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From the Field

By invitation I met with Elder G. W. Wells and his conference committee in San Francisco last week, studying the question of our responsibility for the thousands of Chinese and Japanese in the California Conference.

To even the casual reader of the Bible it is evident that God gave special charge to His people to remember the "stranger within the gates." The same gospel privileges were to be theirs that belong to the household of faith. The great truth that "God is no respecter of persons" formed the foundation of missionary activities in the early church.

The fact that large numbers of Japanese as well as China's overflowing thousands seek our shore is not a mere accident. Who can doubt that a kind Providence has arranged that the teeming millions of these dark countries shall be permitted to hear the gospel of salvation from the lips of fellowmen, who have come to this country of light and opportunity, returning to their native land with the gospel of salvation, to teach the less fortunate the way of life? More than 50,000 Chinese live in the city of San Francisco. At present nothing is due so far as conference responsibility is concerned, for these blood-bought souls. With the study of the question the responsibility became clear, and our brethren voted to open a mission school in the Chinese district under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

This move on the part of the California Conference sets an example worthy of imitation by other conferences for the large foreign population within our union. That it will be a financial burden, no one questions,

but why should we not spend some money on the foreigners within our gates as readily as sending our tens of thousands to the foreign fields?

Friday night and Sabbath were spent at Lodi. This was my first Sabbath with the academy and church in that place. Our Friday evening students' meeting was a great treat to me. We have there a noble class of young men and women, who seemingly have but one object before them—preparation for a part in the closing work of the gospel.

I greatly enjoyed the Sabbath school in the Lodi church. It is one of the best organized Sabbath schools I have ever visited. From the kindergarten division, under the leadership of Viola Fink, to the general superintendency, in charge of Brother Wolfkill, one is impressed with the spirit of lesson study and promptness. The secretary's report gave the membership as 293, and an attendance of 293 with a number of visitors. The donation was nearly \$50.00. These encouraging figures are the result of a carefully planned work.

After the Sabbath school I was invited to speak to the church assembled. I was greatly pleased to see the children and young people remain for the Sabbath service. This is as it should be. It is a mistaken idea that the Sabbath school is for the children and youth, and the after-service for the adults. From the youngest child to the aged father and mother in Israel we need to study the Word of God, and receive and impart the warmth of Christian fellowship.

In the afternoon it was our good fortune to meet with the German

church. This church has an attendance of nearly 100. Most of these believers own their own homes, and as in other sections of the country, are good, sturdy workers, and earnest supporters of missionary work.

Elder W. F. Martin addressed the English church in the afternoon, reviewing the experiences in Sacramento in opposing religious legislation. How thankful we should be that God's hand still rules in the nations of earth, and the church, the greatest object of His love and favor, is still permitted, unhampered, to do its heaven-appointed work.

This is no time for discouragement. God is with this movement. Evidences on every hand declare the work is almost finished. Let us be true to our heaven-appointed task, that at last we may hear the blessed words, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

J. W. Christian.

A Missionary Experience

Our colporteur's work is as truly evangelistic in its nature as that of any other gospel work. It takes grace and sanctified grit for a man or woman to leave the comforts of a permanent home life and enter the ranks of our missionary colporteurs. They meet with many pleasant experiences that greatly cheer them in their endeavors: they also meet with experiences that are very trying, but by means of which God is permitted to reveal himself in a most definite way in their behalf.

The following incident from one of our faithful colporteurs to Brother J. M. Rouse, manager of the Mountain View Branch office, will be read with interest by the readers of the "Recorder."

"Well, Brother Rouse, I have a

new order of things to tell you this time, and that is Brother ——'s experience. He took an order from a lady who was once a Seventh-day Adventist, and when her husband learned of it he went and told Brother —— never to come on his property again, but Brother —— would not be put off and took a witness along so that if there was any trouble they could not do any more harm than necessary. Well, when he arrived at the door the lady met him and he said, 'I have you book,' and then the man stepped forward and said, 'I told your not to come back.' He immediately went to another room and got a club about four feet long that he had for the occasion and in his trying to kill Brother —— by striking at his head with all his might. Brother —— dodged, but before he could get away the fellow hit him three times over the back and shoulders. Brother —— has suffered severely from this and as his lungs are hurting him he had to go home for a week or so. I fear this will go into pneumonia at least that is what the doctor tells me."

