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"THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD SPAKE OFTEN ONE TO ANOTHER."

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THE CHURCH

HE CARETH

What can it mean? Is it ought to Him
That the nights are long and the days are
dim?
Can He be touched by the griefs I bear,
Which sadden the heart and whiten the
hair?
About His throne are eternal calms,
And strong, glad music of happy psalms,
And bliss unruffled by any strife;
How can He care for my little life?

And yet I want Him to care for me
While I live in this world where the
sorrows be,
When the lights die down in the path I
take,
When strength is feeble and friends
forsake,
When love and music that once did bless
Have left me to silence and loneliness,
And my life-song changes to sobbing
prayers,
Then my spirit cries out for a God who
cares.

When shadows hang over the whole day
long,
And my spirit is bowed with shame and
wrong;
When I am not good, and the deeper
shade
Of conscious sin in my heart is made,
And the busy world has too much to do
To stay in its course to help me through,
And I long for a Saviour—can it be
That the God of the universe cares for
me?

Oh, wonderful story of deathless love!
Each child is dear to that Heart above;
He fights for me when I can not fight;
He comforts me in the gloom of night;
He lifts the burden, for He is strong;
He stills the sigh and awakes the song;
The sorrow that bowed me down He
bears,
And loves and pardons because He cares.

Let all who are sad take heart again;
We are not alone in our hours of pain;
Our Father stoops from His throne above
To soothe and quiet us with His love.
He leaves us not when the strife is high;
And we have safety, for He is nigh.
Can it be trouble which He doth share?
Oh, rest in peace, for the Lord will care!
—Selected.

THE CHURCH

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY

"Do ye not know that they
which minister about holy things
live of the things of the temple?
and they which wait at the altar
are partakers with the altar? Even
so hath the Lord ordained that
they which preach the gospel
should live of the gospel." 1 Cor.
9:13, 14.

In the summer of 1854 Seventh-
day Adventists began the use of
large tents in which to hold meet-
ings. It was a rare thing in those
days to see tents used for such pur-
poses, consequently crowds of peo-
ple came to the tent-meetings.
This increased interest to hear the
message called for ministers who
could devote their whole time to
the gospel work. This they could
not do without some means of sup-
port beside their own hand labor.
No system of finance had as yet
been established among us, so no

salaries could be promised the min-
ister.

As order in the ministry had
come in, separating from the body
those who had abused the liberal-
ities of the brethren, confidence in
the work was established. When
calls were made for money to pur-
chase tents, for tent-meetings, and
laborers' expenses, for a power
press and engine, for a book fund,
etc., there were liberal responses.
The work advanced so rapidly that
at the close of 1857 (in three years)
the number of Seventh-day Ad-
ventists had doubled, and the office
property of the "Review and Her-
ald" had increased from \$700 to
\$5,000.

Satan was displeased to see the
cause flourish, as order was being
established among us, so he called
a council of his angels to devise a
plan to hinder the work. Of this
we read in "Spiritual Gifts," vol. 1,
published in 1858: "I saw that
Satan bade his angels to lay their
snares especially for those who are
looking for Christ's second appear-
ing, and keeping all the command-
ments of God. . . . Said he:
'The sect of Sabbath-keepers we
hate; they are continually working
against us, and taking from us our
subjects to keep the hated law of
God. Go, make the possessors of
land and money drunk with cares.
If you can make them place their
affections upon these things, we
shall have them yet. They may
profess what they please, only
make them care more for money
than for the success of Christ's
kingdom or the spread of the
truths we hate. Present the world
before them in its most attractive

light, that they may idolize it. We must keep in our ranks all the means of which we can get control. The more means the followers of Christ devote to His service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects. . . . Present every plausible excuse to those who have means, lest they hand it out. Control the money matters if you can, and drive the ministers to want and distress. This will weaken their courage and zeal. Battle every inch of ground. Make covetousness the leading trait in their character."—Pages 128, 129.

The zeal and liberality of our people, which were so abundant from 1853 to 1856, dropped to such a low ebb in 1857 that even many in the ministry were being driven to hand labor for their own support. The testimony above quoted explained the "power behind the scenes" that was aiding the production of such results.

In the winter of 1857-58 the following testimony was given, and we were directed to "search the Scriptures, for therein a plan is given for the support of the work,—a plan which our people should adopt." It was further said: "The least that has been required of Christians in past days is to possess a spirit of liberality, and to consecrate to the Lord a portion of their increase. Every true Christian has considered this a privilege, but some who have borne the name only have considered this a task; the grace and love of God had never wrought in them the good work, or they would gladly have advanced the cause of their Redeemer. But Christians who are living in the last days, and who are waiting for their Lord, are required to do even more than this. God requires of them to sacrifice."

"I was pointed back to the days of the apostles, and saw that God laid the plan by the descent of His Holy Spirit, and that by the gift of prophecy He counseled His people in regard to a system of benevolence. All were to share in this work of imparting of their carnal things to those who ministered unto them in spiritual things."—Testimonies, vol. 1, pages 170, 190.

In the month of April, 1858, a

Bible class was conducted by Elder J. N. Andrews, in Battle Creek, Mich. Its object was to learn what the Scriptures teach concerning the support of the gospel ministry, and resulted in developing "the plan of systematic benevolence, on the tithing principle." An address setting forth this system of supporting the gospel was published in the "Advent Review" of February 6, 1859.

This same address had been adopted by a vote of the Battle Creek church, Jan. 26, 1859. The plan proposed was so reasonable and consistent that it was readily accepted and acted upon by the generous and liberal hearted. It was welcomed as a measure well calculated to give greater efficiency to the work of the ministry. An address on the same subject was read and adopted by a vote of a general gathering of our people in Battle Creek, June 3-6, 1859. The majority of our people began immediately to carry out the plan.

Soon after this the following testimony was published: "I saw that in the arrangement of systematic benevolence hearts will be tested and proved. It is a constant, living test. It brings one to understand his own heart, to see whether the truth or the love of the world predominates." "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

"This tithing system, I saw, would develop character, and manifest the true state of the heart. If the brethren "have this matter presented before them in its true bearing, and are left to decide for themselves, they will see wisdom and order in the tithing system."—Vol. 1, pages 221, 222, 237.

With a slight modification of keeping account of actual income, and giving one-tenth of that to the cause, for the support of the ministry, the system introduced in 1858 is still carried out. It supplies a steady flow of means into the treasury for the gospel work. Note that the Testimony, from the first, called it "tithes" that should be rendered to the Lord. Instead of be-

ing benevolence, it is said in the Scriptures to be "the Lord's." In the payment of the tithe we are only rendering to the Lord His own.

In view of the promise of so great blessings on those who pay faithfully their tithe (Mal. 3:8-12), it is sad to see how many choose rather to deprive themselves of those blessings, and boldly "rob" the Lord "in tithes and offerings." They do not see why they do not prosper, when the Lord says to them, in the plainest terms, "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me."

J. N. Loughborough.

SELFISHNESS

"Unselfishness is very often selfish. In forgetting ourselves for another, we may forget others who ought to be considered. There are church-goers who are so intent on saying a kindly word to a neighboring pew-holder that they block the aisle by their friendly act, to the discomfort and annoyance of a score of other church-goers who are hindered thereby. In the narrow passages of a city market friendly customers stop each other, and stop many others, by coming to a full stand for a good-morning welcome to an acquaintance, without having the thoughtfulness to step on one side for the time being, in order not to block the market thoroughfare. And the same thoughtless disregard of others is shown in the doorways of hotels, and of shops, and of street-cars, and on the street sidewalks, continually, by persons who are all the while congratulating themselves on thinking so much of others, that they stop and help them block the passage against ten times as many persons as they show attention to. If we would be unselfish in our dealings with our neighbors, we must take into account others besides those in whom we are personally and selfishly interested."

