months ago a man in a very serious condition was brought to the — Sanitarium. His back was broken, and his body badly crushed, in an accident with a seven-passenger auto car, which knocked him down and dragged him over the ground, the wheels passing over his back. From the first there seemed no possible chance for his recovery, but the Lord had an object in sending him here.

He had once been a Seventh-day Adventist, but about twenty years ago he gave up the Sabbath, as he said he could not get work and keep the Sabbath. He had been in condemnation during all this time that he was breaking the Sabbath. He believed the Lord permitted this accident to restore him to the third angel's message. He fully repented of his sins, claimed the promises of forgiveness, paid up his back tithe as far as possible, and made as complete restoration as he could. I am sure his conversion was genuine. Before he passed away, it was my privilege to baptize him in a bath tub in the sanitarium. Although he suffered extreme pain, he died a happy man in the message, living only a few days after his baptism and his acceptance into the church.

His last words that I remember were, "Wife, has all my tithe been paid?" She told him it had, and he seemed to be at perfect peace. His favorite scripture during his illness was Rom. 8:28. He realized that all things worked together for his good.

A Minister.

Experience No. 4

Timidity Overcome and Souls Saved

The name of a man and a woman was given me, the woman being a daughter of a Methodist minister. He had been reported to me as bitterly opposed to our people.

When I approached the house to call on Mr. and Mrs. —, this minister was sitting on the front veranda. He looked so formidable that my courage failed me, and I passed on. After I had gone about a block, my conscience troubled me so much that I turned about and started back, with the full intention of going in; but when I neared the gate, he looked more formidable than ever. Again I turned coward and passed on. I returned again, and again failed, passing the gate the third time. The fourth time, in anguish of spirit, I said: "O Lord, there must be some one in that house worth saving, or the devil would not spend so much time in frightening me away. Lord, take me into that gate this time."

As I returned to the gate, the minister did not look any more inviting than he did before, but I opened the gate and walked up to the veranda as well as my trembling limbs would allow. He did not look up from his book until I addressed him. He knew me, and the work in which I was engaged, and that I was interested in his daughter. I asked if Mr. and Mrs. — were in. "No," he said, "but there is a family in the front flat who might like to see you." When I saw how kindly he received me, I almost felt that I was having a Daniel-in-the-lions'-den experience. I thanked him, and quickly stepped over and rang the bell at his neighbor's door. I was invited in and allowed to explain the nature of my work.

I afterward had readings with Mr. and Mrs. —, and soon they became regular members of that reading circle. They fully accepted the truth, as did two members of the other family. Thus the Lord had four precious souls in that house. I presume that is the reason why the enemy of souls tried so hard to intimidate me when first I approached the place.

A Bible Worker.

(Furnished by F. M. Burg.)

"There will be no idler, no slothful one who neglects the work of the Lord, found inside the kingdom of heaven."

The Church

Sketches of the Past — No. 144

The Independents in Petaluma furnished ground, stakes, etc., for our tent; but we still needed lumber for seating, so Brother Hough introduced me to Mr. Rice, the lumber dealer in town. I told him that in the States we usually had the use of lumber from the yards free, simply paying for what was cut or otherwise damaged on return of the same.

"Well," said he, "I don't know about trusting a minister with lumber. My experience with them has taught me that they are rather a risky set of men. At least we have found it so here in California." With a smile, I said, "Mr. Rice, you may not find them all alike." After looking me over squarely, and seeing I took no offense at his remark, he replied, "I will let you have a thousand feet of lumber if Mr. Hough will go security for it." That seemed a little rough on us, but I thanked him all the same for the accommodation.

Our service in the tent opened Thursday evening, August 13, with a crowd of attentive listeners. On our arrival at San Francisco, we had received a testimony from Sister White. It was instruction given to her in vision at Battle Creek, while we were in the state of New York waiting for the completion of our tent. It related to the manner of labor in California. Letters at that time came across the five hundred miles of uncompleted railroad by "pony express," while all heavy mail came by sea. So the letter was awaiting our arrival.

Brother Bourdeau and I had both labored in the New England States, where great economy was exercised to make, as they expressed it, "both ends meet." The testimony to us said: "You can not labor in California as you did in New England. Such strict economy would be considered 'penny wise' by the Californians. Things are managed there on a more liberal scale. You will have to meet them in the same liberal spirit, but not in a spendthrift manner." It was our study how to apply this instruction.