When we read such an experience we can begin to appreciate the terribleness of the hatred that knows no controlling grace of God. Truly it is left for the faithful witnesses of Jesus to fill up the cup of His suffering. Let us pray for this our brother, and for all our faithful colporteurs and other Christian workers that God may deliver them from the wrath of unreasonable men and give them faith and courage to answer the call of God to them for missionary endeavor.

J. W. Christian.

Are We Robbing God?

The gospel message is to go to all the world; each one of us is to help in carrying it forward. God's plan to finance His cause is provided for by tithes and offerings.

Through the deceitfulness of sin men's hearts are often hardened, and like Ananias and Sapphira they are tempted to withhold part of the price, while pretending to come under the rules of tithing.

He who withholds from the Lord's treasury the tithes and offerings due, is charged with robbing God. It seems almost unbelievable that any

one who professes to love the Lord, and is preparing for translation will become so covetous as to rob the treasury of that which is holy in order that he may use it for his own purposes.

It was said of Cornelius, that he was "a devout man," "feared God with all his house," "gave much alms" and "prayed to God always." His devotion and faithfulness was noted in heaven, and there came to him a loving message from God, saying, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

It is a wonderful thing to get a message through to God. Each day we need to find our way to His throne, praying, "Open thou mine eyes;" so let us emulate the example of Cornelius, live, give, and pray. Let us beware lest the terrible judgments which God administered to Ananias and his wife as a warning against sin be repeated among us.

G. W. Wells.

Bakersfield and Kern County

The writer took up work in this field in September, 1915. Elder E. H. Adams had been in charge for several years, and the work in Bakersfield was in a prosperous, growing condition. Upon leaving this field it is a pleasure to review the growth along all lines during the past three years and a half. In Bakersfield a beautiful bungalow church building and a school building of the same type have been erected at the corner of Eighth and I streets, and have been dedicated free of debt. During 1917, while these buildings were in process of construction, more missionary work was done, more literature sold and distributed than in any previous year. We went "over the top" in all our mission goals. Sister Daisy Jordan collected nearly \$1000 from the leading business men of Bakersfield to be applied on the church building. Sister S. E. Lowell gave nearly \$700. The balance was received in small offerings, probably not to exceed \$150 from any one individual. This is the encouraging feature in this church. All the offerings come from all the people all the time. In 1917 the money handled by the church in all lines of its work was over \$10,000, and in 1918 it exceeded the 25 cent-a-week goal by \$211.

Three years ago the Sabbath school offerings were from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a week, and the thirteenth Sabbath offering rarely exceeded \$25.00. Now it is no uncommon thing to get \$15.00 a week, and the thirteenth Sabbath offering for the first quarter of 1919 was \$218. Of this amount \$52.00 had been presented to the pastor and his wife as an expression of appreciation on the part of the members of the Sabbath school, but the receivers of this gift chose to have it go to the North Latin Mission field as a part of the thirteenth Sabbath offering. The children of the Sabbath school presented to Mrs. Howe, the superintendent, a beautiful basket of growing plants, and to the writer several dollars with which to purchase lantern slides.

While we have been laboring here a number have united with the church. These are heads of families and are strong supporters of all lines of church work, and some are filling responsible positions in the church. Besides these several children of Adventist families have been baptized and united with the church.

Mrs. Howe has several Bible readers who are much interested; two of these are keeping the Sabbath. She will return for a few weeks until she has finished the work with these.

At Shafter there is a strong German church. This church has the largest membership of the three churches in the county, and under the supervision of Elder G. A. Grauer is doing a good work.

The Wasco church is in splendid working condition. Six members have been added by baptism; four of these are the fruit of the tent effort held at Wasco last fall. Two others are keeping the Sabbath, but have not yet united with the church. The "flu" closed the meetings at this place before the work was finished, but the interest has been followed up and there is fruit that will yet be gathered in. There is some of the very best material here for future workers, and we hope to see them in the process of preparation soon. A young man and his wife from Bakersfield will go into training next fall. It is our policy to get every prospective worker into some line of training or work. Two of our Bakersfield young

men are to-day in the ministry; and others are in different branches of the work. There is something wrong with a church that does not send out as many as it brings in.

For several months we have had the most cheerful and whole-hearted support of six of our trained nurses who are working in Kern County. While these workers are self-supporting, those whose lives are consecrated to the Master represent the true missionaries of the cross.

