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Our Gift to Spain

Notice was given in last week's RECORDER of the death of Elder Walter G. Bond of Spain. None of the particulars of his last illness have as yet come to hand. Of Elder Bond's labors as a missionary, Elder W. A. Spicer writes to me as follows:

"This is sad news. Brother Walter Bond was a strong and earnest worker in Spain. He began with the work there at the very beginning, as you know, and has grown up with it, always faithful and earnest and devoted. Truly this missionary advance is a battle, and we can never tell where the next blow will strike. Brother Bond was always so well and hearty, apparently, that he seemed to thrive on the hardships of pioneer service. He has done a splendid work in Spain, and the fruitage of it will surely bring many souls into the kingdom.

"I send you with this a copy of a letter received from Brother Bond just a few days ago, probably his last letter to the mission board. In him, the Pacific Coast gave to the mission fields one of the finest types of missionaries."

"Baeza, 16-10-1914.

"Elder W. A. Spicer,

"Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Brother Spicer:

"Your kind letters reached me yesterday. I was indeed glad to hear from you.

"While we have not been able to obtain our money regularly from Gland, thus far our branch publishing office in Barcelona has been able to keep things afloat. We are endeavoring to keep expenses down as low as possible. The most of us are spending some time selling the special number of our paper. We have just now received our first money from Switzerland since the war broke out.

"We are extremely thankful that Spain has been able to maintain her neutrality. Financial conditions are bad enough here as it is. Many, many thousands are without employment and labor troubles are growing more abundant every day.

"The annual meeting for Spain was appointed for August 19-24. After war was declared we heard nothing whatever from the union office for a number of weeks, so did not know that the meeting had been called off until two weeks after it was over. We were much disappointed in not having Elders Tieche and Fitzgerald with us, as had been planned for. But the Holy Spirit was present and bestowed an abundant blessing. Nine adults were baptized during the meetings, all but one coming directly from Romanism. The evening meetings were well attended by those not of our faith.

"I have just been visiting the believers along the Mediterranean coast. Most all are of excellent courage and are working to advance the message. A dozen or more wanted baptism, but it was thought best for them to wait a while.

"I am now in Baeza, a city of 14,000 inhabitants in the province of Jaen, in Andalusia. Here one of our native brethren has been located for some time. But it has been a continual warfare with the priesthood. Ignorance, superstition, priests and fanaticism abound, making it probably the most difficult place that we have thus far entered. But even here we hope for fruit.

"At present our publishing house is paying expenses, I think, and our canvassers are all selling enough to keep them alive. Our courage is good, and our one desire is to see this work triumph, and to triumph with it.

"Mrs. Bond and the family are in Barcelona. All were well the last I heard from them.

"I hope that we shall be able to get our money from now on, but something might happen to prevent, so here is our list:

"F. S. Bond, 60 fr. per week; J. L. Brown, 58 fr.; E. F. Forga, 60; V. J. Garcia, 32; L. Nicholas, 33; V. Ferrandiz, 23; W. G. Bond, 68.

"I dare not write more, as it is almost Sabbath. Best of wishes from

"Your brother in the blessed hope,
"WALTER G. BOND."

I am sure our brethren and sisters, and especially the members of Brother Bond's family, will be glad to hear of the splendid work he did though he fell while comparatively a young man. They will also be glad to know that California was able to give to the mission fields such a noble worker. While we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy and assure them of our earnest prayers, let us quickly prepare others and freely give them to go forth to do a similar work ere probation's hour shall close. E. E. ANDROSS.

Progress in Russia and Denmark

The public in Russia and Denmark are listening to the third angel's message with greater interest than ever before in the history of the work there, according to letters just received from brethren in those fields. Elder J. T. Boettcher of Riga, Russia, president of the West Russian Union Conference, writing from there under date of October 13, says:

"Have received the letter written 'To Missionaries in the Outlying Fields of the European Division.' It cheered my heart to know that our dear people in America are so mindful of us. I shall pass this word on to other workers in Russia. We never have seen such an interest for the message in Riga since we have been here. Our meeting hall is crowded on Sundays and during the week. We baptized twenty-five in Riga last quarter, and as many more are awaiting baptism. Our churches are doing their best to cooperate with us. We are asking the workers to get on with two-thirds of the former wage. I do not believe our work will stop because there is war or any other kind of trouble in the world. While I am writing this letter, I hear the ambulances bringing the wounded soldiers from the battlefield. It makes one sick at the thought."

Elder O. E. Reinke of Petrograd, Russia, president of the East Russian Union Conference, sends a fine picture of the church in Petrograd, showing a large company, and says:

"Thanks be to God, the work is onward, and we are all of good courage. The present condition has deprived us of ten laborers in the East Russian Union, and I think the same number in the West Russian Union. At this place I am the only laborer left, but our church elders in all four churches are very active. I know we are, the world over, the same people—one helping the other. We are cutting down our expenditure to the last figure. We are encouraged to learn of the interest the American brethren take in plans to help us financially, and of their united prayers to God. Our prayers unite with yours that the Lord may soon change the situation."

