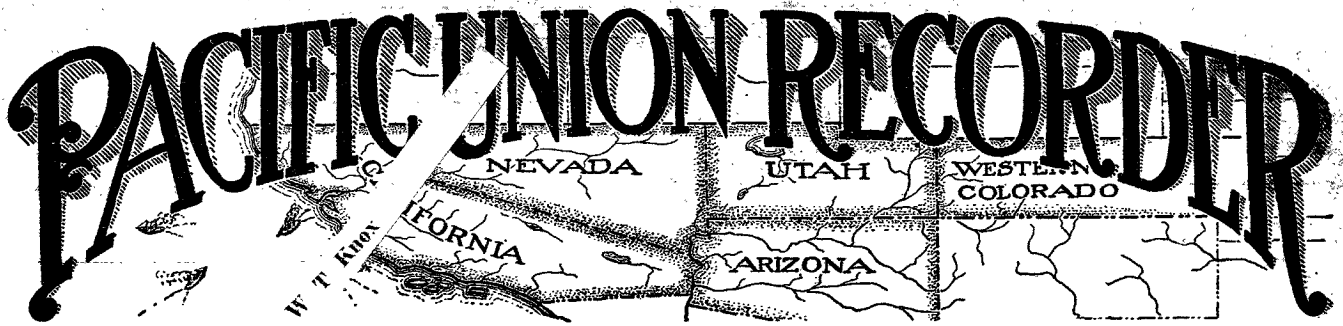


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## San Fernando Academy Free From Debt

San Fernando Academy has labored long under the incubus of debt. Such a burden can not but make the work of a school harder. That all our educational institutions might be free from debt, the \$150,000 fund was launched; and a splendid help it is proving to be.

From this fund, augmented from other sources, the last dollar of San Fernando Academy debt has been paid,—overpaid, in fact, by a few dollars. To celebrate the long-hoped-for liberty, a special meeting was held Sabbath, May 4.

On Sabbath evening, Elder W. F. Martin, chairman of the academy board, conducted the sunset service with the students. Taking his text from Isa. 50:4-7, he presented helpful thoughts on the Saviour's habits of prayer. Jesus had a regular appointment with the Father for prayer and meditation; and when He was particularly pressed and weary He spent more time alone with God. He, the Son of man, has set the example for all the sons of men who would be truly sons of God. The students gave thoughtful attention and sincere response to the study.

At the Sabbath morning service, Prof. M. E. Cady presented some important and timely principles, using as his text John 8:32: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." God desires that His institutions, as well as His people as individuals, be free from debt. "Owe no man anything," applies to all. He also desires that His people—all people, indeed—be free from the burden of sin. A knowledge of truth will bring about this two-fold freedom.

A third kind of freedom for which our educational institutions should strive, is freedom from the world and its customs and traditions in education. When we know and fully believe that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding," then we may claim educational freedom.

The great educational leaders of the world today are unsettled and uncertain as to the right standards and ideals to be presented to our youth. Some advocate what they call the practical; some the purely intellectual; while others feel that character building should have a large place. God calls us to all of these, but with character and principle as the great objective.

The Bible, the source of all true knowledge—in philosophy and science as well as in religion—leads its students to lift holy hands to God and say, "Our Father." It leads to the service of God and prepares its followers for a place in His kingdom. All other lines of education, having different aims and ideals, lead away from God. Their religion is of the earth, earthly; their science, falsely so-called, is evolution; their philosophy, wise in its ideas, is but foolishness with God.

As a people we must decide which course we shall take; we must "stand like a rock for principle,"—the principle of heaven; we must know the truth, and in that knowledge go free. We have made great strides, but there is much to learn and much to do still. For the task of knowing and doing we have ample instruction, and the Spirit of God awaits our demand and reception.

Both services were made pleasing with special music. Mr. Owen Troy and Miss Nellie Martin sang solos, and Mrs. G. I. Bachman's well-trained choir sang a beautiful anthem, "Open, Ye Portals." Music is made much of at San Fernando, and is greatly appreciated.

The academy buildings and grounds are being cared for and improved. There is assurance of a good yield of apricots and peaches. Brother J. F. Gaster has a fine plot of alfalfa coming on. Asparagus, berries and vegetables are produced in abundance. With bills paid promptly, and with plans for improvements and strong class work, the future is promising.