There are a number of towns in this county ranging in population from a few hundred to six thousand that have never listened to the living preacher of this message. Between 1,000 and 1,500 of the twenty-five-cent books have been sold and much literature has been distributed. Just now the entire county is open to the message and will yield an abundant harvest in money and souls if it is wisely worked.

B. L. Howe.

FIELD TIDINGS

NEVADA MISSION

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Items of Interest

Brother H. L. Wallace writes of continued and increasing interest in Fallon.

Elder M. A. Hollister plans to visit as many points in our field as possible before camp-meeting.

The Nevada Tract Society is making an encouraging beginning. The total retail value of sales for February was \$105.75. In March it reached \$205.85.

From Alturas, where Elder George Sims and Brother David Hartman are holding meetings, Elder Sims reports a slight falling off of attendance, but that about 15 show a deepening interest. He sent in an order for books; also for eight Sabbath school quarterlies. This indicates that we are to have a new Sabbath school there.

We are glad to announce that Brother C. L. Bond has just joined our force of laborers, coming from the

California Conference. He spent a few days in Reno, and on Tuesday went to Lovelock, Nevada, to begin house-to-house work with "Present Truth." Elder Hollister accompanied him so that they might look over the situation together.

Our Sabbath school quarterly reports for the first quarter all reached the office in good season. This was greatly appreciated, as it enabled us to be prompt also in reporting to the department. There was a notable increase of home department reports. The Fallon church, with a membership of 97, reported Sabbath school attendance of 124. This is as it should be, for our Sabbath schools are made up not alone of church members, but embrace many small children and others who are not members of the Seventh-day Adventist body. Reader, are you doing your part to make the Sabbath school record good? The same question might be asked regarding missionary work.

"If every member of the church
Were just like me,
What kind of a church
Would our church be?"

J. L. Humbert.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Colporteur News

The book work is one of our most interesting departments at the present time. All our workers are having excellent success. As a result of the work done by Brethren G. W. Winn and G. M. Wagner in one of our cities, a number of people have taken their stand to keep all the commandments of God. We are indeed sorry to see Brother Wagner leave this conference and go East, but as he plans to continue in the book work in Indianapolis, we wish him the best of success there.

Brother Winn has set a pace for us to strive to reach—40 hours, 26 orders, \$148.75. Brother Fred Fauth is accompanying Brother Winn at present and they are working Grass Valley.

Some time ago the writer, while out with Brother W. V. Huey, sold a book to a lady who was very much in-

terested in this message through reading the "Signs of the Times," and on delivering the book the lady said, "I am so glad to get the book, as I have been wishing every day for it." This lady begged me to come back and study the Bible with her as there were so many things she wanted to know. She asked if, when the Lord returns, there would be a remnant church which would be saved, and as she was given Scripture in answering her questions, she said, "Then don't you believe that Seventh-day Adventists are that church?" This lady is deeply in earnest over this question, and said that her mother is studying with her and thinks as she does.

Brothers Leon and Harold Strever are having great success in Stanislaus County. They write: "We canvassed a man out in a field who would not give us his order. The next day we canvassed his wife, and on leaving the house, we heard some one call, and looking around, this same man was waving his hat for us to come over where he was. He took a book and also ordered one for the children."

E. H. Abbott,

Field Missionary Secretary.

From the Field

On a recent Sabbath, ten precious souls were baptized in the Lodi church baptistry. It was a blessed service.

Elder J. T. Boettcher, while visiting the Coast, conducted a series of meetings with the German church at Lodi, extending over two Sabbaths. The attendance was excellent. The results were the addition of twelve to their membership.

The Northern California Conference camp-meeting will be held, the Lord willing, at Modesto, June 19 to 29. The Council kindly granted us the use of its beautiful, shaded park, situated in the northeast part of the city. This will be just off the highway leading north, and easy of access to all parts of the city.

Elder C. L. Snodgrass and Brother James Crawford, are holding a series of meetings at Roseville. They have continued for two weeks, and now are

moving their place of meeting to another part of the town where they will continue indefinitely. Some have already taken their stand for the truth, and others are interested. The brethren are of good courage, and expect a strong company to be raised up in that place.

The Stockton church has been encouraged by frequent additions to their church membership by the baptism of souls who are taking their stand with us in the present truth. We hear of others who are now awaiting that solemn rite, glad to be reckoned with those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Our cities are stirred with the passing events, and now is the time to present to them the truth that alone can give them rest and peace.