"No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

THE FIELD

LETTER FROM ELDER SNYDER

The following letter from Elder G. A. Snyder to the San Jose church is kindly furnished for publication. Many of our readers will be pleased to hear from him:—

"25 Sloane St., Summer Hill, Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 26, 1901.
 "Dear Brethren and Sisters of the San Jose Church: Inclosed please find the acknowledgment of our acceptance into the Ashfield church. We are enjoying our work here as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Of course we do not have the means and facilities for carrying forward the work that you have in California, but we did not expect to when we came, so we are not very much disappointed.

"I went up the railway about 150 miles last week to make arrangements for a camp-meeting. It will be quite a humble affair compared with the one we had in San Jose. There will probably be a dozen or more tents on the ground. Everybody will have to look out for themselves, and we will have to carry all our water from the river, several blocks away.

"The brother who has been laboring there preparatory to the camp-meeting had to make a bed of loose straw on the floor in one corner of the room for himself and family, because he had no money and the conference treasury was empty. Of course we sent him some money as soon as possible. It was only a small amount, however. When I was up there, I asked him if he needed any more, and he said he thought he could get along a couple of weeks longer with what he had. He had less than twenty cents, and when I divided my money with him, he said he had been thinking of getting some house painting to do, so he could work part of the day at that, and visit and give Bible-readings during the remainder of the day and in the evenings. He was not complaining in the least, but was anxious to do that much to help the conference out of debt. From

this you can see something of the difficulties we have to contend with; but if all the laborers catch the spirit of this one, the Lord will help us to overcome the difficulties. It is only just to say that this was one of the American brethren who came over with us on the Sonoma.

"We have had our own difficulties to contend with also. We have received no money from the California Conference as yet, and have been able to draw but little on the order we brought with us, on account of others being hard pushed. We are not complaining, but we are hoping for better days ahead.

"This leaves us both well and of good courage in the Lord. Hoping that it may find you all enjoying similar blessings, I remain as ever,
 Yours in the work,
 "Geo. A. Snyder."

GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of such members of the General Conference Committee, presidents of conferences, managers of institutions, and auditors as could be gotten together, was held at Battle Creek, October 23 to November 3.

Verbal reports from the six newly-organized Union Conferences were rendered. While the organization of these conferences is of too recent a date to reveal the entire benefit that is to accrue to the work from them, yet the reports submitted were generally of a very encouraging character, and all seemed satisfied that the plans of reorganization that have been adopted will prove of incalculable value, when adapted to the existing conditions of the various fields.

The leading questions that occupied the time of the council were the educational, publishing, foreign fields, the finances of the General Conference, and a uniform system of accounts, reporting and remittance of funds for the churches and local conferences.

It was decided that the publication of the "Sabbath School Worker" should be discontinued, and that hereafter a general educational journal should be published, in which the interests of our colleges, academies, church-

schools, as well as Sabbath-schools, would be served.

Considerable time was given to the consideration of the work at Berrien Springs. Special effort will be put forth to make this indeed a training-school where workers may be developed for the gospel ministry in its various lines. Provision was made for holding a special course this winter for ministers.

Preliminary steps were taken for the distribution of the assets and liabilities of the General Conference Association. Upon careful examination of the assets and liabilities of the association, and the condition of the various Union Conferences, the liabilities of the association were apportioned as follows:—

To districts Nos. 4 and 5	\$85,000
To district 6	31,000
To district 5	10,000
To district 2	10,000
To district 1	5,000
To district 3	34,000

It was recommended that the Union Conferences assume obligations of the association to this amount, with the understanding that the institutions owned by the association are to be deeded to the districts in which they are located. The recommendation, as far as it has to do with the Pacific Union Conference, will be acted upon at our conference meeting next March.

A form of receipts and report blanks for church officers, and a system of accounts for church treasurers, were adopted and will appear in the "Review and Herald." In order that confusion may be avoided, it was recommended that all Sabbath-school and mission funds be turned over to the church treasurer, by whom they are to be sent to the conference treasurer, who in turn will forward the entire amount to the Union Conference treasury. Some confusion has existed in the Pacific Union Conference on this question, owing to contradictory instructions that have come from other sources, but it is to be hoped that this recommendation of a uniform plan for all the conference will correct this condition.

P. T. Magan was appointed business agent for the General Confer-

ence, and E. R. Palmer general canvassing agent.

A very interesting and profitable Bible study was conducted each day by W. W. Prescott. These were occasions that were enjoyed by all, and the Spirit of God was manifestly present.

W. T. Knox.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF WORKERS' MEETING HELD IN OAKLAND CHURCH MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1901

A goodly number assembled at ten o'clock A. M., and, after the meeting had been opened with prayer, the subject of self-supporting work was taken up and freely discussed. Elders J. O. Corliss, M. H. Brown, and W. S. Sadler gave short talks along this line, and others spoke of experiences they had had, and various suggestions were offered. Among the remarks made by the different speakers, the following observations were specially noted: Elder W. S. Sadler said the worker who supports himself, instead of depending upon others for his living, is educated in economy and faithfulness and the improvement of every minute. Self-supporting work is a grand thing. When the name of a worker is read at camp-meeting, the individual should not see visions of six dollars a week coming in regularly, but should regard it as meaning hard work ahead. When we are paid out of sacred funds, every moment should count. We are apt to forget to distinguish between sacred and common funds. We should give ourselves into the hands of the Lord so completely that He can, as it were, turn us out of the nest if He wants to, and then, instead of grumbling, we shall say, "Thank the Lord, there is something good in this for me."

Elder Corliss thought that moving workers from place to place often helps them to realize their dependence upon God, and not upon any conference or any other body. The Lord has indicated that canvassing is what persons

who are starting in the work should take up. It gives one an experience which can not be obtained in any other way. The self-supporting worker learns to plan for himself, and not have his work mapped out by others.

Elder Sadler added that the Lord is managing everything; and, if we are inclined to think we are badly used, let us leave it with the Lord. If a conference committee puts us to canvassing, and we think they have something against us, let us regard it as Joseph did his going into Egypt, when he said to his brothers, You thought you sent me here, but it was God. When we have surrendered ourselves into the Lord's hands, whatever happens to us is for our best good, because God never sends us anything that is not for our good, and the best thing He can do for us under the circumstances.

Elder Corliss then observed that canvassing is simply preaching the truth to the people in a different way than occupying a pulpit. It may happen that those who say they will not do canvassing, are brought to a place where there is nothing else they can do.

At this point Elder M. H. Brown read from the Testimonies, and said that workers should trust unreservedly in the Lord, knowing that He overrules everything to the good of those who love Him. He also called attention to the improvement of time. He had seen certain people who would occupy every spare moment in storing the mind with some useful knowledge, reading some good book, and endeavoring to fit themselves for greater usefulness in the Lord's work; while others seem scarcely to know how to fill up their time. He appealed to the California workers to have a high standard, and aim to reach it, to determine to make of themselves all that can be made in the Lord's work, so that He can use them to His glory in accomplishing a great work for Him. He remarked that some people lie in bed in the morning, when the time so spent might be utilized to fit themselves for better work and greater efficiency. We must be alive and awake, not drones, nor indolent; for it does

make a great deal of difference whether we are active and earnest, or careless and indifferent.

Here Brother Sadler said that Satan is ever seeking to persuade us that we are in the wrong place, even when we are in the right place; but there is a great deal of good in being determined on doing our best, even though it may appear we are not in the work best suited to us; for then the Lord can steer us into the place where we ought to be; but a motionless ship can not be steered. You should settle down in what you are doing, unless you are convinced that you ought to engage in something else.

Elder Corliss remarked that sometimes persons say the Lord wants them to do a certain thing when, in reality, it is what they want to do. Let us be passive in the Lord's hands; not say we will do this or that, and bend every energy toward it, but let Him guide us.