Elder J. C. Raft, president of the Scandinavian Union Conference, writing from Copenhagen under date of October 23, says:

"There certainly has never been such

an interest to hear the message as just now, and by the grace of God we will improve the opportunity. On account of the uncertainty of the moment, I intend to remain in Copenhagen. Have started a series of lectures with good interest. The work in Finland is moving on, and we have more liberty there than before the war. Owing to the war, permission must be obtained from the authorities to hold public meetings; but everywhere officials are kind and have given permission with remarks like this: 'You go ahead and hold all the religious meetings you want to;' or, 'Yes, you may hold meetings, for you proclaim the true doctrine.'"

The Manifestation of God

Had not the word of God been heard and seen in the earth, the source of its faculty would have ever remained a secret. It is true that we have been told, and it is true as told, that the heavens declare the glory of God (Ps. 19: 1); and yet there have been, and are still, nations who witness the rising and setting of the sun, the various phases of the moon, and the shining of the stars, who do not, by these, recognize the authority of their first Cause, or their prompting Power.

All such are controlled wholly by sight, rather than by faith, and so worship objects of sense. Like one disciple of old, they would be satisfied if they could but see the Father. John 14: 8. The instruction then offered by the Master was: "If ye had known Me, ye should have known the Father also." The words He spoke were not His own, He said, but were the words of the indwelling Father. Verse 10. Otherwise stated, Christ, the Master, simply uttered God, and thus verified the assertion: "No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." John 1: 18.

This was true from the very beginning; for "by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth." Col. 1: 16. When the Word said "let there be light;" and light was, this was the voice of Jehovah being uttered by the eternal Son. It was the same with the endowment of life bestowed by the decree of the Omnipotent. This vital spark flashed from the depths of the "abysmal God-head" could not have been uncovered except it were given at creation through the Word, which in due time became flesh, and dwelt among men.

The statement of a certain writer that the universe itself was "wrought out by the majestic substance of God's underived and eternal Being" was a happy expression, because it comprehends even the very attributes of the divine Word. Indeed, the very essence of the divine Being, which is love, was, and is, revealed in that Word which is the origin of all things; for when He was in the flesh, His appeal for support was constantly to the "Father of lights." This loving address was but the expression of love which was thus conveyed into human life, giving it the clinging quality of fatherhood, which means love for children, sympathy for the afflicted, and sorrow for death-stroke.

That is the strain of teaching underlying the expression of the great apostle. Thus he says: "For this cause [the one which I am about to state] I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom [that is, the Father] the whole family in heaven and earth are named." Eph. 3: 14, 15. This same thought was sought to be expressed by the translators of the Twentieth Century New Testament as follows: "This, then, is the reason why, when I kneel before the Father, from Whom all 'fatherhood' in heaven and on earth derives its name," etc.

Thus Christ, the Word, by His Spirit, has uttered, and continues to give expression to the deep things of God, which are to unaided minds past finding out.

—J. O. C.—

Getting Out an Extra

The launching and the circulation of the *Review* Extras is not only interesting, but serve as a test in the operation of our organized forces. The following is a brief outline of the way an extra is launched:

The managers and editorial staff are called into council. It is decided to issue an extra. The contents are critically studied and each part assigned to different writers, who immediately begin their work. The linotypes are soon busy on parts of copy provided. A constant stream of copy passes rapidly through the typewriter and foundry until complete electro-forms of the extra are ready for the presses. The presses are started with orders to run at high speed without stopping day or night, until they get ahead of the orders already coming in.

As soon as it has been decided to issue an extra, the department of circulation

is notified, and at once the whole force of stenographers are busy getting out notices for our papers, and to the general workers, union conference presidents, conference presidents, tract society secretaries and a large list of those who are known to be "live wires" in the circulation of our literature. All these workers at once communicate with their local workers, churches and companies, and in a most surprisingly short time, everybody knows about the extra, and orders begin to flow in from all parts of the field, the nearby localities getting their orders in first.

The *Review* of November 5 carried the first printed notice of the issuing of the second extra, the Eastern Question. The first copies of this issue were mailed on the 9th, but sample copies were not mailed until November 11 to 13; yet on November 16, orders for 500,000 copies had been received, and at that time orders averaging from 50,000 to 90,000 copies per day were coming in. Two presses were run twenty-four hours each day until the 20th before they caught up with the orders that had reached the office. They continued to run, being able to gain but little on orders for some time.

Extra Number 2 gives the Advent and Sabbath messages combined. Our people seem to like it, and are giving it a hearty welcome. In many localities this issue is being placed in every home. In the New Jersey conference 115,000 copies have been ordered up to November 19, and at that time orders were still coming in from New Jersey. This Extra Number 2 is being printed by request of the New Jersey Tract Society in the Bohemian language. There is opportunity therefore, for other conferences to have this extra in Bohemian from the *Review* and *Herald*, New York City, N. Y.