We had brought a few pamphlets and

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 1914

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Southern California						
H. E. Farmer	B. R.	34	7		\$26.75	
Ray Millett	B. R.	18	6		21.75	
Charles Millar	Heralds	37	7	\$3.75	19.15	
C. E. Grey	D. A. & B. R.	36	10	5.50	42.75	
4 Agents		125	30	\$9.25	\$110.40	

tracts with us with which to begin our work, leaving a heavier shipment to come as "slow freight," because all baggage over the one hundred pounds allowed to each adult passenger was charged ten cents a pound for crossing the isthmus by rail to Panama. The smallest coin used in California at that time was ten cents. When persons saw our tracts at one and two cents apiece, they inquired: "Do you expect to sell these? There are no cents in circulation here." Our reply was, "We can give them away then."

On the first Sunday morning, we placed our books and tracts on the stand. We had ten packages of pamphlets, consisting of five hundred pages to a package. That Sunday the minister of the largest church in the place had asthma, and so dismissed his congregation without services. Many of his members came to the tent. One among them, a Brother Moore, said, "If they tell us when the world is coming to an end, I will get up and tell them they do not know anything about it." As the members from the church came in, they took their position on the front seats. The congregation listened to the singing of pieces, all new to them, in which we carried all four parts. With deep interest they listened to the singing, and gave earnest attention to the word spoken.

Just before closing the service, I remarked that we had some reading-matter on the subjects we were presenting. "Here," I stated, "is a set of pamphlets, comprising five hundred pages, for fifty cents a package. Brother Bourdeau will give the tracts at his end of the stand to all who will receive them." Brother Moore arose, took a package of the books, and laid down two half-dollars on the stand. I said, "We will sell them after the close of the service." He replied, "I was afraid I would not get any." After the service, I said to the brother, "The books are only fifty cents." He replied, "A dollar is cheap enough." As Brother Bourdeau was handing out his tracts, one man said: "You can't afford to give away tracts for nothing. Here's a dollar. Give away a dollar's worth for me." Another handed him fifty cents, others quarter-dollars. In less time than it takes to write this, our stand was cleared of books and tracts, and the congregation was going from the tent

with expressions of favor for the new ministers that had come among them.

So opened our first tent meeting in California. After the close of the tract distribution, Elder Bourdeau found that the people had handed him more money than the retail price of the tracts given away. J. N. Loughborough.

Miscellany

Do You Know

That the April number of the *Sabbath School Worker* contains excellent instruction for every officer and teacher in our Sabbath-schools? No officer or teacher who is ambitious and desires to progress in Sabbath-school lines can afford to be without this valuable help. Some of the topics of special value in the April number are:

- "How Children and Young People May Assist in the Sabbath-School";
- "Hints to Superintendents";
- "Specials for Superintendents";
- "Personal Work";
- "Plans for Increasing the Interest in Lesson Study";
- "The Kindergarten Work."

In the senior lessons, side-lights are given on every verse in each week's lesson.

Teachers in the children's division will find excellent notes, pictures, and memory verse cards to illustrate their lessons.

There are a few little items scattered through the paper which indicate that we shall soon have a new goal in Sabbath-school finances. *Be sure* to get the April number of the paper and find out what it is.

Sample copies will be sent free. The subscription price is 50 cents a year; in clubs of two or more, 35 cents. Order through your tract society.

Our isolated members will also find these articles and lesson helps of great value in making their family schools interesting for the children.

OBITUARIES

PRICE.—Mrs. Isadore Price, wife of Dr. G. W. Price, died at Los Angeles February 17, aged 67 years, 8 months, 11 days. In earlier years an ardent worker in the temperance movement as a member of the W. C. T. U. in Oregon, a serious nervous breakdown made removal to southern California advisable, but she never fully recovered her health, and for years has been greatly afflicted, mentally and physically. For about thirteen years they have been members of the Seventh-day Adventist body, and our brother has the sympathy of a host of friends. B. E. Fullmer.

HUDSON.—Mrs. Charles Hudson accepted present truth in Wisconsin about fifty years ago, and after this long pilgrimage, awaiting the Master's return, fell asleep in hope at her home in Garden Grove, California, aged 82 years, 10 months, 13 days. Three children remain of her family, five others, with her husband, having previously been laid to rest. The living are not without hope. Funeral service by the writer. B. E. Fullmer.

Missionary Items

The Missionary Volunteers are doing well in their efforts to raise \$25,000 this year for the Orient.