Then the matter was taken up by a large number of those present, and many expressions were made of resolutions to do whatever the Lord wanted. Refreshing testimonies were given by very many of the workers.

The meeting then adjourned to November 4, at the San Francisco church.

J. O. Corliss, Chairman.
H. W. Rose, Dep. Sec.

GLENNVILLE

The work is still onward here. Since my last report we have opened our church-school, and I am installed as teacher. We have a cozy schoolhouse and seven pupils. Professor Ballenger visited us November 12 and 13, and encouraged us with good advice.

The Cumberland Presbyterian minister, of whom I spoke in my last as coming to oppose us, spoke each night for two weeks on the subject "Why I Can Not Be a Seventh-day Adventist." He told the people what we believed, and then tried to show the absurdity of our position. But as his authority for our belief was Canright, and a misconception of our own works, it was far from true. I corrected a few of his statements, handing

him a written statement of our position on a few subjects. This statement he kindly read, and said he had no intention of misrepresenting us. But instead of using the Bible to refute us, he took "early fathers" and historians, and his effort only resulted, as far as we were concerned, in making us firmer. We know we have God's truth, and we feel to praise God continually.

I just received a letter from the lady of whom I spoke as living thirty miles away, saying she had taken her stand for the truth. Praise the Lord!

Several others living at a distance are interested. We are scattering the printed page diligently, and praying God to water and give the increase.

The enemy is working hard, and has even descended to ungentlemanly methods. The minister made a personal threat to us recently in a church full of people. But it only succeeded in angering a number of his own people and lessening his own congregation. To God be all the praise for the work here. Mina Mann.

Nov. 13, 1901.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

From a letter just received from Brother A. S. Kellogg, we take the following interesting items concerning the work in that field:—

"The Lord has wonderfully blessed in the work, and good has been accomplished. While at Pepperwood I took charge of the work, painting the church inside and out. The material for painting the church cost \$30.45. This was paid by cash on hand that had been raised by the church.

"At Blue Lake we are working to build a church. The lot has been bought and paid for, and deeded to the California Conference Association. The lot was worth \$100, but the owner gave it to us for \$50. All the companies in the county are helping a little, and we expect to see the building up and free of debt. We hope to do the same thing at McDermot Prairie.

"While at Dows Prairie Sabbath

and Sunday, I spoke four times and made eleven visits. On Sunday morning I took a cart, and, in company with one of the brethren, we visited seven families not of our faith, some of them said to be rank infidels. The brother did not like the idea of going at first, but when the day was over, he said it was one of the best days of his life, and that it had opened up ways for him to work that before had seemed dark. The ordinances were celebrated here for the first time in ten years. Some of the members had visited Arcata for these services during that time, but very seldom."

It will be seen from the report of Brother Kellogg that the work is onward in Humboldt County. In this we rejoice, and trust the Lord will bless the laborers abundantly in that field.

JOHN ADAMS, CALIFORNIA

Since my last report I have visited Redding, and again spent a short time at Red Bluff, and I trust at both places the work was not fruitless. At the first place we celebrated the solemn ordinances of the Lord's house. Although this company was brought into the truth by meetings held two years ago, this was the first time they had ever participated in the ordinances. It was a solemn occasion, and the Lord came preciously near.

At Red Bluff two who had given up the truth took their stand once more for the message.

My report this time will not be so much for work done in the past, but rather an anticipation of the future.

John Adams is a little country village, fifteen miles from Chico, which is the nearest railroad point. One year ago I moved my family to this place. There is only one family of Adventists living nearer than Chico, and the third angel's message has never been proclaimed here. I expected to hold meetings when I first moved my family here, but work in other parts kept me, and there has never been an opening since when I could spare the time for a public effort. This,

however, I think was all for the best, as we have had opportunity to get acquainted with all the neighbors, until now there seems to be an interest to start with. One thing that has impressed me is the large number of young people who make no profession of religion. My heart is especially burdened for them. Oh, for the power of God to move upon their hearts and make them know a Saviour's love! For this I seek, for this I am praying.

How helpless—utterly helpless—we are, apart from God! We might convince hundreds of people of the truth by the logical presentation of the message, but how far short this is of the real work! Only the power of God can convict and convert the heart. I want to realize this constantly.

I am planning to begin the work here November 2. I hope to be enabled to give interesting accounts from time to time of what is being accomplished. I would especially request the prayers of God's people, wherever these lines are read, in behalf of the work here.

C. N. Martin.

BUCKEYE, SHASTA CO., CAL.

Since our last report from this place we have seen much of God's power in our midst. Four precious souls have enlisted in the race for heaven, while the children of these dear ones are likewise obeying.

Immediately after the Red Bluff camp-meeting we organized a Sabbath-school, numbering fourteen. It encourages us to see all present drinking in the practical truths contained in the lessons from week to week. We expect to see the most active members carry the responsibility of the school when the workers are called to new fields. This has already commenced, as one lady consented to take the senior class next Sabbath. The adults are three women and one man. The brother holds a responsible position in one of the gold mines here, and we thank the Lord that his foreman had no ob-

jections to his keeping the Sabbath day.

Others are interested for miles around. These are visited quite often with our literature, and occasionally a reading is given. Pray with us, brethren, that these souls may take their stand while the waters are troubled.

The public meetings are held as usual on Wednesday night, and alternating with the Methodist minister on Sunday afternoons, following the Sunday-school.

It was suggested at the camp-meeting to divide the corps of workers here as soon as the work was well established. Therefore my wife and I came to Anderson, Shasta County, the 8th instant, to begin work with "Object Lessons" and other literature, leaving Brother Sims and wife with the Buckeye company. They will remain there till after the holidays, and then join us here to follow this work with another effort.

Pray for the work in Shasta County.
I. P. Dillon.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

FIELD REPORTS

The work is still onward. All are of good courage, and the light is reaching into new places.

A good interest is manifested at McPherson, but the truth has not been carried far enough to report the results.

Fourteen have accepted the truth at Sawtelle, and there is no prejudice. The people of that vicinity have taken a subscription for the building of a house of worship. The friends are assisting the little company in this new place, and they expect to have the house free from debt when completed. The lumber is now partly on the ground. This church will accommodate the company at Santa Monica also on the Sabbath. I love to see churches built if there is no lingering debt.

Four were recently baptized at San Diego, and we learn that there are six more that are now ready to go forward in the same ordinance.

Two were baptized at Los Angeles last Sabbath, and others are ready to unite.

Three have embraced the truth at Nordhoff.

It is encouraging to see souls coming to the only light that can show them the way to the gates of the city, but when we think of the fact that we are in the time of the "loud cry," how little it all seems beside what it ought to be! God will pity our weakness, and will give a greater increase if we earnestly use the time that is still allowed us. But what will be the reckoning if we are still indifferent in the work? It will come to the time that He will say, "Cut it down."

It must not be said of us. Instead, we may hear the words, "Well done."

Clarence Santee.

SAN DIEGO

The Lord is greatly blessing in the work in this place. Souls are finding peace in God, and are working for the salvation of others. Elder Santee was with us during the week preceding November 4. This was a season of refreshing to the church, and all enjoyed the lessons given.

For some time the work has been deepening, and Sabbath, November 9, was a day long to be remembered, because of the outpouring of the latter rain. The speaker was in the pulpit ready to begin his sermon, when a sister arose and wanted to know if it would be proper for her to ask the prayers of God's people. When told it was, she asked the church to remember her and her family when they prayed. This was followed by nearly the whole church confessing their sins and asking for prayers. There was a silence in the church, made solemn by the presence of the angels of heaven. One Methodist lady, who came in to worship with us, said in her testimony: "I am so glad to be here, and I believe you people have the Spirit of the Lord. Why, it seems just like one of the old love-feasts we used to have in the Methodist Church, but we

don't have any more of them nowadays."