Something All Can Give

—A kind word; a friendly letter. This is especially impressed upon my mind by a neatly written letter which lies before me. I had occasion to write to one of our graduate nurses, asking a favor. I did not know the young woman personally; but knowing the battles and longing desires and unspoken ambitions of many of our young people, I put in a few words concerning the blessing of having a part in the Lord's work; and in response her heart overflows in this way:

"Will say your letter was very much of

an encouragement to me. It does our young people so much good to receive a word of encouragement from our leading brethren in the work. I know it is to me. Often I find myself drifting, and then it doesn't take very long to get discouraged. It all comes along through neglecting to read God's holy Word. In my work it seems I haven't the time for any reading at all, and it is just the way our adversary would have it. I have been doing private work, and at times I hardly know when Sabbath comes. I have thought many a time of entering the Seminary at Washington, and thus prepare myself for more efficient work in the Lord's vineyard. This is the desire of my heart. The Lord surely needs all of our young people, and what a privilege to be in His work."

And this, I believe, is not an isolated case. There are many of our dear young people toiling away here and there; as some might say "out of the work," but with their hearts beating loyally. They desire to have a part in this closing message. Let us, as leaders and more experienced Christians, make it our special business to speak encouraging words, or write friendly letters to them. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

M. E. KERN.

FIELD TIDINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

\$12,897.65 More

We must raise this much for missions during November and December if the Southern California Conference reaches 20 cents a week per member for the year 1914. We ought to do it. We can do it. How many of you are ready to say, "We will do it"?

How can we accomplish this result?—First, resolve with all your heart that you will do everything God expects of you by His help and seek Him in a most earnest way to help you as you lift. Secondly, there are several things to do that will work together to bring the result we are after. Give in a more liberal way than you ever have from week to week. Do not be satisfied with mere pittance in your Sabbath-school offerings. You will experience a far greater blessing in your souls if you will give your dimes, quarters or half-dollars or even dollars in Sabbath-school, than if you put in your pennies which

in most cases seems more than anything else like merely keeping up a form. Open your hearts wide for the light and favor of heaven to come in.

You can also help by doing earnest work with the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. Have you taken hold of this work with the zeal that should be seen in service for Christ? Every church should do its duty in this, which means of course that every member should take his place in the plans that the church officers may devise for the campaign. Never was there such a pressing demand upon us as now to collect funds for the cause of God.

One more way or means for helping raise the amount that is still lacking is the annual offering to missions in connection with the week of prayer. We ought to give this year at that time as we never have before. Parents should plan to gather together, with their children, for an offering this year that the great demands confronting us require. Let the gifts that are made be a real sacrifice until you feel that you are really sharing with Christ in His great gift for the salvation of men.

Are there not many in our conference, members who could put in large checks to swell the annual offering? Your hundreds and thousands of dollars will lose their value to you very soon. The end is fast approaching. Do you not want your money invested in eternal things before the last opportunity is passed for you to make the use of it that God expects? Brethren and sisters in every church in Southern California, give to God in a way this year that will bring rejoicing in heaven and a reflex result to you in happiness and peace, and that will gladden the hearts of our devoted workers in the dark fields across the seas. We are nearing home. Let us get ready and invite everyone we can to go with us. F. M. BURG.

Educational Day

Sabbath, November 14, 1914

I would not suggest for a moment that our people are not interested in Christian education. They are interested, and justly so. This fact is indicated by the number of church schools that are now in operation in our various churches, and the investment in money that is required for their operation. Twenty-six schools with thirty-five teachers employed means an expenditure for salaries alone during the nine school months of \$12,750. And our

teachers are paid a very small wage. Indeed their salaries are meager. The interest in the Christian training of our children is not confined to the patrons. These faithful teachers are manifesting their interest as well by their earnest work, as by their willingness to teach for so small a wage.

We are thankful for the splendid interest that our churches have in this part of the Lord's work. Over 700 children in training under godly teachers is cause for profound gratitude to God. The investment of \$12,750 in salaries is, aside from other expenses, necessary for the conduct of our schools, as the erection and up-keep of buildings, school-room, equipment, etc. All of this, together with the good testimonies we hear from the lips of our brethren and sisters, assures us that there is an appreciation in their hearts for the benefits of Christian training and its great value to the little people among us.

This short paper is written for a class of people in our churches who we believe are deeply interested in this work, but who have unconsciously withheld their financial support from our schools. I can see how this could easily be. The impression seems to obtain, and I think naturally, too, that the financial burden in maintaining these schools belongs to those who have children to send. I readily concede that it is a parent's duty first to do all within his power to educate his children. And until he has done this, he has not discharged his sacred and God-given duty.