The Modesto church was favored Saturday night, March 29, with a stereopticon lecture given by Brother J. M. Rowse of the Pacific Press Publishing Assn. In his talk Brother Rowse told of the wonderful advance movement in our publications, and made plain that one of the principle agencies in finishing the work of God on earth will be the distribution of the printed page. As we see the demand for our literature more than doubling each year, we can more fully realize that God's purpose is being accomplished; and from the blessed experiences that come from our faithful workers in the field of people longing for the truth, we can to some extent know that the world is perishing for the true gospel of the kingdom. Let us be found faithful in distributing the message as given in our books, tracts and periodicals, that we may be found worthy of a place in the kingdom of our God.

Sabbath, March 29, was a memorable day for the little church at Ripon. Being a new church in the conference, the occasion was the first quarterly meeting held. The Lord came very near, and a new inspiration was given the little company. Among other interesting items all were made to rejoice to have the membership increased by the addition of five members, raising the number to 33. Having been holding their meetings in the home of Sister Della Davis, the need

of having a place of worship was considered, and it was voted to "rise and build." Enough funds were raised to purchase the lot, and plans were set in operation to proceed with building. All are of good courage, and we bespeak a progressive company with a good experience at Ripon.

CALIFORNIA

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Conference Notes

Our quota for missions each month is \$3,600. Are you giving your proportionate share?

Brother N. H. Conway, our field secretary, spent last Sabbath with the church at Richmond.

Our mission offerings for the past quarter amounted to over \$8,500. The Sabbath school department gave about \$5,000 of this.

Our tithe receipts for the first quarter of 1919 were over \$5,000 in excess of last year's receipts for the same length of time, the total amount being \$28,083.99.

Elder J. Adams Stevens was a pleasant caller at our office recently. He told of the progress made in the home missionary work throughout the union field.

Elder A. Brorsen visited the church at Watsonville Sabbath, April 12, conducting the quarterly service and attending to other matters pertaining to the interests of the church while there.

The conference committee has given favorable consideration to doing something definite for the thousands of Chinese in San Francisco. The prayers and co-operation of all in the conference are solicited in behalf of this work.

Elder Alder's leaving Eureka to take up the home missionary work leaves Humboldt County with only Brother E. E. Beddoe and Miss Oleta Butcher to labor in that field, so the committee has asked Elder Andrew Nelson to go there for a time, and he will doubtless locate in Eureka.

The conference committee, at its recent session, invited Elder J. D.

Alder to act as home missionary secretary for the conference. He has already entered upon his duties, and we earnestly solicit the co-operation of all in this very important work. Any mail for his department will reach him at the office address.

G. W. Wells.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Among the Sabbath Schools

The Sabbath schools of Central California gave \$2,094.19 during the month of March, 1919.

Thirty-one certificates have been issued for the 1918 Sabbath school Workers' Training Course as follows: Rolinda, 1; Laton, 3; Hanford, 1; Porterville, 1; Orosi, 1; Madera, 1; Fresno, 19; Bakersfield, 4.

Enrollment for the 1919 Workers' Training Course, in the order received is as follows: Chowchilla, 6; Orosi, 8; Madera, 12; Armona, 5; Fresno, 11; Bakersfield, 8; Barstow (English), 12, making a total of 62.

News Notes

Brother Sears, one of our colporteurs who has been detained at home several days, is now back taking orders for our message-filled books.

Elder R. R. Breitigam was in the office last Friday and reported that the meetings in Coalinga were progressing nicely, and that there was a good, growing interest.

A home missionary convention was held in Fresno, Sabbath and Sunday, April 12 and 13, for the benefit of Fresno and the near-by churches. Elder J. A. Stevens, union conference home missionary secretary, was present to give instruction.

The colporteur work in the Central California Conference is coming to life. As success has attended the work of the faithful few it has encouraged others to enter the work. Elder S. Swinson has secured a prospectus and plans to begin at once taking orders for a May delivery. Two brethren from another conference, one of whom had canvassed several years

before, came to our office looking for farm or carpenter work, but when told that books could be sold on the Coast have decided to canvass for that good book, "Great Controversy."

INTER-MOUNTAIN

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News Items

Brother J. N. Mock is moving his family from Hotchkiss, Colorado, to Rulison, in order that his children may have school advantages while he is engaged in the colporteur work.