After a season of prayer, in which God was petitioned to remember each request, and deepen the burden for souls, we had a praise service. Many claimed the victory by faith, and expressed their confidence in the Lord's answer to their prayers. Seven arose for baptism, making eleven in the past two weeks. Two of this number are middle-aged sisters, who were faithful workers in the Methodist Church. We welcome them among those who are keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and we extend a cordial invitation for others to come along and go with us.

As churches we need more of the Spirit of God, and to have our minds enlightened with the everlasting gospel. The popular churches are beginning to feel the chilly sensation that results from a withdrawal of the Holy Spirit. Honest hearts are aching for the warmth and sympathy found in the third angel's message.

Brethren and sisters, it is our privilege to be in such a condition that we can invite them into our midst, and impart to them the soul-satisfying truths of God's Word. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come."

T. S. Whitelock, M. D.

"Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty; for He maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and His hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine He shall redeem thee from death; and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue; neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh." Job 5:17-21.

"Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee." Ps. 143:8.

ARIZONA MISSION FIELD

ARIZONA

The work is onward in this field, and all seem to be of good courage. We have cheering reports from all the workers, saying that a few are accepting the truth. One Spanish minister has accepted the truth at Tucson, so far as he has carried his investigation, and it is hoped that he will develop into a useful man in the cause. There is a company and Sabbath-school at Bisbee that has been raised up this year, and, though it is not large, yet there is a prospect of its growing steadily.

We spent some time in the Verde Valley the first part of the summer, but did not see the results we had hoped. From there we went to Flagstaff, spending the time from July 9 to October 29. Sister W. L. Iles had been working here for some time, and there was a good interest. We opened a "Bible school" four nights in each week, besides our Sabbath services. Bible-readings were held regularly with several families, and some finally accepted the truth. This little church had struggled along for some time, with not a man in it to help them, and they were much cheered when, on October 19, three united with them in the blessed work—two by baptism, one on former baptism. It is expected that Brother James Creamer, of St. Helena, Cal., will soon locate there to engage in business, while assisting the church. It is also hoped that soon a doctor or nurses will be secured for that place. All of these would find their hands full, and be a great help to the church and work there. There are still those who are already interested and will probably soon fully accept the truth.

The organization of this territory into a mission field, under the Pacific Union Conference, has been quite a task, having to be accomplished wholly by correspondence; but all along there have been harmony and united effort in it, and our people throughout the field are all greatly encouraged to think that now we are our own field, upon our own responsibilities largely, yet having the support and assistance of the Pacific

Union Conference to some extent. They feel that each must now take hold to do all he can to help forward this message. The Lord has blessed in this move, and, while the Pacific Union Conference has supplied us with \$500 so far, which has nearly all been used to pay our six laborers, we have to-day more funds in the treasury than when we began this mission work, all raised in the field. The work that has been accomplished with this money and effort is very encouraging, notwithstanding the fact that this is one of the hardest fields in the United States. The work moves slowly and hard, compared to some conferences where they have more funds, more workers, and more settled communities to labor in; but we have cause for rejoicing at the progress made. While a few are giving up in discouragement, more are coming in to fill up the ranks.

No doubt you have all been interested in the reports of Brethren J. E. and F. S. Bond of their canvassing work here. Already they have put nearly 350 books, large and small, into the field, having lost but very few orders, and in most cases, where an order was lost, they have sold it to some one else. The money brought into the treasury this way has nearly supported one laborer, as one of these brethren is paid a salary, and turns all his sales into the treasury.

The Phoenix church has had a hard time to get its school started this year, but it is a source of great encouragement to the workers and to themselves to see how the Lord opened the way when they stepped out by faith. The Lord has blessed in it. Brother Owen, the teacher, finds a good missionary field, and is much encouraged at the prospect before the school and church. We expect good results to follow this effort.

Calls are coming in for workers, and we are planning for a winter's campaign with courage and cheer. Pray for the work in Arizona.

E. W. Webster,
R. E. Webster.

"The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous." Ps. 1:6.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

SUMMARY OF SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORTS IN PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE.

	No. Schools	Mem.	Total Contributions.	Don. to O. H.	Don. to Mis'ns.
N. Cal.....	114	2,905	\$1,673 27	\$139 80	\$374 57
S. Cal.....	21	624	470 72	19 04	34 47
N. Pacific	85	1,892	521 50	143 72	264 94
Up. Cal....	31	859	182 18	32 53	48 05
Montana ..					
Arizona ...	4	108	22 27	15 55	11 46
Utah.....	2	94	21 64	1 25	6 42
Alaska	2	16	8 99	4 77
Total....	259	6,498	\$2,790 57	\$356 76	\$739 91

Of the schools reported in Northern California, twenty-eight are family schools, as are also two of those in the Southern California list. We sincerely wish that all family schools would report, and that the number of such schools would be greatly increased. We regret that we have no reports from Montana and Hawaii this quarter.

C. R. K.

ATTENTION

"How shall we hold the attention of our auditors?" was the question asked by a young preacher of a veteran. "Give them something to attend to," was the wise reply. The attention of the pupil the teacher must have and hold, if he accomplish anything in the class; hence the importance of these inquiries.

HOW NOT TO GAIN IT.

1. By demanding it as a right.
2. By begging it as a favor.
3. By scolding the scholars for not giving it.
4. It is not to be gained by special indulgences and rewards.
5. It can not be secured by threats.
6. Hearing the lesson rather than attempting to teach it, will not be likely to gain attention.
7. Endeavoring to teach truths which the pupil can not comprehend, will not secure it.
8. Reading the lesson from a book will not fasten the mind upon it.
9. Presenting a confused com-

bination of ideas will prevent the attention of the scholar.

10. The use of words not understood, or using words so inaccurately that they convey no definite idea, will not command the intelligent attention of any one.

HOW TO GAIN IT.

1. By telling the child something which pays him for giving attention.

2. By giving information in such a manner that the scholar will count it worth his hearing.

3. By interesting the scholar in the subject of the lesson.

4. By awakening a curiosity in the mind, or sympathy with the subject.

5. By bringing distinctly before your own mind the well-known fact that children delight as much in exercising their minds as their limbs, provided only that that which is presented to them be suited to their capacities, and adapted to their strength.

6. By being intensely interested in the lesson yourself, you will interest your scholars and gain their attention.—Selected.

A GREAT MESSAGE OF MANY PHASES

Unquestionably the presentation of the life-giving and life-saving principles of truth, which are known as the third angel's message, is the greatest and most glorious work mortal man was ever intrusted with. And the world will be tested by this message; no other chance of repentance and acceptance will ever be given to erring sinners. The hours of probationary time are fast going by, and we have been told that even to-day God's judgments are abroad in the land. The time of peril once waited for has now arrived, and that which for years was foretold is now present truth.

This work of the proclamation of this message is one which immediately precedes Christ's second advent. Every man, woman, and child who is a believer in these truths for to-day should be seriously considering how to give this warning to the world. Brethren

and sisters, we have a many-sided message and a world-wide work.

For about fifty years we have been receiving rays of light from heaven concerning the lines of work that are to play their parts in the giving of the last message of mercy to a dying world; and with every such ray of light there has come a corresponding measure of responsibility. Dear reader, if you have seen this light, your only safety lies in letting it shine out for the benefit of those in darkness. Every Seventh-day Adventist should become a transfer station, as it were, a means by which the principles of truth which we have received shall be handed on to the world. Says the Word, "Arise; shine; for thy light is come." This call comes to us with redoubled force to-day; and we can not afford to hear the call and heed it not. This message must be carried to the farthest limits of earth's bounds; into the isles of the sea and the abodes of the heathen must this warning go. The many-sidedness of this work is such that all can take it up in some phase, under almost any circumstances, and in well-nigh any place. Would that we all, without exception, could appreciate fully the grand completeness of the message of the third angel.