However, when parents have done all they possibly can in this way, conditions present themselves which place a demand upon everybody in the church, even on those who have no children in the school, to assist in the financial burdens. A little careful thought on the part of the class to whom I am writing will make it clear to them that their financial help is required in order to make this effort for the training of the children among us the factor it ought to be in guarding them against the lurking evils of this time, and in starting them in the pathway that leads to a life of service in the cause of God.

In our churches collectively we find several classes: First, parents who can pay their own children's tuition and other expenses, and who can also do more; second, parents who can just barely meet these expenses; third, parents who cannot possibly meet more than a portion of the expenses of send-

ing their children to school; fourth, members, some of whom are well-to-do financially and others with meager means, but who have no children to educate; fifth, a class who have children to train for God, but who are actually too poor to meet more than a very small part, if any at all, of the expense involved.

Of the five classes mentioned, two should come forward to help the needy members and relieve them of the distress and sorrow occasioned by their poverty and inability to provide the little ones with church school privileges. The parents who have sufficient so that they can help others beside their own, will regard it a privilege to relieve the distress of the needy; and those having no children should be glad to help their fellow-members who are struggling in the face of burdens they cannot meet.

So, in the nature of things, some churches will have to call on all its members to help; and when this is necessary, all should respond accordingly to the prosperity God has given them. These stronger churches should help the weaker churches; for, as in the case of individuals it will be true among the churches, that some are too weak to maintain their school and will need help. To provide this help, occasional calls will have to be made in all the churches for an offering to the emergency fund, to be disbursed by the conference to assist the weaker and struggling churches so the permanency and stability of their school may be assured.

The church may be likened to a miniature conference. Conferences have their academies, and these belong to all the people and everybody expects to maintain them. The tuitions often fall short of covering the operating expenses; and if added equipment and facilities are needed, a call is made on everybody to donate. They all respond whether they are sending their sons and daughters to the school or not.

The school belongs to all, and where the tuition cannot cover the running expenses or provide necessary supplies, everyone is called upon to help and all should respond.

We want to cultivate the *church school idea*, which means that it is an enterprise belonging to the church as a whole and not a mere private affair to live or die as its few patrons may or may not be able to keep it up. The life of these schools should be as certain as the life of the church, as is true of the Sabbath-school. The Sabbath-school

is common to all the people, and in a very large degree the church school is the same.

Again let me urge in closing that we extend our vision and enlarge our grasp of this educational work and foster and encourage the *church school idea*. Everybody help and rejoice together over a work done that will bring a hundredfold in return when final rewards are given. F. M. BURG.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Institutes

In Southern California a series of institutes is just being completed which have been a source of much benefit and blessing to all concerned. The series will be discontinued after the Pomona institute until after the week of prayer and the election of officers. Arrangements will then be made for churches in and near Los Angeles, and for more specific instruction for the benefit of the officers and leaders who will serve next year.

The institutes have been conducted by Elders F. M. Burg, G. A. Snyder, C. McReynolds, Prof. I. C. Colcord, Ernest Lloyd and Clyde Lowry, assisted by the elders and officers of the local churches.

The schedule suggested for church officers' and missionary institutes follows:

At San Diego, October 30, 31: Paradise Valley, University Avenue, El Cajon, La Mesa.

At Escondido, November 1: English church, German.

At Brawley, November 6, 7: Holtville.

At El Centro, November 7: Imperial.

At Colton, November 13, 14, 15: San Bernardino, Hemet, Redlands, Riverside, Loma Linda, Beaumont, Banning.

At Santa Ana, November 20, 21, 22: Garden Grove, Centralia, Orange.

At Pomona, November 27, 28, 29: Ontario.

Program

Sabbath evening: Devotional and consecration meeting.

Sabbath morning: Church organization, cooperation between officers and members, and between churches and the conference.

Sabbath afternoon: Question box (questions pertaining to organization, elections and other church problems); church missionary work, reports, plans, experiences.

Sunday: Young people's work, campaigns, Harvest Ingathering, colporteur work, tract distribution.

It was found necessary to alter or combine the program in some of the institutes but the same general ground

was covered in each. It is to be regretted that in certain places some of the officers were unable to attend, but as a whole the attendance has been very gratifying and a growing interest has been manifested. It becomes more and more evident that the rank and file of our people throughout the conference are intensely anxious to be about their Father's business. The great need everywhere is,—capable leadership, far-reaching plans and definite, detailed instruction in the best ways and means to follow up the interest which the world is manifesting in the truths and principles which we hold as a people.

Stronger faith, more self-denial, better trained leaders and more devoted workers, are the crying needs of the hour. Let us prepare for a short, quick rush for the kingdom, as truly "the final movements will be rapid ones."