Word from Brother F. S. Chollar, who is holding meetings in Delta, Utah, tells of a number being interested at that place. We hope that a good company will be raised up there in the near future.

If all our people would respond in this way to our efforts to get together and study plans for this work, we would see a great deal more accomplished. We look for great things from the Cedaredge church. Definite plans were laid at this convention for greater missionary activities by all the churches represented. The work will never be finished until the rank and file of our people get into definite, active service.

The home missionary convention which followed the colporteurs' institute was one of the most wide awake meetings we have attended in a long time. The churches of Montrose, Cedaredge, Paonia, Hotchkiss, Clifton, Grand Junction, Palisade and Rulison were all represented, and we are especially anxious that some of our churches throughout the conference make note of the fact that between 50 and 60 people came in auto trucks to this convention from the Cedaredge church.

While not many were in attendance at the colporteurs' institute held at Delta, Colo., March 30 to April 4, yet we think it was worth the effort. Brethren J. N. Mock and J. A. Leach, two strong men, were in attendance, and are expecting soon to be in the field. If the Spirit of prophecy were heeded we would have many more such men as these giving their lives to the work. Sister Bessie B. Nelson

was also there from Durango. She certainly has the right missionary spirit, and is dedicating her life to the Lord's work.

H. E. Lysinger.

EDUCATIONAL

School Problems

In casting about for teachers for the coming year we are forced to realize that we are going to face the same problems that confronted us last year—the scarcity of teachers and the financial problem. It is not necessary to spend time and space in trying to convince our people that we must have these schools. It follows then, that we must have teachers, and, of course, we want the very best to be had. In some cases, however, it has been a question of getting a teacher at all.

Last year out of 21 teachers employed in the Northern California Conference only eleven had ever taught before, and two of the eleven had taught only one year. It was necessary to call in ten inexperienced young ladies to fill the vacant places, and we are deeply grateful to them for their help in this time of need. Most of them have shown qualifications which justify us in the belief that they will make good teachers; and now they are worth more in this work than they were before, having had a year's experience. We want to keep as many of them in this service as we can, and we want them to continue to improve and become teachers of the highest efficiency. What are we doing to make this work attractive to them, so that they will want to stay in it?

We are fond of saying that they ought to do this work because they love it. That is an excellent sentiment, and one that we would all do well to study with reference to our own place in the third angel's message; but we must remember that teachers are almost as human as we are, and that a fair salary, paid regularly, is a most tangible evidence of our appreciation of their work. We all admit that our teachers do not receive enough for their work, and that we rely a good deal upon their

"love of the work." What are we doing to make them love it? What can we do more? The fact that these teachers will work for half the salary of the public school teachers is evidence that they love this message and want a part in it; but there are many departments in our work, and if we are not careful other departments may prove more attractive to them than the work of teaching. I know of nurses who would make splendid teachers if trained for that work, but who, watching the conditions under which teachers have to work, the smallness and often the irregularity of their salaries; the criticism, often unkind, I fear, they prefer to remain in a work, just as necessary, just as much for the Lord, but for which they are not so well adapted by nature. I know of teachers who have gone into Bible work, and some who want to do so; I know of at least one teacher who has entered the nurses' training course. Brethren, what can we do to hold our teachers in the work, and to attract more?

Right now the vital question is, how can we get the best teachers for the work of our schools next year. It may sound mercenary, but consider whether those schools which have done the best by their teacher, have made her the most welcome, not overloaded her with church work, paid her salary regularly, are not the ones who can always get the best teachers. And I want to make a suggestion right here—just make a determined resolution that you will pay the teacher her salary on time every fourth Friday, and say so to the teacher you wish to employ, and you will find that you have taken a long step toward securing that teacher. It is not always the size of the check, but more the token of appreciation that does the work.

This brings emphatically to our attention the financial problem. Our churches have struggled a long time with this problem; but there is surely a right way and we want to find it. It has been well said that almost any plan will succeed fairly well where all are agreed to it and work for it. Let us agree on something and then support it heartily.

The budget system has been tried successfully by some of our churches.

This plan consists in estimating as closely as possible what the coming year's expenses will be and then calling for cash and pledges to make up that amount. Some have estimated also the amount per month each would have to pledge in order to raise that sum. In all churches, however, there are those who are unable to carry a very large financial burden and others who are able and willing to do more than their share. These matters can be adjusted to suit the circumstances. All ought to have a little share if possible.