There are literally hundreds of young people in the territory served by San Fernando Academy, who should be receiving its privileges and benefits. Parents should consider well before they refuse their children a Christian education. In the last analysis, it is a choice between eternal loss and eternal salvation for the children. If we want them in the Master's work and in His kingdom at last, we have but one course before us,—prepare them by training here for the higher school of heaven. Prof. E. A. Hall and his co-laborers are giving their lives to the work of giving the youth this saving training.

Max Hill.

## What the Lord is Doing Through the "Signs"

Inasmuch as we are, in a certain sense, a limited people, with a limited amount of money at our command, and a limited time in which to do the great work intrusted to us, it is important that we make use of time-tried methods and means that have actually produced results. Haphazard, indiscriminate methods are costly, discouraging, and tend to destroy the missionary spirit of our people. Adopt a good plan, select the best printed matter you know of, and then engage in your campaign in a systematic and persistent way.

It is a well-known fact that our pioneer journal, the "Signs of the Times," for nearly forty-five years has sounded forth clearly and distinctly the great truths of God's Word. It has given the trumpet a certain sound. Its chief advantages are: the weekly feature, the application of prophecies to up-to-date events, and a variety of subjects treated in each issue. Thousands can testify to its efficiency as a soul-winner. Results and cost considered, the "Signs" is second to no other agency in point of economy. The recent experiences which follow emphasize the oft-repeated claim that the "Signs" does bring people into the truth:

"A friend sent me your paper, which we are reading each week with great interest. We believe that your teaching and religion is right. . . . We want to move and locate in a Seventh-day Adventist settlement so that we may join them, and also get church and school privileges for our children, so we may educate them in the truth."

"You will find enclosed \$1.00 in postage stamps in payment for a year's subscription to your paper, the "Signs of the Times." We are Baptists, but through the kindness of a friend have been getting your paper the last six months, and have become so interested in it, especially the prophecies on our Lord's coming, that we feel we can not possibly give it up."

"Please increase my club to 16 copies per month. I am now taking 10. This club of papers belongs to our young people's society and we mail them all to our friends. We are seeing the results of our work,

as three have accepted the truth through reading the "Signs."

"MORE 'SIGNS'—MORE SOULS."

Ernest Lloyd.

## Watchman, What of the Night?

There never was a time when the question was more pertinent. It is not alone the tremendous personal questions that the war is bringing to us—the tests of our fitness, our ability to sacrifice, our perception of truth, our unmoved faith in the midst of a thousand clamors. There are greater interests at stake than the world knows. The cause of God, the finishing of the gospel message, the settlement of eternal destinies, are matters involved in the present struggle, a struggle that embraces more than the battlefield. Unseen powers, both good and evil, are wrestling mightily with men. The last days of the world are near. The night is far spent. Can we let the precious moments go by without action to warn and inform men?

The June "Watchman" has an answer for the bewildered and the perplexed. We must not fail to circulate it widely. The cover page is very striking; a prophetic interruption more arresting than the hand that wrote upon Belshazar's wall.

"That Impassible Barrier" is an editorial which settles the matter of world empire; and that other, "The Spirits of Devils," draws aside a curtain from the stage whereon the world's drama is now being played. "Will Christ Come to This Earth Again?" is a question answered succinctly by Elder Evans. Other forceful contributions are: "Making Void the Law of God," by Mrs. E. G. White; "The Day of the Sabbath," by M. C. Wilcox; and "Is the Church Measuring Up?" by B. M. Heald. Nor do we forget that appeal to the home by Adelaide B. Evans, "An Old-time Practice for a Present-day Need," nor that short, crisp article, "Playing with Beans" that only Martha Warner could write.

Many more helpful features there are. You must read them, and help others to read them. Every church should take a club. Remember, the June "Watchman Magazine," 10 copies at 8 cents each, 50 or more at 7 cents each; retail price, 15c. Order through your tract society to-day.

A. W. Spaulding.

## FIELD TIDINGS

### ARIZONA

J. E. Bond, Pres. Orley J. Bond, Sec.  
615 North 10th St., Phoenix, Arizona.

### News Notes

Elder C. D. M. Williams baptized a sister in the baptistry of the Phoenix church, Sabbath, May 3, also one the Sabbath before. Others will soon be ready for baptism.

Since the close of the tent effort at Tempe, Brother Innes followed up the work with Bible readings, with the result that two families have decided to obey the truth.

Brother B. M. Emerson, the union conference auditor, has been in Phoenix the past week auditing our conference books. We have enjoyed his stay with us very much.