CLYDE LOWRY.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Conference Items

At this writing, according to previous appointments, we have visited the, Dos Palos, Salida, Modesto and Hughson churches. At Dos Palos the membership is small, yet the Lord blessed us together as we visited from home to home among our dear people. Where we have large churches and preaching often, we know nothing about the experiences of these where two or three families meet from Sabbath to Sabbath. They have good meetings. Oftentimes a better spirit prevails than where we sit week by week under the sound of the gospel from the voice of the minister.

The Salida brethren and sisters gave us a warm welcome. While we try to help our people, we find our own souls are watered. Where we come in touch with those who have the Spirit of God, we are made to feel its presence.

At Modesto the church has begun excavating for their new building. We were favorably impressed with the spirit of cooperation that exists, and feel sure if this continues, by all making a sacrifice, they will be able to build a nice place of worship which will properly represent the cause at this important center.

There were quite a few outsiders in attendance at the night service at Hughson. We believe that a series of meetings at this place would result in much good.

As we visit our brethren and sisters, we are led to believe they are some of the best people in the world. While we express ourselves in this way from what we see, yet we feel that we would be coming far short of doing our duty if we failed to say that there is much room for improvement. As people compliment us on our missionary activities, it should make us ashamed of ourselves that we do not do a great deal more.

As we have met our brethren and sisters, we have heard you make some good resolutions. We pray that God may help you in carrying them out.

As we have spoken to you of the great need of funds just now for the foreign fields, your sympathies have been aroused, and we expect to learn of your pushing with new vigor the Harvest Ingathering work, and your own offering being increased.

We shall remember you in prayer, and we want to assure you we are with you in all these efforts to forward the work. As you go out with the *Reviews* and labor in all these lines, as workers with you, we want you to know we are not asking you to do something we are not willing to do ourselves. We are encouraged in the onward progress we see at this time. C. L. TAGGART.

THE NEVADA MISSION

Fallon

The work at Fallon is growing. It was my privilege to spend last Sabbath and Sunday, November 21 and 22, with this church. There was a good outside interest present at all the meetings. The people in this vicinity seem greatly stirred over the war. A Christian Adventist minister, during his recent series of meetings, had told the people that this war was Armageddon. As the truth of the matter was revealed, they could easily detect the genuine from the counterfeit. The Lord's Spirit was present and hearts were impressed with the nearness of the Savior's return.

Sabbath morning seven dear souls expressed a desire to be baptized. We have arranged for this at the time of Elder Holbrook's visit during the week of prayer. Some of these people were reared in the truth, had gone into the world, and are now returning to the fold. There are many more in this vicinity who have drifted away, and we have strong faith to believe they will also return.

The church ordered 500 War Specials. They seemed to realize, as never before, that they must work for others.

The Fallon field is ripe for a strong series of meetings, and we feel favorably impressed to begin an effort there about the first of the year.

During my visit in Fallon, we enjoyed one Missionary Volunteer meeting together. The class of young people in this church make very favorable impressions. They ordered \$3.90 worth of Missionary Volunteer tracts and literature. We have no regular church school this winter, because of a failure in securing a teacher, and many of our youth are attending public schools. However, the brethren are bravely enduring, with strong faith in the proposed academy for next year. May the Lord hasten the day when every young person will be a student in one of our schools.

On my return to Reno, I stopped off at Fernley and spoke to an attentive little company. We have only four Adventists there. However, they are doing their best to keep the message before the people. C. S. PROUT.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

"The Hour of Setting Sun"

The hour of "setting sun" is the last hour of the day. The sun sets; the day is done. Often work that has been neglected during the day must be done with haste toward sunset.

We have come to the eleventh hour of earth's history. For this reason these days are strenuous. Many important things require attention. Many things MUST be done.

"The work that centuries might have done,
Must crowd the hour of setting sun."

We cannot leave this work for the next generation, for this is the last generation. We cannot leave it for another hour; this is the last hour. We must not leave His work undone though it DOES crowd this hour of "setting sun."

The short hand of our mission clock points to the eleventh hour of the year—December is here. Where does the long hand point? Are our year's funds to missions nearly raised? Or, has the long hand moved so slowly that many month's work must be crowded into one? It is too bad to crowd so much work into one month. Better crowd, however, than to see this year close on an unfinished work.

Can the full 20 cents a week for each member be raised?—Yes. Some churches have raised the full amount now. These churches are going far beyond that mark. Other churches can do it. To do it, means that we must pursue the work with the Harvest Ingathering *Review* until we have reached the goal of \$1.54 per member. It means, too, that we must offer of our own means, at the time of the annual offering, as though we believed we had come to the last hour. Shall we do it? Let the unanimous response be, WE MUST DO IT. B. E. BEDDOE.

EDUCATIONAL

A Parent's Plea

My little boy is eight years old,
 He goes to school each day;
 He doesn't mind the tasks they set—
 They seem to him but play.
 He leads his class at raffia work,
 And also takes the lead
 At making little paper boats—
 But I wish that he could read.