As a part of this message, and running parallel with it, is the medical missionary work. In fact, the medical missionary work is to bear the relation to the whole work that the arm does to the body. It is to extend into hitherto untouched territory, and there perform a work that could not otherwise be done. The health principles which underlie the medical missionary work are, in a sense, the entering wedge, leading to opportunities for the presentation of other vital truths. But it has been made clear to us that the work of the medical missionary is not to be carried on independently of the message, but it is to be an essential part of it. Every believer who finally triumphs with present-day truth will, in God's sight, be a genuine medical missionary.

This does not mean that all will have graduated from a medical college or taken a nurse's course,

but it does imply that each soul will be practising and teaching the principles of temperance,—right living, eating, drinking, etc.

The work for to-day is to begin to work just where we are; do the best we can according to the knowledge we have; do personal work with a view to saving the souls of your neighbors and pointing them to the only source of eternal happiness. With divine help, lose no opportunity to work for God, however small the opening may appear to be; and work for all classes. It often happens that the openings we consider smallest are, after all, the largest, and those which we think are master strokes, produce but little effect.

The medical missionary work is a phase of the third angel's message which is adapted to the needs of every class in society; it will be found a suitable entering wedge for the high and low. While we are to labor for the poor, the needy, and the outcast, yet those are not the only classes for whom we are to labor. We must endeavor to reach those who are sitting in darkness, even though they be in luxury. Let us wait no longer; the cry for workers is loud and urgent; no longer let us look on while others work, but let us roll up our sleeves and realize the importance of having a mind to work. Let us familiarize ourselves with simple matters of diet, treatments for the sick, qualify ourselves to present both physical and spiritual truth to those who need it. Heaven will bless all efforts to do this. The time is here when every believer must have on the wedding garment, and live up to the light received. The world's harvest, all heaven, and the Lord are waiting, so let us start in to-day, if we have never started before. Let us give the trumpet a certain sound, and work while it is called to-day.

W. S. Sadler.

"What God may hereafter require of you, you must not give yourself the least trouble about. Everything that He gives you to do you must do as well as you can, and that is the best possible preparation for what He may want you to do next.

REAL THANKSGIVING DAYS

"Well, girls, I've begun my Thanksgiving already," and Anna Morton looked back brightly toward the five who came straggling after her down the stairway and into the busy city street. "Even if I don't get a bit of turkey or plum-pudding to-morrow, I'm sure I can't be thankful enough that I need not go back into that stuffy old work-room until Friday morning."

"Just as if there wasn't any misery in knowing that we must come back then," said another disconsolately.

"Fie upon you, Elsie King, you don't deserve a holiday! But what do you all intend doing to-morrow?" and the speaker looked questioningly from one to another of her companions. "I'm going to help mother in the morning, so that we can all go to church together; then we'll have dinner, and after that I guess I'll take the children out to the park."

"I'm sure I don't see much fun or rest in that program," interjected another, elevating her pretty nose; "doing housework, going to church, and amusing babies! I'm going to lie in bed until I just feel like getting up; then I shall probably pluck up courage enough to eat my dinner; and if I attempt any other hard work, it will be to read a story which I've had on hand for ever so long."

"Take my word for it, my dear," said a lively black-eyed girl, "if that's the way you do, you'll be more tired when night comes than if you'd been doing a big washing, and you'll be sick of your own company in the bargain. I shall start out in search of adventures in the early part of the day; in the afternoon Elsie and I are going for a drive with some friends, and after that we're to attend a concert at the music hall."

"I'm sure you'll have a good time," said Bertha Morris, the prettiest girl in the group. "I haven't been asked to go anywhere this time, but I guess I'll do the next best thing, and spend the day working upon my new suit, so that I'll be all ready when the next invitation comes. Now, we've all been heard from but this quiet mouse

here, who has been keeping up a big thinking, I'm sure. What is it all about, Bess?"

Looking up at her taller companion with a smile that was half serious, Bessie Ellis responded: "You know, girls, that I can't look forward to a lovely home Thanksgiving like the rest of you, and I've been feeling almost bitter over it this year; but yesterday I came to the conclusion that I have a great deal to be thankful for as it is. Sometimes I find that I can't quite keep up with my sewing, and some one told me about a poor woman whom I could get to help me out. I went to her once about a year ago, and liked her so well that I was glad to go again yesterday; but you can't imagine how changed I found her and everything around her.

"When I first went to her room, everything fairly shone, it was so neat, and she was flying around as well and as bright as could be. Now she has been sick for several months, and has the rheumatism so badly that she can not get out of her chair without assistance, and you should see how forlorn it all seems. A little girl from the next room comes in and helps her sometimes, but Mrs. Bates does not like to ask her to do anything not absolutely necessary. The poor woman can not lift her hands to her head, and her hair looks as though it had not been combed for weeks, while I could scarcely see through the windows, they were so covered with dirt. But in spite of everything that poor creature was as cheerful as if she were in a palace surrounded by every luxury, and with any number of servants to wait upon her. She was so glad that I had brought her the work, for she said, 'Thank the Lord, I can use my fingers, and my money is almost gone.'

"I can tell you, girls, I was ashamed enough of my own ugly spirit, and though I couldn't stop for even a few minutes then, I told her I would surely come for a while to-morrow, and try to brighten things up a little."

For a moment after their companion ceased speaking, the girls were silent, and then Bertha Morris said, in a low tone, "Take me with you, dear, will you?"

"Why, Bertie, you don't know how dirty it is there now," and Bessie glanced doubtfully at her friend's dainty apparel.

"I'd like to have a finger in the pie, too, and mother would gladly spare me for a while," and Anna Morton fell back a little to hear what Bessie would say.

"Why can't we all go?" energetically exclaimed Kate McMillan. "Two hours' work for each will be twelve all told, and we surely ought to be able to make some impression upon things in that time. What say you, Elsie?"

"Of course I'll go if you do."

"How about you, Christine? Take my word for it, you'll have a better appetite for your dinner than if you mope in bed all the morning."

"I shouldn't wonder, and I'll make an effort to drag myself out. Wouldn't it be a good idea, too, for each of us to take some contribution toward Mrs. Bates' Thanksgiving dinner?"

Thanksgiving day found them all on hand at the appointed hour, and in response to their knock they heard a cheerful, "Come in." Bessie opened the door, and, advancing to the invalid's side, said brightly, "Good-morning, Mrs. Bates; I hope you won't feel put out because so many of us have come; but they all wished to help me try to make you more comfortable;" and then she introduced each of the girls in turn, while the sick woman said: "What a nice beginning for my Thanksgiving! It makes me feel ten years younger just to see you."

What a complete transformation was effected in those two hours! And as at the end of that time the earnest workers, somewhat flushed and tired, but pleased and triumphant, paused to survey the fruit of their labors, Mrs. Bates, with a face fairly radiant, exclaimed: "How can I be thankful enough? I feel like a new creature, and my room is beautiful."

And as the girls, after telling her good-bye, were passing slowly down the stairs, Bertha Morris said reflectively, "I never thought that Thanksgiving amounted to much before, but how much more than rest or fun it means to her!"

"Yes, indeed," said Bessie softly; "and I suppose that if any of us would know what real Thanksgiving days are like, we must, like her, have real thanksgiving in our hearts."—Fannie Pavey Macharg, in *Our Young Folks*.



THE NEED OF CHURCH-SCHOOLS

Nothing is of greater importance than the proper education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a special interest in this work; for now as never before Satan and all his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death.

God has appointed the church as a watchman to have a jealous care over the children, and as a sentinel to see the approach of the enemy and give warning of danger. But the church does not realize the situation. It is sleeping on guard. In this time of peril the fathers and mothers must awake and work as for life, or many of the youth will be forever lost.