We should work to get in as much cash as possible to be held as a reserve for a possible "rainy day" when the pledges may be coming in slowly. Any good business organization tries to carry on hand enough cash reserve to be able to meet all current expenses. The Lord's business should have as good care as our own. No man hiring help would expect to treat his laborers as some of our teachers have been treated, or if he did, he would expect to find it hard to hire others after the report got out that he was "slow pay." Let us not give the teachers any more chance to say this about us.

I am reminded right here that if the hired man does not give satisfaction he is discharged immediately. That is true. Why wouldn't it be good principle to apply to our schools? We feel a little hesitant about this because the teacher is working for so small a salary; but after everything has been done that can be done after the gospel order to remedy complaints, and still the teacher goes right on without improvement, how much better to tell her frankly that she is not doing justice to the school, to her friends, nor to herself, and ask her to resign; than to let the matter drag on to the end of the year, a constant source of friction in the church, and dissatisfaction in the school. Perhaps another reason why we hesitate to speak freely to the teacher in such a case is that she has not been paid for the last month or the last two months, and we do not know where the money is coming from to pay her if she should be asked to resign. Brethren, this ought not to be. Keep up your end of the contract and then you will feel free to insist that the teacher keep up her end of it. Never

let your reserve fund get below a certain minimum at any time, and by all means get a reserve fund in hand before school begins next fall.

A teacher will not be asked to resign many times before she will decide that she is not "cut out" for a teacher. On the other hand the improved conditions will attract enough good material for this work that we will be able to select the best.

C. D. Stone.

No Restriction Now

Until recently a person could obtain a copy of that almost famous little book, "Questions and Answers," only in connection with a subscription to either the weekly or monthly "Signs" at \$2.15. This worked a bit of hardship on those loyal supporters of our pioneer missionary paper who took clubs of five or more copies, and who, because of the lower club rate, were not entitled to a copy of the book. But all is changed now; the bars are down. Any one may secure a copy now with or without the "Signs." With a yearly subscription to either the weekly or monthly at \$2.15, or independently and alone at \$1.00. The publishers pay the postage.

What Do You Think of This?

A man in Texas, who had only received three copies of "Present Truth" by mail, was so impressed with one issue, No. 38, he sent a \$1000 Liberty Bond to pay for 200,000 copies of this number to be sent free, in lots from 200 to 1,000 copies to each individual who would send the publishers through the tract societies, the following pledge, filled in and personally signed:

"I hereby pledge to personally place, free of charge,copies of "Present Truth" No. 38 in as many carefully selected homes; and, that these copies will not be handed out in a promiscuous, indifferent way.

Name.....
St. No.....
P. O.....
State"

Does it pay to send out "Present Truth" by mail? Who sent those three numbers to this party? That will be known at the time of the re-

warding of the faithful. Those three copies, costing only one and a half cents, brought in a thousand dollars, and will result in the circulation of 200,000 copies reaching one million people with a strong Sabbath message. Is there any cheaper way the message can be given. Is there any letter way?

Obituaries

Church.—John Merwin Church, infant son of Brother and Sister Church, died March 14, 1919, as the result of an attack of the influenza. A large company of sympathizing friends attended the funeral service.

S. T. Hare.

Lewis.—Dorothy Elizabeth Lewis died March 16, 1919, at the age of eight months, being a victim of the influenza followed by pneumonia. She was a sunbeam in her home, and the sorrowing parents miss her very much. Words of comfort were spoken from Isa. 49:15.

S. T. Hare.

Baker.—Susan J. Baker was born in Litchfield, Maine, April 18, 1843, and died at Sanitarium, Cal., March 19, 1919, at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 21 days. Sister Baker accepted the Adventist doctrine in 1891, under the labors of Elder A. J. Osborne, at Palermo, Cal. We laid our sister to rest in the beautiful cemetery at St. Helena, there to await the call of the great Life-giver. Funeral service was conducted by the writer.