They teach him physiology,
 And, ah, it chills our hearts
 To hear our prattling innocent
 Mix up his inward parts!
 He also learns astronomy,
 And names the stars by night,
 Of course he's very up-to-date—
 But I wish that he could write.
 They teach him things botanical;
 They teach him how to draw;
 He babbles off mythology,
 And gravitation's law;
 The discoveries of science
 With him are quite a fad;
 They tell me he's a clever boy—
 But I wish that he could add.

—Life.

Arizona Conference School

It was my privilege to be in attendance at the Arizona Conference camp-meeting held a Phoenix. I met there about fifty of our young people and greatly enjoyed my association with them. I found a spirit of seriousness and earnestness that was very encouraging to me. A larger proportion of our young people took hold of the reading courses and the Standard of Attainment work than at any other camp-meeting I have attended this year in the union.

The camp-meeting was held just across from the Arizona Conference school building. The school work was laid aside during the ten days of the meeting and was resumed again as soon as the meeting closed. It was my privilege to be present and visit the school the Monday after the camp-meeting closed. I found an excellent spirit of work and discipline, showing that the principal, Mrs. Jennie Frazee, and Mrs. Emma Wheeler have the work of the school well in hand. In considering the standard of work that is to be maintained by our schools, and the ten grades of work now carried by these two teachers, the school board decided to strengthen the faculty; accordingly, another teacher was secured. The board were fortunate in securing a teacher of experience. With the present arrangement, the work can be car-

ried on in a much stronger way than before, the ninth- and tenth-grade classes being allowed thirty minutes each for recitation work.

I was pleased to see the spirit of loyalty and interest manifested in behalf of this conference school, and feel sure that under the direction of the present active and enthusiastic board of management and teachers, the school will make a good record, and do a grade of work that will deserve recognition throughout the union.

M. E. CADY,
 Edu. Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

Our Boarding Schools

We now have in North America more than fifty schools with student homes connected with them, and in other countries about twenty more. Our unique plan of having all students share the work of carrying on these homes makes their school life more homelike, and makes it possible to give proper attention to a side of education that is often very much neglected.

In the leading article in *Christian Education* for December, Mrs. E. G. White sets before our schools the practical ends to be gained in the educative work of our school homes. Other articles deal with various features of the daily program that our boys and girls are following in these homes, showing how our teachers are making every effort to keep students spiritually alive and growing, to keep up their physical and mental vigor, and to give them such training as will be of the greatest value in missionary service after they leave school.

Fresh, live articles tell also of progress and victories in carrying on little boarding schools in private homes, where mothers are making a decided success of teaching their own children when no Christian school is accessible.

All our readers want to know about the inside working of both kinds of homelike schools. If you will become a regular reader of our educational magazine, you will get all the good things in it from month to month.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 1914

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Northern California						
M. A. Reese	B. R.	32½	5	\$1.20	\$20.20	\$39.35
Wm. W. Litmore	H. M.	19½	6	1.35	13.35	
2 Agents		52	11	\$2.55	\$33.55	\$39.35
Utah*						
Paul Moore	Heralds	117	23	\$16.50	\$ 67.50	
J. L. Sander	E. S.	48	25	14.10	117.85	
Johanna Jensen	Heralds	63	22		49.00	
L. R. Ackerman	E. S.	28	11	3.00	47.00	
* Three weeks.	4 Agents	256	81	\$33.60	\$281.35	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 1914

Arizona						
G. H. Reese	P. P. F., El Rey	31	27		\$43.00	
Southern California						
L. A. Bartlett	P. P. F.	23	19	\$2.25	\$ 29.50	
I. W. Blackburn	P. P. F.	34	17	5.25	43.75	
Frank W. Ross	Misc.	11	14		21.00	\$ 55.75
E. A. Brown	P. G., H. W.	23	4		21.70	37.65
H. E. Jennings	Heralds	5	2		4.00	
H. H. Johnson						19.00
Mrs. C. C. Morlan	H. W.	12	19		13.00	
Miscellaneous					2.50	
7 Agents		108	75	\$7.50	\$135.45	\$112.40
Utah						
L. R. Ackerman	E. S.	31	12	\$3.75	\$46.75	
Paul Moore	Heralds	32	3	2.25	8.25	
J. L. Sander	E. S.	36	9	3.75	40.75	\$245.00
3 Agents		99	24	\$9.75	\$95.75	\$245.00

MISCELLANY

Advertisements

FOR SALE:—Alfalfa honey in five-gallon cans, \$4 per can. It is light color, and fine flavor. Small sample, 5 cents. Can deduct same from first order. Correspondence solicited. Address M. S. Dickinson, Ingomar, Cal. 11-8t

WANTED:—An opportunity to board and care for aged or helpless person, or children, for proper remuneration, by one who loves the work. The home is in a pleasant locality near Seventh-day Adventist church. Address Mrs. J. C. Jones, Route 4, Box 4A, Lodi, Cal. 16-3

FOR SALE:—Estate of 400 acres, 100 acres of valley land under cultivation; balance woodland pasture. All under fence. Five acres orchard and vineyard. Improvements cost \$3000. Spring water piped to house and barn. Placer gold in bed of stream running through the ranch. Price, \$15,000; terms. Address A. M. Davis, Esmerelda, Calaveras County, Cal.