The first colored Sabbath school to be organized in Arizona was recently started by Prof. Ragsdale in the city of Phoenix. As there are a great many colored people here, we expect to see a good, strong congregation built up.

Through the efforts of one of our church members in Mesa, openings for Bible readings were made in several homes. At the present time four or five families are deeply interested. Some began the observance of the Sabbath.

Elder C. D. M. Williams has recently purchased a Ford automobile so he can better care for the work in the Salt River Valley. He will look after the interest both in Tempe and Mesa. We hope to hold a short effort in the latter place soon.

The first meeting to be held in the Cottonwood church was conducted by Elder L. L. Hutchinson Sunday, May 5. The little building is one of which our people can justly be proud. Elder and Sister Hutchinson will open a series of meeting there next week.

Brother F. M. Owen writes that a number of people are awaiting baptism in Nogales. Most of these are Spanish people. We expect to administer this rite in about three weeks.

Word from Bisbee brings the news that another is awaiting baptism there.

Elder I. P. Dillon has secured the Masonic Hall in the city of Williams and expects to open a series of meetings there the first of next week. Brother C. F. Innes leaves Phoenix to-morrow for the purpose of uniting in this effort. As there is considerable interest in Williams, we look for good results.

As Sister Goldie Black expects to go to the Loma Linda Sanitarium to take the nurses' course this fall, Sister Jessie Dillon has been asked to take her work as Sabbath school secretary. While we are sorry to have Sister Black leave us, we are very thankful to be able to secure the services of one so competent to fill this office.

The ninth and tenth grades of the Arizona Conference school closed their work the middle of April. Since that date Professor Ragsdale has been engaged in Bible work in the city of Phoenix. An excellent interest is manifested, and we hope that several will soon take their stand for the truth.

Elder E. C. Boger, who for the past seven years has been connected with the work in the West Indies was requested by the General Conference to connect with the work in Arizona, being unable to return to the island fields because of the health of his wife. It is with pleasure that we look forward to the coming of these faithful workers. It was from this field that they were called to go to the islands.

J. Ernest Bond.

**INTER-MOUNTAIN**

H. E. Lysinger, Pres. J. H. Weaks, Sec.  
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**Salt Lake City Church Notes**

Brother Wm. Green has accepted a call to engage in the book work in the South Carolina Conference. It is with regret that we see him leave this field, but trust the Lord will greatly bless his labors there.

On a return trip from visiting among our isolated members in the

southern end of the state, Elder H. G. Gjording spent a few hours in this city last week. He reports the work as progressing nicely at Ogden, where he is laboring.

Brother H. C. Holloway, the local elder of the Salt Lake City church, has been ill for a few days. He has recently accepted a position with the railroad company as dispatcher. It is a noteworthy fact that the company grants the Sabbath off as well as other courtesies.

W. M. Andress.

May 9.

**NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA**

J. A. Stevens, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.  
Box 408, Santa Rosa, Cal.

**Twenty-five-Cent-a-Week and Tithe Statement, January to April, 1918**

Church	Mission Funds	Tithe
Arcata .....	\$ 121.65	\$ 239.08
Calistoga .....	24.47	141.57
Conference .....	581.20	170.59
Eureka .....	199.99	595.18
Ferndale .....	27.82	69.65
Fort Bragg .....	48.85	140.99
Fortuna .....	26.18	476.55
Healdsburg .....	344.75	696.20
Kelseyville .....	44.98	77.38
McKinleyville .....	25.19	43.75
Napa .....	417.37	925.46
P. U. College .....	874.57	2242.61
Pepperwood .....	29.04	
Petaluma .....	13.40	11.00
Petrolia .....	35.33	49.78
Sanitarium .....	863.89	4474.86
San Rafael .....	47.89	147.19
Santa Rosa .....	263.35	496.73
Sebastopol .....	141.63	326.90
Smith River .....	53.54	162.95
Sonoma .....	137.20	295.12
St. Helena .....	214.28	453.34
Ukiah .....	75.49	179.27
Vacaville .....	36.79	39.90
Vallejo .....	333.45	853.88
Willits .....	38.30	84.98
Guerneville .....		28.70

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S. Donaldson,  
Treasurer.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.  
341 East Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.

**Camp Meeting**

The camp-meeting and conference session of our field will be held at Lodi, June 20 to 30. This seems to be the most favorable time for the largest number of our people to at-

tend, and we look for a large gathering.