W. W. Steward.

Weber.—Henrietta Weber was born in Germany, Feb. 3, 1843, and died in Oakland, Cal., Jan. 9, 1919. Sister Weber accepted the third angel's message 35 years ago and remained firm and steadfast in this blessed hope. She is survived by three daughters and two sons. In the death of Sister Weber her children have lost a devoted and affectionate mother, the church a faithful sister, and humanity a friend. We believe Sister Weber belongs to the class of people of whom the Scriptures speak, "They shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

H. S. Shaw.

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Wanted.—Housekeeper. Age 35 to 45, to care for four motherless children, ages from 2 to 12. Kind-hearted, Christian woman desired; one accustomed to caring for home in the country. For further information write to Gustaf Fresk, Box 155, Tularc, Cal. 2t

The Next Course in the Loma Linda Nurses' Training School will begin on August 17, 1919. An affiliation has been arranged with the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, where student nurses receive a portion of their training. Write for information and application form to Superintendent of Nurses, Loma Linda, Cal. tf

Study at Home.—If you cannot go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

Work at Pacific Union College

Opportunity is offered for several young men to begin work at once at Pacific Union College for school credit next year. The most of the work is on the farm or at cutting cord wood. The credit which is earned during the spring and summer will be applied on next year's schooling. For information, and before coming, address the Business Manager, Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal. 2t

Book Report, Week Ending April 4, 1919

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Arizona						
C. S. Chamberlain	O.D.	22	7		\$18.50	
Mrs. Chamberlain	O.D.	33	14		39.50	3.50
J. R. Douglas	W.P.	43	37	17.00	47.90	30.90
W. F. Mayers	G.C.	23	17	4.70	86.20	126.70
4 Agents		121	75	\$21.70	\$192.10	\$161.10
California						
E. L. Ditmar	G.C.	35	5		\$ 26.50	
John Borreson	P.G.	14	5	19.35	41.85	
Mrs. J. Taphouse	P.G.	12	6		33.00	
Grace Webb*	O.D.	51	21		63.50	
G. A. Stephens	O.D.	2	6		15.50	
R. Shackell	W.P.	10			27.05	
6 Agents *2 Weeks		124	43	\$19.35	\$207.40	
Northern California						
W. V. Huey	O.D., P.G.	25	11	\$ 3.00	\$ 35.00	
G. W. Winn*	G.C.	56	21	33.25	143.25	
H. D. Strever	O.D.	42	17	4.80	48.30	
L. F. Strever	O.D.	43	20	7.50	65.00	
Fred Fauth*	G.C., P.G.	34	6	4.70	28.70	
5 Agents *2 Weeks		200	75	\$53.25	\$320.25	
Central California						
Emma S. Hansen	P.G.	46	12	\$16.60	\$ 70.60	\$ 10.60
L. R. Knapp	P.G.	5	1		4.50	23.50
C. H. Irish	P.G.	24	11	.75	47.75	20.00
A. H. Ramsay	G.C., O.D.	11	13		51.50	29.00
4 Agents		86	37	\$17.35	\$174.35	\$ 83.10
Southern California						
S. H. Coombs	P.G.	25	10		\$ 55.00	\$190.00
D. A. Dale	P.G.	43	6		30.00	286.00
F. B. Desmarests	P.G.	44	18	.60	98.60	101.10
A. Dimock	P.G.	45	16		80.00	40.00
L. M. Nelson	P.G.	8	4		18.00	10.00
A. Reckart	B.R.	38	3	7.65	22.15	26.20
F. E. Williams	P.G.	39	2	4.10	14.10	8.60
7 Agents		242	59	\$12.35	\$317.85	\$661.90
Southeastern California						
H. Black	P.G.	30	7		\$ 38.50	
Mrs. B. A. Rogers	O.D.	13	1	1.70	5.20	
P. Rawlinson	C.K., O.D.	38	9	6.50	36.00	
3 Agents		81	17	\$ 8.20	\$79.70	
Inter-Mountain						
F. H. Jenks	D.R.	20	5		\$ 21.00	
Totals		874	311	\$132.20	\$1312.65	\$906.10

"Three things to govern,—temper, tongue, and conduct.
 "Three things to cultivate,—courage, affection, and gentleness.
 "Three things to commend,—thrift, industry, and promptness.
 "Three things to despise,—cruelty, arrogance, and ingratitude.
 "Three things to wish for,—health, friends, and contentment.
 "Three things to admire,—dignity, gracefulness, and intellectual power.
 "Three things to give,—alms to the needy, comfort to the sad, and appreciation to the worthy."