Schools should now be started, under godly teachers, that the church may properly educate the young. God is grieved that we have neglected this so long. He would have us repent and turn to Him with all the heart, and redeem the time. While we should put forth earnest effort for the masses of the people all around us, and push the work into foreign fields, yet no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our own children and youth. They are to be so educated that they will become workers for God. Both parents and teachers, by precept and example, are to so instil the principles of truth and honesty into the minds and hearts of the young, that they may become men and women true as steel to God and His cause.

There is great need of educating the youth in the principles of health and temperance. The proper care

and development of the physical powers can not be impressed too soon or too thoroughly on their minds. We are far, far behind our duty in instructing the children in this subject. We do not half realize the terrible danger that surrounds our young people. Many will forever perish, unless their feet are firmly planted on the rock of Christian temperance. "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

If, in the past, our youth had been properly educated in the principles of true health reform, so many would not to-day be reaping the harvest of wicked, careless sowing. They were not taught the truth of the words: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Parents and teachers do not estimate the magnitude of the work given them in training the young. The experience of the children of Israel was written for us "upon whom the ends of the world are come." As in their day, so now the Lord would have the children gathered out from those who are teaching and practising evil. He desires us to gather them into our own schools, where the Word of God can be made the foundation of all their education.

If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in from all sides, like a flood. Only the power of God can keep and save our children from being swept away by this tide of evil. The responsibility resting on parents, teachers, the members of the church, is greater than words can express.

To train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to mortal man. Only the most devout and consecrated persons are to be selected as church-school teachers. Only those who love the children, and can see in them souls to be saved for the Master, should have charge of this work. Teachers who study the

Word of God as it should be studied will know something of the value of the souls under their care.

Children who are receiving a true Christian education will be witnessing for Christ. And in the closing work of this earth's history many of these children and youth will astonish the people by their witness to the truth in words of simplicity, yet spoken with spirit and power. They have been taught the fear of the Lord, and their hearts have been softened by a careful and prayerful study of the Bible. And in the near future many will receive the Spirit of God and act a part in proclaiming the truth to the world, that at that time can not be done by the older members of the church.

The Lord would use the church-school to aid the parents to educate and prepare their children for this time. Then let the church take hold of the church-school work in earnest, and make it what the Lord desires it to be to the children and youth.

Mrs. E. G. White.

HEALDSBURG COLLEGE

Twenty years have passed since the founding of Healdsburg College, at Healdsburg, California. During this period of time, the college has done good work, as evidenced by the large number of workers it has trained who are now working in all parts of the great harvest-field.

The college has not always enjoyed the prosperity desired, but, notwithstanding it has gone through many varied and hard experiences, still it lives, to carry on its heaven-appointed work. Professors Brownsberger, Grainger, Howe, and Elder R. S. Owen have served the college as presidents of the institution since it was established.

Some years the attendance has been quite small, and other years quite large. We are glad to report the present enrolment of the college the largest in its history. The school has now been in progress nearly six weeks, and has as large an enrolment as it had during last year. The total enrolment of the school is two hundred fifty.

One hundred fifty-eight of these meet in the college chapel, while ninety-two meet in the rooms in the rear of the church building.

Seven teachers are employed in the college department, and two in the primary department. This year the Healdsburg church has taken the responsibility of looking after the financial phase of the primary department. By the raising of a church-school fund all the children of the church are free to attend the school.

Besides the more purely intellectual lines of work, the college has taken hold, more enthusiastically than ever before, of the industrial

the use of the hand. This feature of the work is very encouraging, and has brought a good spirit into the school from the very first. The total number of teachers employed in both intellectual and industrial lines is eighteen.

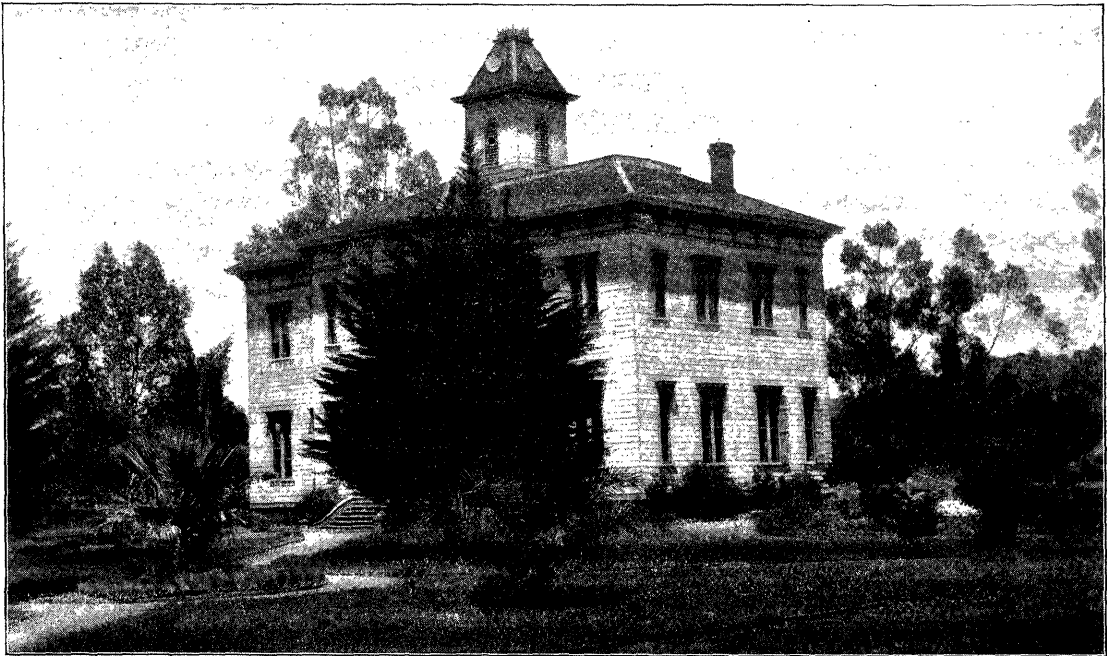
Four regular classes and a drill, such as reading, writing, or drawing, constitute full work for the teacher. This is one less class than formerly, and enables the teacher to engage in the industrial work in the afternoon without being too heavily loaded down with work.

The missionary phase of the college work is also receiving attention. While the conference labor-

ple and inviting them to the services. In this way they will find opportunities for medical missionary work and for holding Bible-readings. Some of the young men who are preparing for the ministry will go out into the rural districts to hold meetings as the way may open.

It is the endeavor of the faculty to so conduct the work in the college that the missionary spirit shall have a chance to grow and develop in the hearts of the pupils. A very large percentage of the students are taking the Bible studies this year, more so than in years past.

The dressmaking department has a class of eighteen young ladies,



COLLEGE BUILDING

work. Printing, broom-making, tent-making, blacksmithing, upholstering, painting, dressmaking, and cooking are all receiving special attention this year. Competent teachers have been secured to carry on the work in industrial education. Healdsburg College now recognizes the industrial lines as part of its regular curriculum.

In the forenoon the teachers and students give themselves to the more purely intellectual lines of work in the college. In the afternoon students and teachers may be found in the shops, dormitory, and on the farm receiving a training in

ers and churches are engaging in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons," the teachers and pupils, not being so situated that they can go out into the field and canvass, have taken up the work of canvassing by correspondence. About 400 letters will be written by teachers and pupils of the college to friends and acquaintances, asking them to procure the book for their own use or as a holiday gift for some one else.

Sunday-evening meetings are held in the church, and the students are asked to assist in carrying on these meetings by visiting the peo-

who are very much interested in this line of work. Six students are taking the cooking class, and nearly a dozen ladies are taking the nursing class. We hope soon to have a class of equal size of young men in this line of work.

A class of ten students is engaged in the work of painting, and in two or three weeks they will have completed painting our large church. After this they will take up the work of painting the college buildings.

The college home is nearly filled to its utmost capacity, and still we know of several more students who

are expecting to come in a few days. It will probably be necessary to finish off a few more rooms on the fourth floor of the home building. None need to stay away, as room will be provided for all who come.