An Echo

"That is the finest paper that I have ever read. It tells things before they happen more accurately than other papers tell the things after they have transpired." So spoke a lady to a *Signs Magazine* agent.

Obituary

BAKER.—Brother Sterling Baker was born in Berlin, Wis., March 13, 1857, and died in Chico, Cal., November 17, 1914, after an illness of two years. In 1883 he was married to Sister Emery. He leaves to mourn, a father, wife, three girls and one boy, four brothers and one sister. Words of comfort were spoken from Amos 4: 12.

GEO. G. SIMS.

Obituary

VER PLANK.—Joseph Bunnell Ver Plank was born in the state of New York, April 16, 1828, and died October 27 at his home at Fallon, Nev. While a young man, Brother Ver Plank came West and was one of the pioneer settlers in the Carson Sink. In the early eighties he accepted the truth and united with the St. Clare church under the labors of Elder Loughborough. The last years of his life were spent in great suffering, but his trust in God never wavered, and he fell asleep with a bright hope of having a part in the first resurrection. His aged companion and one brother survive him.

J. ADAMS STEVENS.

"Beyond the Shadow"

—is a booklet of original verse (96 pages), dedicated to "shadowed lives" or those "knowing sorrow." It is just the thing for the shut-in, the mourner, the disconsolate one and the one who is weary and heavy laden. It shows how the shades of night flee away before the morning's golden glow; how troubles are forgotten while "looking forward;" how disappointments are but the "change of key"—the "prelude to sweeter strains, diviner melody." Although this little book contains many minor chords, there is not one but what gives way to notes of praise and victory. It would be a beautiful entering wedge to go before our other books and papers into closed and darkened homes. Prices: Leather, \$1.25; cloth, 75 cents; paper, 45 cents. Makes an attractive gift. Address Miss Pearl Waggoner, Hinsdale, Ill. 17-4

"Bible Doctrines"

The latest book to come to our desk is the third revised edition of "Bible Doctrines" by Elder O. A. Johnson, author of the "Bible Text-Book" and instructor in Bible history in the Walla Walla College. A few paragraphs from the preface of the book will serve to set forth its mission:

"The author has for a long time felt the need of a text on Bible doctrines for the use of students in about the twelfth grade in our schools, and for others who might wish to study the most essential doctrines of the Bible. So far as the author knows, no book has yet been published giving a connected series of studies or lessons on the important subjects of the Bible relating to creation, government of God, sin, the fall, the atonement or plan of redemption through Christ, and other subjects pertaining to the great controversy between Christ and Satan, the end of sin and sinners, and the final glorious and everlasting salvation of the righteous.

"To meet this want, the author prepared and published, in 1910, a series of 150 lessons, logically and connectedly arranged, on the most important Bible doctrines. In 1911 he found it necessary to publish a new and larger edition, which is now nearly exhausted.

"Since this book has met with so much favor and words of commendation from teachers and ministers, the author feels encouraged to publish a third and much larger edition. While

no lessons will be added, yet it is the aim to improve the book by addition of valuable notes, and references to other books for further study. Three appendixes will be added also,—one on a system of Bible-marks and how to use them, another on principles of Biblical interpretation, the third on facts of Sabbath and Sunday.

"The author has studied the Bible prayerfully, carefully and thoroughly for over thirty years, and has spared no pains to make use of various translations in several modern languages as well as the original Greek and Hebrew, and other available helps in order to arrive at the truth.

"He has aimed to present these lessons on Bible doctrines in such a manner that they may be easily understood by the untrained mind as well as by the educated. The truths on the various topics have been presented in brief, yet clear and comprehensive propositions, with references to the Bible bearing upon each subject. These proof-texts ought to be carefully read in order that the student may be convinced of the truth of the subject under consideration. These lessons in 'Bible Doctrines' should therefore be *studied* rather than merely read."

Very excellent features of the book are the appendixes, especially the one on the "Principles of Biblical Interpretation," which contains valuable information on how to interpret the Scripture in its symbolic and prophetic phases. The first seven lessons on the subject of "Creation" contain quotations difficult to obtain elsewhere from noted scientists and writers, proving that true science must agree with the Biblical record of creation.

"Bible Doctrines" contains 295 pages, and is neatly printed on good paper. Two styles of binding are offered: Cloth at \$1, and limp leather at \$1.50. Orders should be sent through the tract society, or to the Walla Walla College Press, College Place, Wash.