"In the Tiger Jungle" is the last book in the Junior reading course. Have you read it? If not, come and read it with the Juniors.

Papers Wanted

Please continue to send papers and tracts suitable for general missionary work to Brother James Harvey, 1739 Grove Street, Oakland, California.

We can use large quantities of back numbers of the *Signs, Instructor, Review, Little Friend, Watchman, and Life and Health*, for free distribution.

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Opportunity for Young Men

April 1 or very shortly afterward another class will begin work in connection with the St. Helena Sanitarium Training School for Nurses. The class is now nearly made up. There is still opportunity for a few young men to be admitted. Exceptional advantages are offered at the St. Helena Sanitarium to consecrated young people desiring a complete training for medical missionary work. Write at once for circulars and full particulars. Address George Thomason, M. D., Superintendent, Sanitarium, California.

Study at Home

Many young people are prevented from attending school by circumstances which they can not control. But they need not despair. They should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Fireside Correspondence School to keep up their studies until circumstances permit them to attend a resident school. One woman writes as follows: "I am enjoying my study, Bible doctrines, very much indeed, and I find that the message as outlined in the study is clearer to me than at any time during the ten years I have been an Adventist. I thank you for urging me to start in when I did." Another student, engaged in ministerial work, says, "I assure you that from actual experience in both, I place the 'Fireside' above the International Correspondence School in every respect." Certainly he does not refer to the number of courses offered.

The Fireside Correspondence School has some thirty courses prepared, including history, Bible, English, Greek, Latin, commercial, and mothers' normal subjects. For further particulars address the principal, C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, D. C.

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

The adjourned constituency meeting of the above association will convene at Sanitarium, California, on March 22 and 23, 1914.

E. W. Farnsworth, *President*. J. J. Wessels, *Secretary*.

Wanted

Position as companion to elderly lady or semiinvalid by young woman of refinement. Address H. S., 2222 Chapel Street, Berkeley, California.

of the Times office will help to answer this question.

A woman in Arizona, on receiving the *Signs*, wrote asking that the subscription be canceled at once. The office took pains to explain to her that the paper was sent by a friend, and suggested that she let it continue to her address. Her letter shows that she really appreciated the paper, but fearing that she might be called upon to pay for it, preferred to have it discontinued. She writes:

"I have just received your letter stating that a friend had given me a subscription to your paper, *Signs of the Times*. I ask your pardon for ordering the paper discontinued, as I knew of no friend I had at Mountain View. I shall enclose a stamp, and please tell me the name of the party who gave me the subscription, that I may thank him or her for remembering me. I did not object to your paper at all, but as I am taking quite a number of journals and magazines already, I did not feel able financially to take it at present."

So let us urge that in all our missionary societies we be faithful in corresponding with those to whom we are sending our missionary papers.

J. R. F.

South China

From Fatshan, under date of December 17, 1913, Brother E. H. Wilbur writes:

"One year ago we received \$37.15, Mexican, on the Harvest Ingathering fund, but this year, by the help of the Lord, we have more than doubled that amount. Elder Law Keem, Brother Allen Ham, and the writer devoted a part of two days to this work in Hong-kong, and secured \$62.50 in cash, and pledges to the amount of \$12, making a total of \$74.50, Mexican, for the two days. Since then we have received in Canton an additional \$5.00 cash and a pledge of \$5.00, thus bringing the total up to \$84.50. We had only fifty papers. Had we had more, we could have secured more money. There are friends of this cause who are glad to assist us if only we give them an opportunity."

For Sale or Exchange

Eleven acres improved land all set to orchard two to four years old. Good eight-room house and outbuildings. Good well of water piped to house. Engine. Some live stock. Situated one and a half miles from Sonoma, one fourth mile from church and church school. Address L. A. Roth, R.F.D. 1, Sonoma, California.

College of Medical Evangelists Annual Constituency Meeting

The annual session of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists is called to convene at Loma Linda, California, at 10:00 A.M., March 25, 1914, for the purpose of electing seven members of the board of trustees for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. E. Andross, *President*.
S. S. Merrill, *Secretary*.

Arizona Conference Corporation Meeting

The annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Phoenix Seventh-day Adventist chapel, at the southeast corner of Third and Pierce streets, on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:30 P.M. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting.

G. W. Reaser, *President*.

Missionary Correspondence

Many inquire, when sending in a list of subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times*, why they ought to be so particular about writing letters to these persons. A letter received at the *Signs*