A good spirit has prevailed from the first. On the whole, the students are more industrious than those who have been in the school for the past two years. The object of Healdsburg College is to so train its students that they will be fitted physically, mentally, and spiritually to do the work God has in mind for them to do.

The school is still open to any

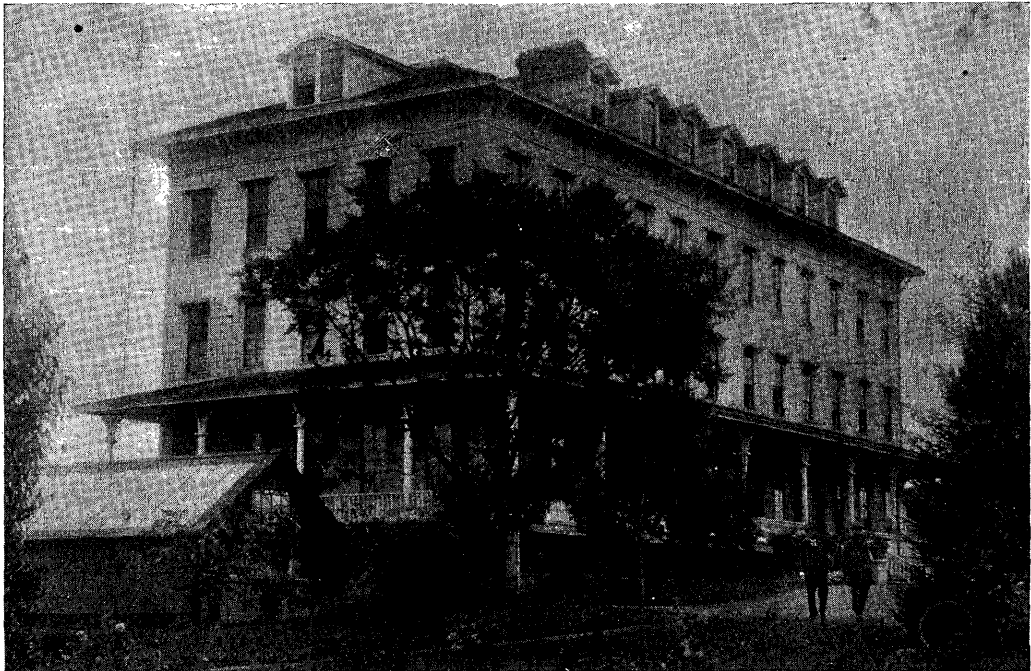
This statement is from an authority that the readers of the "Recorder" will accept. This being true, it is necessary for us to use every opportunity to gain a correct understanding of this most important subject.

Most of our leading workers and educators met at Berrien Springs, Michigan, last July, and spent ten days in discussing the "true science of education," and the only report of that institute is to be found in the August-September number of the "Advocate." This number of the "Advocate" is filled with timely instruction that every father and mother should read.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN

Where are your thoughts? What are you thinking about? What trend have your minds been taking? Have you fixed upon any course of life? Is the future of your life a doubtful thing: with you, full of wants, but possessing no certainties? Have you ever considered the advantage of entering upon some regular course of work which will at once make



COLLEGE HOME

who may desire to attend this year. The spring term begins February 4. At that time some new classes will be formed. Those desiring to receive any further information with reference to the college may address the undersigned.

M. E. Cady, President.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

"Now as never before we need to understand the true science of education. If we fail to understand this, we shall never have a part in the kingdom of God."

In order to reach as many as possible, I have ordered from five to twenty copies sent to each of our church-school teachers in Healdsburg College district. Those desiring copies can secure them of their church-school teacher at five cents per copy. Those who are not located near a church-school, and desire a copy, may secure one of the writer, at 516 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles, Cal., as long as the limited supply lasts.

Teachers, see that a copy goes into each family, and encourage all to read it.

E. S. Ballenger.

you a blessing to humanity and an honor to the cause of God? Have you ever felt an inclination to connect with the medical missionary work? We wish we could hear from a large number whose hearts God has impressed to enter that particular line. It is one wherein the greatest possibilities for doing good exist. The health work is very important. It is to the work of the message as the right arm is to the body.

Good, consecrated young men and young women are wanted here at the Sanitarium to fill up the

ranks of our classes. A new class will be formed Jan. 1, 1902, and a good large class is desired. Who will come?

We would like to ask why so many of our people in California feel that it is proper to discourage young people from coming to the Sanitarium to take the nurse's course. Some of our nurses who have joined classes formed not long since have told how almost everybody with whom they conversed on the subject of their coming here discouraged and endeavored to persuade them not to come. They told them the work was hard and disagreeable, and other things unnecessary to repeat, but all of a character derogatory to this institution. These nurses have been here long enough to speak from experience, and they are unanimous in saying they have found the place better than they had ever dared to hope they would find it, and they continually feel glad that they came, and are grateful that they have the privilege of being here.

Come, brethren, cease to discourage, and begin at once to encourage, good, reliable, modest young people, who should be in training for some line of gospel work, to come to this place and join with us in this most important field. The work truly is hard, but it brings a blessed reward. Those who enter it with the right motive will obtain a rich experience and receive a blessing.

Write for full particulars concerning class exercises, hours of labor, remuneration, etc. Address St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Cal. T. A. Kilgore, Manager.

Minorities are the salt of the earth. Without the few elect souls, standing upon the mount of vision and receiving their inspiration directly from God, society would lapse into a state of moral putrefaction. By their testimony and example, the mass is restrained in its evil course, or lifted to a higher purpose or plane of living. One Alfred or Washington saves a people; Abraham becomes the leader of a family of tribes; Moses lifts a nation from bondage, and the Son of man embraces a world in His love, and scheme of salvation.

CANVASSING AND MISSIONARY WORK

NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE

REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING
NOVEMBER 8, 1901

HERALDS OF THE MORNING

	Hours.	Orders.	Value.
Mrs. Josie Barrett, Josephine Co., Or.....	5	8	\$ 14 25
G. B. Collett, Salem, Or.....	48	6	8 00

MARVEL OF NATIONS

W. H. Coffin, Seattle, Wash.....	17	18	24 50
Wm. Estell, Dallas, Or.....	60	23	28 75

COMING KING

B. G. Booth, Lebanon, Or.....	52	29	34 25
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HEALTH BOOKS

J. W. McFarlane, Marion Co., Or.....	47	18	62 50
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DESIRE OF AGES

W. B. Scott.....	21	10	40 00
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DANIEL AND REVELATION

J. H. Soper, White River, Wash.....	31	7	16 50
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BEST STORIES

Zella E. Wyman, Seattle, Wash.....	17	17	18 75
A friend.....	37		25 50

CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS

J. M. Cole, St. Johns, Or.....	19	19	23 75
J. W. McFarlane.....	31		123 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Zella E. Wyman, Seattle, Wash.....	10	4	3 00
C. E. Hall, Clark Co., Wash.....	20	26	41 20
J. W. McFarlane, Marion Co., Or.....	37	19	57 50
J. M. Cole, St. Johns, Or.....	19	19	23 75
J. H. Soper, White River, Wash.....	4	23	17 25
J. E. Van de Mark, Snohomish, Wash.....	38	38	50 55
Mrs. T. Hodgson, White River, Wash.....	45	45	37 55
Agnor Swanson, Green Lake, Wash.....	30	23	37 00
Marion Higley, Whatcom, Wash.....	16	23	17 25
Helps.....			30 00

Total.....517 724 \$673 55

"My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul, which Thou hast redeemed. My tongue also shall talk of Thy righteousness all the day long." Ps. 71:23, 24.

EXTRACTS FROM CANVASSERS' LETTERS TO THE STATE AGENT

1. "I realize more and more the importance of the canvassing work and the value of a soul. If every canvasser, while in the field, had the one object in view—the salvation of souls—he would certainly realize satisfactory results from his work.