"A Sound of Going"

We rejoice to learn of the activity of our people in circulating our truth-filled publications. Never before have the publishing houses reported such large sales of their magazines, tracts and specials. Word just comes from the Pacific Press telling of the demands on that house. The *Signs Magazine* is growing in favor with many. Fifty thousand copies a month are being sold. Their new tract, "Questions and Answers on the Eastern Question," while brief, is to the point and clear. Our conference after seeing a copy ordered 20,000.

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Educational Fund

You are surely watching with great interest the success that the Lord is giving in raising the \$150,000 educational fund. You will therefore be glad to learn that the total to date is almost \$59,000 beside donations of land. What are you doing toward the raising of this money? Please think of this matter seriously *now*, while your help is so much needed.

You will also be interested to learn that the progress made by all union conferences in North America on the 20-cent-a-week fund, indicates that if the Pacific Union Conference membership raise an average of 20 cents per week per member for the year, we will have a surplus above the amount that must first go to missions, so that we can apply fully \$23,000 on the \$150,000 fund. Let us do our utmost on the 20-cent-a-week fund for the remainder of the year.

Insurance Recommendations

The following action regarding the matter of insurance that was taken by the council at Washington, D. C., is worthy of careful consideration, especially by the managers of our institutions and the officers of our churches in this union conference:

"In order that better service and better economy may be secured for conferences and institutions in their insurance business,

We Recommend, That each union conference appoint its own insurance agent, preferably its auditor, whose business it shall be to give careful study to the insurance of all conference and institutional property within its territory and see that all policies are properly written; and we recommend the different conferences and institutions to place their insurance through the union insurance agent."

Brother Claude Conard, union conference treasurer and auditor, has been appointed agent by several of the best insurance companies, and is prepared to write policies for all who desire them. The union conference auditor is prepared to offer peculiar advantages to our institutions and churches, and I would advise that he be interviewed or corresponded with regarding this matter.

—E. E. A.

1915 Fall Council

At the recent council of the North American Division Conference committee held in Washington, D. C., the following action was taken:

"In view of the swift progress of events betokening the soon coming of the Lord, and the necessity of economizing both time and means in order that every resource may be devoted to winning souls to Christ, we feel that at this stage of the growing work the number of conference sessions may profitably be reduced, thus enabling conference laborers to give themselves more uninterruptedly to evangelistic efforts, therefore,

We Recommend, That the first regular session of the North American Division Conference, which was appointed for 1915, be postponed, and that the meeting be held at the time of the next General Conference, in 1917."

This meeting was to have been held in this union conference, and naturally it will be a disappointment to many of our people who have never enjoyed the privilege of attending such a meeting; but this action, in view of the times in which we are living, calling for the exercise of the greatest economy consistent with the advancement of the message, will appeal to all as the wisest course that could have been taken. It is surely wise to disturb our field laborers as little as possible in this work of warning the world of its impending judgments, and of calling men to repentance and preparation to meet the coming King.

The following action was also taken:

"In view of the reduced fares obtainable to points westward next year,

We Recommend, That the next autumn council of the North American Division Conference be held at some point in the Pacific Union Conference."

Events are moving very rapidly these days, and it is necessary that frequent councils be held to plan wisely for the world-wide work.

—E. E. A.

Pacific Union Conference Committee Meeting

The Pacific Union Conference committee have been called to meet at the new headquarters of the union conference in Glendale, Sunday, December 6, and will continue their work at least till the 8th inst. There are many very important matters to be considered at that time that will affect the work throughout the union; and we request the united prayers of our people throughout the field, that a large measure of the spirit of wisdom may be given to the Lord's servants who are called to carry these heavy responsibilities. We are surely living in tremendously solemn times, and cannot afford to make any mistakes in planning for the advancement of this work that is of greater importance than all things else in this world. While the statesmen of the various nations of earth look upon their work as of the greatest moment—and we would not depreciate it in the least, especially at such a crisis as the world is now passing through—yet, compared to the eternal issues involved in the last supreme effort of Heaven through the church of God to save the lost, their work is of secondary importance. We are told by Inspiration that the angels of heaven are commissioned to hold the winds of strife among the nations till the work of sealing the servants of God is finished.

The very thought of such grave responsibilities as rest upon us at this crisis of the ages should lead us to view our lives with solemn earnestness, and to importunately plead for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, without which we cannot meet the demands of truth and righteousness now being made upon us.

E. E. ANDROSS.

A Sample

Letters like the following are frequently received by the brethren at the publishing houses. We pass this on for the encouragement of our people who make such results possible:

"I will now take the time to write a few lines in regard to working with the weekly *Signs*. I gave the *Signs* to five different families, and one dear sister has taken her stand for the truth. Today she was at meeting and offered her first testimony. As soon as I can, I want to take another club of the *Signs*, mine having expired. I know that the *Signs* does bring people into the truth. One man said that he sometimes reads it twice."