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1919

Sunday Bill Gets Death Blow

The California Sunday closing bill has met the fate of its predecessors in this State. The stinging blow dealt it on Wednesday, April 9, when it was withdrawn from the special urgency file in the Assembly, and sent to the judiciary committee by a vote of 32 to 18, is one from which it probably will not recover, since it is unlikely that this committee will report it back. The Legislature will adjourn April 22.

The 56,759 names filed with the Legislature in protest against Sunday laws of all kinds, and against Assembly Bill 142 in particular, the hundreds of letters written to legislators, the leaflets on religious liberty, scattered throughout California by the hundred thousands, and the scores of newspaper articles,—both news items and editorials—against the measure, have convinced the lawmakers that this State wants no such law, and a majority of them are opposed to it.

However, the motion to re-refer the bill to committee precipitated a sharp discussion. Assemblyman Gray declared that the measure in its present form is unconstitutional and discriminatory. Assemblyman Hurley, of Oakland, a supporter of the legal Sunday, said there could be but one purpose in the motion, and that was to let the bill die in committee. "If the legislators haven't the courage to go on record, they had better close up shop and go home," he added. Assemblyman Doran questioned why the vote on the motion would not be a record vote, and said he was "willing to act as pall-bearer for this bill

right now." Assemblyman Bennett likewise spoke against the bill describing it as "one of mischief which will breed litigation."

Let us praise God that once again a victory has been achieved for the cause of religious freedom, that in California all may still worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences unfettered by Sunday legislation.

Frank A. Coffin.

Dollars For Latin America

Six wires stretched from the walls to the center of the Sabbath school room in the Riverside church basement were the "trails" for pack burros, each of which carried a dollar into the mission treasury during the first quarter of 1919. Each class had its trail, and the children work hard to send as many burros as possible. As a burro entered the treasury, all the children stood.

On the last Sabbath the trails were transferred to the upper room, so the older members might see the triumphant entry of the last burros. A stirring program was given including a talk from Elder E. L. Maxwell, the superintendent of the field to which the offerings were to go. Each class reported its offering for the day, and the donkeys began to arrive. Such a drove of them! And each one with a dollar in his pack. On they came, till sixty-one were crowded about the center, the last ones to enter flying little flags of triumph. Then the seniors helped to swell the fund by putting upon the donkeys saddle bags with a dollar on each side.

For each class there was also a burro with a pink saddle. These represented memory verses learned by all throughout the quarter. Sabbath schools and missions are closely connected by such enthusiastic study and effort.

Max Hill.

"The spirit of unselfish labor for others gives depth, stability, and Christlike loveliness to the character, and brings peace and happiness to its possessor."

"When the love of Christ is enshrined in the heart, like sweet fragrance it cannot be hidden. Its holy influence will be felt by all with whom we come in contact."

OUR SOLDIERS' CORNER

The following is a letter from one of our Chinese boys who is in the service:

"As a recipient of the blessings extended through your department (the War Service Commission) I take pleasure in acknowledging your letter of February 10, 1919. I am sure it is impossible to express in words my appreciation for the papers each week. In the Navy it is so hard to get the Sabbath off, and almost impossible to get to church.

"The Lord has been merciful, and it is so comforting and cheering that His goodness never fails; He provides grace sufficient for each trial. Being in charge of the hydrotherapy department makes it possible for me to observe the holy Sabbath. How happy I am for this blessed truth that binds our hearts in Christian love.

"Awhile ago an effort was made to persuade me to break the Sabbath. I was asked to assist the working gang moving tents on the hospital grounds, but I replied that I could not do that, but would gladly do nursing. My suggestion was not received favorably at first; but finally I was sent to take charge of a ward, and another man was called to meet the emergency. I am very thankful that the Lord loves me and gives me strength to overcome.

"How sweet is the message from Jesus: 'I will keep thee in the hour of temptation because thou hast kept the word of my patience.' I am rather alone; but He has promised to be with me, even unto death, therefore I shall take courage. I will not doubt though sorrows fall like rain, and troubles swarm like bees about a hive; I will believe the heights for which I strive are only reached by anguish and pain. I will not doubt or surrender, so well anchored is this faith. How stimulating to know that our blessed Lord is soon coming and these little trials will be no more. May God bless the efforts of your hands, is my prayer. Your grateful brother in Christ,

J. S. Ching."

"You cannot share your joy too much, nor your grief too little."