Word comes that Elder W. A. Spicer and Prof. C. S. Longacre, of the General Conference, expect to be in attendance. Prof. C. L. Benson, who is connected with the young people's missionary volunteer department, has been invited. Elder J. A. Stevens, our union home missionary secretary, will be present in the interests of this line of work. Our local laborers also will be present, and every department will be considered.

No one can afford to remain away for the few days set apart for this important gathering. Though the clouds are heavy and constantly becoming darker, the storm has not yet broken. The angels are still holding the winds. To know a personal acceptance with God now is worth more than houses and lands. It is our only safety. Come to camp-meeting and bring your loved ones.

Clarence Santee.

**Conference Items**

Brother E. H. Abbott recently spent some time at Pacific Union College in the interests of the book work. The outlook is encouraging.

Brethren T. H. Watson and M. J. King visited Elk Grove with a view to holding an early tent effort there before the camp-meeting. An interest has been awakened by one of our colporteurs.

Prof. J. H. Paap, accompanied by the writer, attended the school board meeting held at Pacific Union College, Monday, May 6. Elder E. E. Andross met with the board for the last time before starting East.

Elder J. M. Comer, from India, held some meetings in Red Bluff, Elder J. W. Rich assisting him. It is a pleasure to have these brethren from foreign lands visit us and lay before our churches the conditions in those fields as seen by them.

Many subscriptions to the "Recorder" are now expiring. Please sent in your renewals at once so that no numbers will be missed. With the rapidly changing events that are right upon us, no one can afford to drop behind now. Subscription price, 25 cents.

The campaign of placing copies of "Present Truth" and other literature in the homes of every family in the conference is well under way. Some churches have already covered their territory once, and are now following with the second number. In this way many interested persons are found who have been overlooked for years.

Clarence Santee.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.  
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### Camp-meeting Suggestions

Our camp-meeting and conference will be held at Recreation Park, Fresno, May 29 to June 9. The first service will be held Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, and the first meeting of the conference session, Thursday forenoon at 10:00 o'clock.

We hope to be able to provide tents for all. The rental will be the same as in the past.

12x17 tents, \$3.50; with fly, \$4.25.  
10x12 tents, \$2.50; with fly, \$3.00.

We have only a limited supply of burlaps for floors in the tents, and because of the high cost of material we have not thought it advisable to buy more at this time. So we cannot promise burlap for tents, and would advise our people as far as possible to bring the necessary old carpets or rugs for their floors.

It is not likely that flies will be needed for all the tents, since there is good shade in the park and it is quite probable that we will have pleasant weather at this time of the year.

Reduced rates of one and one-half fares have been secured over the railroads, provided there are not less than fifty persons in attendance, having certificates showing that fare has been paid to Fresno. A certificate should be secured from the agent when buying the ticket; and when this has been properly signed at the camp-meeting it will entitle the holder to the return rate.

Rates to the camp-meeting will be good from May 28 to June 9, and for return trip from May 30 to June 11. Do not fail to get the certificate when you buy your ticket.

We will try to have a supply of straw on hand, and would suggest

that our people bring bed ticks with them rather than to depend upon second-hand mattresses which we will be able to rent, as clean straw ticks may be preferable to old second-hand mattresses.

We feel sure that rich blessings will be poured out upon God's people at this annual gathering; and we will individually receive a share in them if our hearts are in a condition to receive the spirit of God.

N. P. Neilsen.

### Items of Interest

Last Sabbath Elder F. E. Brown baptized five persons at Visalia.

One person was baptized by Elder E. H. Adams at Fresno last Sabbath.

The writer has had the privilege of visiting a large number of our churches together with Elder W. H. Anderson, who has spent many years in Africa.

Elder and Mrs. F. A. Stahl, who have been laboring among the Indians in Peru, spent a few days in Fresno and vicinity this week. Elder Stahl spoke in the Fresno church last Sabbath.

Our people have very much appreciated hearing Elder Anderson recount the blessings and providences of God in the dark field of Africa. Surely there is a God in heaven who is still doing things on earth the same as in olden times.

After all, the winning of souls is the great work before us. One soul saved is worth more than all the riches of the world. We must warn the people of earth of the soon-coming Saviour, and rescue perishing souls from the impending doom. O, that the Lord might roll upon us a greater burden for the lost around us, and that we might taste the joy of leading souls to God!

N. P. Neilsen.

May 10.

"One of the strongest numbers for the principles of religious liberty" is the verdict of those who are circulating the second quarter "Liberty Magazine." What are you doing in your district to supply business and professional people?

### CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.  
537 25th St., Oakland, Cal.

### San Francisco Effort

Elders R. S. Fries and A. M. Dart will open meetings in the Republic Theater, San Francisco, May 19. This is a large building located at Sutter and Steiner Streets, seating 1600 persons. Brethren John Livingston, C. A. Walfamott, G. A. Ferry and V. Hendershot, and also Sisters Celia Green and Van Horn will assist.

Elders Fries and Dart earnestly ask the prayers of all our people that the Lord by His Holy Spirit may guide in this important series of meetings, and that many precious souls may be led to see and obey the truth.

### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres. J. C. McReynolds, Sec.  
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### Schools and Missionary Societies

As soon as the San Diego school moved into the new building, the teachers and pupils planted a garden. Radishes came on first. The children began selling them as soon as they were large enough, and a neat little sum has been netted. The pleasure equals the profits, the teachers write.

Our missionary volunteer societies, senior and junior, must not forget that the needy fields of the Philippines is looking to us for liberal offerings. The primary children at Loma Linda have a pint jar full of money for missions. Other schools are working hard on their goal. The senior society reports are not very encouraging thus far. Are the parents and leaders doing their full duty? The young people's department is looking to us for \$1187 this year. Let us not disappoint them.

Leaders, teachers, parents, young people! What are you doing about Reading Course books? Let me know when you complete a course. Parents, read "Uncle Ben's Cloverfield" to the little ones, and encourage those old enough to read it for themselves; and then send in their names and a statement of their reading, and watch the mail for a certificate for each child. Order the book of the tract society. Price, 75 cents. Ask for question pamphlet with it.

There are many young people who are not living near churches or organized societies. These are all members of the conference society, if they will send in their names and report their missionary work and study. If each reader of this paragraph who knows of isolated young people, will send their names, we shall be glad to add them to our list, and to help them in their work.

Schools will soon close. Plans should be well along for the work next year. School boards have a share in these matters; teachers, improvements, financial plans—all these need attention. New schools should be planned for. Schools already established should be strengthened. Halting ones should be encouraged to obey the instruction of the Lord in this important matter. There is but one course for God's people—"establish church schools," and see that all the children of all our people are in the schools.

Normal schools train teachers; medical schools train doctors; art schools train artists; vocational schools train mechanics and workmen; state schools train citizens for the state; church schools train citizens for heaven—naturally. Where are your children getting their training? And what is the training they are getting?

Max Hill.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**Six Hundred Forty-six Days of Christian Help Work**

Our home missionary report for the first quarter of 1918 is very encouraging. Almost every item shows a substantial gain over the previous quarter. Figuring on the basis of an eight-hour day, 561 persons in the Southern California Conference spent 646 days in Christian help work. Surely our people are to be commended for this noble work. But how much larger our report would have shown had the other 1,385 members reported their missionary activities! Dear reader, are you one of the 561, or are you in the larger class of 1,385?

We sincerely trust that a much larger percentage of our members

will put forth an effort to report their work this quarter. Solomon, the wise man, says: "A good report maketh the bones fat." And indeed, a good report cheers our hearts. We rejoice to note that 21 souls have been converted during the past three months through the efforts of our laymembers. Who would say that such items are not worth reporting?

The General Conference home missionary report shows that 9,646 souls were converted during the past four years as a result of the earnest efforts put forth by our laymembers. But how would we have known this had it not been "reported" by some one?

Our quarterly report also shows a gain of 100 per cent in the number of churches holding the fourth Sabbath missionary service. We appreciate very much the co-operation of our ministers, church elders and other church officers who have made this good showing possible, and sincerely hope that next quarter will show every church in the conference observing the monthly missionary service.

Only 13 churches, however, are holding weekly missionary meetings, but it is encouraging to know that several are laying definite plans to hold weekly missionary meetings, and we are anxious to see every church follow this plan. In some churches it does not seem practical to hold a mid-week missionary meeting, but in such places it is usually possible to hold a short missionary meeting on Sabbath.

Most of our churches have launched their campaign with "Present Truth." Efforts need not be confined to the use of "Present Truth" alone. A good supply of Elder A. G. Daniell's timely new book, "A World in Perplexity," is now on hand. The world is in perplexity to-day, and the message this little book bears will bring courage and cheer to many a disheartened soul. Furthermore, every one who helps to cheer and comfort others, will at the same time water his own soul.

Let us press the battle a little longer, for we are almost to our journey's end. If, in that glad day, we are able to say, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do," then Christ will answer, "Well done, good and faithful servant." But if

we have not finished our work, He cannot, and will not say, "well done," for our work will not have been "well done" unless it has been "finished." Dear brethren and sisters, let us "finish our work."

C. C. Morlan.

**HOME MISSIONARY**

**Soul-winning by Correspondence Foreword**

Do you wish to be a helper in "finishing the work?"

Would you be glad to help some one to see and believe the present-day message?

With the Lord's help, you can do these things by the faithful use of our literature, accompanied by judicious correspondence, even if you can not leave your home at all.

The weekly "Signs" is just what you need to help you in pioneering your way to homes and hearts. By its use you may all be "preachers of righteousness."

The colporteurs and workers in the Pacific Union Conference are gathering up names of persons who they think might be interested in our message; and they are willing to furnish these names for your use if they can be assured that you will prayerfully and faithfully make the attempts to bring each of these individuals to the love of the truth.

Remember that this is **personal work**; and remember, too, that the reason why so much missionary correspondence fails to bring results is that it is **not made personal**.

**Suggestions**

Before you send a single paper or write a line, take your list of names before the Lord and ask Him to lay the burden for these souls upon your heart—then work as though you were responsible for their salvation. **Read** the "Signs" before you send it out. Also any tracts you may send. Never neglect this. How can you speak to a person if you do not know what you are saying?

**Be regular** in your work. Do not send one or two copies, and then forget or neglect it until several papers have accumulated and then bundle them up and send them all at one time. **Be as regular as the mail.**

Have a certain day each week on which to send the paper, and send it then.

In your correspondence use clean paper and a clean envelope. Write and direct your letters with pen and ink.

### A Real Correspondence

With the first paper you might send a letter something like this:

First Letter:

Mrs. Alice Lauser,  
Rockville, Nebr.,  
Dear Mrs. Lauser:

I am sending you by this mail a copy of a weekly paper, the "Signs of the Times." Would you like to read this paper a few weeks if sent to you free of cost? Enclosed find stamped and addressed envelope for reply. Hoping you will kindly write me in regard to it, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Mary Holser.

Reply:

Dear Mrs. Holser:

I have no objection to reading the "Signs," though we have a good supply of reading matter; but I am at a loss to know why you are sending it to me for nothing. I do not remember ever to have met you.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Alice Lauser.

Second Letter:

Dear Mrs. Lauser:

Your letter is received, and I thank you for so kindly replying to my note. I know that literature is abundant in these days, yet when I get hold of a paper so clean and every way wholesome as the "Signs," I so enjoy it myself that I am glad to pass it on. This will explain my sending it to you, though I have never met you personally. I have marked an article in this week's number [give name of article] which you may enjoy reading. Do you think it possible the author may be right, and that we may be living near the end of the age?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mary Holser.

Reply:

Dear Mrs. Holser:

You will think I am very slow in answering your kind letter. I read the article you marked, and must confess that I had not thought of things in that light before. Still it might be so. But I have always thought that if a person was ready

for death, they need not worry about the coming of the Lord. But there was one article in that paper that I didn't like; and that was the one about Saturday being the Sabbath instead of Sunday. I didn't think such things are nice for the children to read. My father was a Methodist preacher. I know he was a godly man, and he kept Sunday, and so do all my friends. I liked the rest of the paper first rate, and my little girl found a nice piece in it to speak.

Yours truly,

Alice Lauser.

Third Letter:

Mrs. Alice Lauser,

Dear Friend:

I am so glad that you took time to write to me, and that you felt free to tell me about your beliefs. I think I know how you feel about things, for I used to believe differently from what I do now, and it was very hard for me to change in some points. I, too, have many dear friends who have lived and died believing Sunday to be the Sabbath, and who cherished that day and reverently kept it as to the Lord. I am sure that they will be saved in the kingdom of God, for they lived up to all the light they had. But you see, people can be honestly mistaken sometimes—and if they find out their mistake it makes a difference. Paul thought he was doing God service when he persecuted the followers of Christ. But when God showed him his mistake, he could not keep on in the same way. Now I am going to send you a little booklet in this which I know you will be interested to read, for it is the real experience of a real Christian woman. ("How the Sabbath Came to Me.") When you have read it and had time to think it over, I do hope you will write to me again.

Mary Holser.

P.S.—I am sending a nice paper for your little girl to read ("Youth's Instructor.")

Reply:

Dear Friend Mrs. Holser:

It is nearly three months since you wrote and sent me the little book by Mrs. Henry, but I've been so stirred up I didn't feel as though I could write. I've said many times that I wished I had never seen the "Signs," but I know that is not right. I read the little book. The

first part of it I thought was fine, but when I began to see where it was coming out, I threw it down, and said I'd never finish it. I tried to lose it, but it turned up everywhere, until finally I sat down and read to the end. I think it must be that I have been mistaken, and that Saturday is the Sabbath after all, but why in the world haven't people kept it all the time? There are so many things that puzzle me. I hope you will pray for me and write to me again.

Your troubled friend,

Alice Lauser.

P.S.—Thank you so much for the "Youth's Instructor." My little girl is delighted with them.

### Comments

This correspondence is now fairly begun, and may be continued and tracts judiciously used till this person has a good knowledge of the main points of our faith and the reason therefor. Not only this, but she should, with loving tenderness, be urged to fully accept and obey the truth. Get her to attend the camp-meeting, if possible, and if she does, see that everything is made pleasant for her.

Do not write long, doctrinal letters. Say a few kind, sympathetic words, and let the tracts and marked articles do the preaching. If you introduce them rightly, they'll do it. There is not a question that anyone would be likely to ask that would not be fully and plainly answered by some of our excellent tracts; and a plain printed page and list of texts is more easily read than a written one. But study the tracts, and do not send one that has in it a single expression that you would not like to use in talking with your correspondent.

In taking up this work, remember how the Lord Jesus toiled and healed and prayed, yet how few accepted His message. So do not be discouraged if many are unresponsive, and but few show interest. Do your part just the same.

While it is easy and perfectly proper to formulate a general letter to be sent out broadcast with some special literature, it is evident that in taking up a continued correspondence, one can not use a general form for more than the first, or possibly the

second, letter. Subsequent letters must be based upon the needs developed by the correspondence, and no two cases develop exactly alike.

Be frank and friendly from the first, but not effusive nor patronizing. Watch for any word or expression that will "let you in" on your correspondent's line of thought, or help you to get a sympathetic hold of the situation.

**Caution**

If no reply to your first letter is received, write a second after about three weeks have gone by.

A third letter will not be out of place, if the first two remain unanswered.

If you finally decide to stop sending the paper to one from whom you have had no response, do it only after you have prayed over the matter, and feel your mind to be clearly directed in that way.

Your conference home missionary secretary can furnish you names of interested parties any time.

Pray and work, and work and pray.—Mrs. A. E. Ellis, author of "The Missionary Idea," in "Central Union Outlook."

**A Mother's Letter**

The following is a portion of a letter just received by the writer: "I have been warned by my physician that I may have to give up this life at any moment. I have a blue-eyed daughter, five years old, who will need a devoted Christian mother, and if possible I must see that her future training is assured in a Christian home. If you know of any good Seventh-day Adventist, who would be willing to adopt her, please have them write me."

Also a father, once a Seventh-day Adventist, and whose wife is dead, recently asked me to find homes as soon as possible for two of his boys, aged seven and eleven. Any one desiring to assist the Lord is fulfilling His promises to the orphans, please write for information to E. H. Adams, 331 Diana St., Fresno, Cal.

The doctor informs you that you need more "iron in your blood." Two splendid articles are given in the June "Life and Health," with the information as to how to secure it without patronizing the corner drug store.

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**Wanted.**—Man and wife. Man's work farming; must be handy, all-round man. Woman's work cooking, care of dining room and kitchen; five to six to cook for. Must have no children. Send recommendations; state age. Church privileges. For particulars address Mrs. Josie I. Phillips, Box 145, Pomona, Cal. 2t

**For Sale.**—Eighteen-acre ranch, situated on Lincoln Highway, one and one-half miles from Galt, Cal. Good sized bungalow, well finished; barn and hen houses; two wells, windmill, also small engine and centrifugal pump; abundance of water near surface. Price, \$3500. Will sell considerable cheaper without crops. Address Henry Winn, Galt, Cal.

The St. Helena Sanitarium Training School for nurses offers excellent opportunities for theoretical and practical training, and is now making up a class that begins training August 1. Only strong, mature Seventh-day Adventist young men and women are wanted. Interested parties should correspond with Miss Helen N. Rice, R.N. Supt. of Nurses, Sanitarium, Cal. 2t

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**Book Report, Week Ending May 3, 1918**

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
<b>California</b>						
C. H. Adams	O.D.	3	8	\$10.00	\$ 31.00	
O. G. Reid	O.D.	4	2		5.00	
2 Agents		7	10	\$10.00	\$ 36.00	
<b>Northwestern California</b>						
M. A. Reese	Misc.	58	19	\$19.75	\$ 59.85	
Miscellaneous					50.00	
1 Agent		58	19	\$19.75	\$109.85	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$29.75</b>	<b>\$145.85</b>	

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## That "Christian Statesman" Article

In our issue of April 25, there appeared a reprint of an article written by James S. McGaw to the "Christian Statesman," upon which I wish to make a few comments.

First, let me say that no Seventh-day Adventist minister, ordained or licensed, need give himself any concern over anything Mr. Gamble may do or say. It is true that he has written a book on the Sabbath question; but, I dare say, no man living, including the author himself, has any clear idea as to what the writer was driving at.

Personally, I heard Mr. Gamble talk on his theories for an hour or more before the Lord's Day Congress, and when it seemed that he was going on indefinitely, one of the leading spirits of the congress stopped him with some statements, the exact words of which I do not recall, but the substance of which was, that he had heard Mr. Gamble go over the ground, had read carefully his book, and yet had not gotten hold of the thought; so it was not worth while for Mr. Gamble to take more of the time of the conference.

It is entirely safe to say that wherever our tent companies may be opposed by Mr. Gamble, he will not be able to make any one see the points he is supposed to make. It may be true that the minds of some may become confused, especially those who are seeking for some way of escape from keeping the commandments. But God's truth, as contained in His law, is much plainer and more powerful than any arguments brought from Egyptian tablets and proven by a sliding scale and a chart as lucid as midnight.

The only reason Mr. Gamble's arguments ever find any favor with the National Reformers or others of their class, is because they have nothing better. Those who have argued for years that the fourth commandment was abolished, now try to use this same commandment to bolster up Sunday, the first day of the week.

In reply to his arguments, if he should appear, simply take your Bibles and preach God's truth. When this modern Goliath appears in the strength of his heathen tablets and sliding scale, take your sword of the Spirit and smite him under the fifth rib. It does seem to me, however, that he has undertaken a fair-sized job—that of opposing every tent effort held by our people in this state. We will go forth notwithstanding, and do what we can to call people back to keep the law of the Lord.

Now just a few words about some other things contained in the "Christian Statesman" article. Mr. McGaw and his co-workers have for years been endeavoring to overthrow the present school system in the United States, by forcing upon it the teaching of their ideas of the Christian religion. One of their noted speakers said in my hearing, that no man or woman should be allowed to teach a public school without passing an examination in the principles of the Christian religion. A rebuke for putting our children in our church schools where, in addition to the literary course so well taught in the state schools, they can be taught religion, comes with rather poor grace from a man engaged in Dr. McGaw's line of work.

Other flagrant and false accusations might be mentioned, such as

the supplanting of history in our schools by Mrs. White's writings, and that we teach that the United States is the image to the beast; but as Mr. McGaw says he has only been "informed" that this is true, I will say but little about it. However, I would commend him to read carefully Proverbs 17:4 before he makes such a statement again. The one who informed Dr. McGaw was a false witness, and he must stand the responsibility of passing it on.

In conclusion, let us, my brethren, go to our work backed by the great commission, knowing that He who sends us out will be with us to the end.

W. F. Martin.

## Battling For a Right of Way

In his June "Signs Magazine" article, Elder A. G. Daniells quotes that the primary cause of the world war, and the present issue, too, so far as certain of the European nations are concerned, is the control of the great highway to the Far East. Great Britain is determined to block Germany's plan to build a North-Sea-Perisian Gulf railway. Germany seems equally determined to carry out her ambitious project and thus lessen Britain's supremacy which she holds through Gibraltar, Suez and the Mediterranean. For one side to yield to the other would mean the loss of influence, world trade, and standing among the nations. Because Elder Daniells discourses intelligently on this question of paramount interest and in the final analysis produces scripture to show that the condition is fraught with meaning, is one reason why our people should circulate the beautiful June number far and wide.

### CAMP-MEETING DATES

Central California	Recreation Park, Fresno	May 29 to June 9
Nevada	Reno	June 11 to 16
Northern California	Lodi	June 20 to 30
Northwestern California	St. Helena	July 4 to 14
Inter-Mountain	Salt Lake City, Utah	July 18 to 28
California		July 25 to August 4
Southern California	Los Angeles	August 1 to 11
Southeastern California	Santa Ana	August 15 to 25
Arizona	Phoenix	October 31 to November 10