"I was kept from work several days because of the severe illness of a lady near where I was staying, in ——. I had sold her a 'Bible-readings,' and studied the Bible with her every week, from the time I had formed her acquaintance. She sent for me, and, upon my arrival, said, 'I know my life is hanging in the balance, and the Lord is awaiting my decision.' She knew the truth, but could not, she said, decide to obey. The second day I was there, she asked us to pray for her, and to sing the hymn 'The Ninety and Nine.' Soon after this she made the surrender, and is now improving rapidly."

2. "My report is not quite as large as last week. I was canvassing in a poorer part of town. Am amply repaid, however, when I meet with those who are interested in the soon coming of our Saviour, and are glad to get the books and read them. The other day I took an order for 'Object Lessons' from a young lady who desired the book as a help in her Bible studies. There are several agents working here with McKinley books, so the more of our people that get to work circulating books containing present truth, the better it will be. I am of good courage in my work, and know the Lord is with me. Pray for me."

3. "The Lord is blessing our work as we travel from place to place. We will spend next Sabbath under some trees, and read and study nature. We find the people in this vicinity very kind and pleasant. Have had some interesting experiences in our work. One lady whom I canvassed during the day said that she could not possibly take the cheapest book I had. I met her again in the evening, and she ordered 'Coming King,' in gilt binding. Another lady, whom I was canvassing for

'Best Stories,' requested me to call later when her son was at home. I did so, and left the house with an order for 'Coming King' in gilt binding. Having called at one house, and finding no one at home, I returned there in the evening. A large dog met me at the gate and followed me to the house. Not finding any one at the house, I was about to leave, when some children came rushing up, nearly out of breath, crying, 'Oh, that dog will kill you!' I was informed that he was very savage, and would not permit any one to enter the yard when he was loose. How good God is! He sent an angel to protect me. Praise His holy name. Pray for me and my work."

4. "It is the privilege and duty of every one to know his work and have the living connection with the true Vine that will enable him to know when his work is accepted. If the canvasser is a servant of God, doing the work He has given him, in the way He would have it done, whatever he meets and whatever the result is, he should be of good courage. Last week, as I began canvassing in a little valley, I found but few people at home, nearly all having gone to the hop fields. My first thought was to work in another part, and return the next week, but I decided to remain and do the best I could. During the day, I visited and canvassed the few who were at home, and evenings, from six until half past seven o'clock, I canvassed those who had returned from their work. Some of those whom I canvassed during the day, and who gave their order, I am certain would not have done so had I spent my usual time with them. Having the day to visit a few people, I had opportunity to awaken in them a desire for a closer study of the Word of God, and the result was a larger per cent of orders than usual to the number of exhibits made. A number invited me to make them a visit, and promised to read anything I sent them."

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life." John 3:36.

MISSIONARY WORK BY CORRESPONDENCE. NO. 3

MAILING THE PAPERS

As the "Signs of the Times" is our pioneer paper, there is no question as to what literature to begin with. Send the cash with your order for your club of five "Signs" or more, so that you will not be working on the capital of another. Keep the highway clear between your soul and God in every particular even. Rom. 13:8.

With the first copy of the "Signs" you could send one other paper and a tract or two from the "Apples of Gold Library." Send the "Signs" in their order, one number following another each week; this you can see will hold the interest in continuous articles. The "Signs" alone, without any other literature, is a fine beginning, for it is sure to find an interested reader, and it awakens no prejudice. It contains such a variety of reading matter that a stranger is sure to find some subject he would like to pursue, and it is so well arranged that by reading several consecutive numbers one is sure to receive some information on every branch of present truth.

Some have recommended sending the names and addresses directly to the office and having the papers sent from there. While this saves postage, it brings a great loss to the worker, in that he misses the opportunity of prayerfully addressing, folding, and wrapping his own paper, and sending it himself to the dear soul he is carrying on his heart. It looks like seeking a proxy, and it will take all the life out of your work to let it get in any position where you are exposed to the danger of becoming formal.

Let your papers be covered fully by the wrapper, and folded neatly and evenly, addressed plainly, and stamped to their utmost need.

It is a good plan to sacredly devote some stated time to this work, the afternoon or evening of one day each week. As you go forward, you can judge for yourself whether it is better for you to be alone with God or to be in the company of others who may be helping you. It is a solemn but a very happy, blessedly happy, work to sow gospel seed in this way.

As you wrap your papers, make the record complete in your book,—date, number of paper, etc. You may need it for reference in the work later, and it saves the possibility of repetition, besides being in a compact form for reporting and a clear form for giving instruction to others.

Mrs. A. C. Bainbridge.

"A Christian lady was suffering extreme pain; she was unable, for more than a few moments, to attend to any word of comfort. The words of David, 'Thou art near, O Lord!' were repeated to her. It was the very message she needed. In the nearness of her God and Saviour she found strength to bear patiently the heavy cross."

"All Thy commandments are truth." Ps. 119:151.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A. S. Marchus has charge of the sale of "Object Lessons" in Humboldt County.

The institute to begin in San Francisco December 16, 1901, will be for the benefit of our canvassers and all who desire to enter the canvassing work, and for all our conference laborers, except a few of our aged ministers, and those who have had a long experience in the work.

On November 14 Brother H. H. Brand, of California, sailed for Honolulu. He will remain at that place for a few months, and then join the company of workers that will be sent from America the first of the year to open up the work in the Chinese Empire.

A canvassers' institute will be held in San Francisco in connection with the ministerial institute that begins Dec. 16, 1901. This is to be a general rally of all our old canvassers who desire to return to the work, and of all who desire to enter it for the first time.

Brother F. D. Gauterau is in charge of the sale of "Object Lessons" in central California since the close of the meetings at Laton.

Brother and Sister A. L. Lingle have been called to give instruction in nursing, and also do practical nursing work in connection with Healdsburg College.

All the younger laborers in the California Conference are expected to attend the ministerial institute in San Francisco, beginning Dec. 16, 1901, and continuing one month.

Our brethren in central California should remember the meeting at Fresno, Nov. 29 to Dec. 7, 1901, and the one at Hanford, Dec. 7-14, 1901. These will be important gatherings.

The tent at Vallicita has been taken down, and Brethren Harmon and Bond are continuing their meetings in a church building, and also looking after the work at Angels Camp.

Brother Henry Scott is directing the sale of "Object Lessons" in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, and Brother F. R. Shaeffer is engaged in the same work around San Francisco Bay.

Elder A. S. Hickox is looking after the sale of "Object Lessons" in the Sacramento Valley, except Sacramento and Woodland. These two places will be assisted by Elder Isaac Morrison and wife.

The tent-meetings at Laton closed Sunday evening, Nov. 17, 1901, and a church was organized there on the previous day. A fuller report will be given, probably in the next number of the "Recorder."

All our conference laborers will be expected to attend the institute in San Francisco, unless important interests in connection with the work shall hinder, or they are excused from attending by the conference committee for what appears to be good reasons.

"However much the facts may sometimes seem to be otherwise, God always takes care of a good man."

Brother James Creamer and wife were callers at the "Recorder" office last week, while on their way to Flagstaff, Arizona.

The St. Helena Sanitarium Food Company is enjoying a large run of patronage this fall. The branch stores which have been started are doing a large business.

The medical mission at Portland has recently been enlarged to supply the necessary demands for rooms. The gospel meetings have started for the winter with a good interest.

The Lord's prospering hand has been with the medical missionary work in the North Pacific Conference. Calls are coming from every part of the field to have the work started.

The members of the church at Chico, California, are planning to build a house of worship that will give stability and permanence to the message that has been introduced in that place.

The Portland Sanitarium is enjoying an unusually prosperous and profitable year, many more patients having been treated than ever before in the same length of time. We thank the Lord that He gives us a place and opportunity to work for our fellow-men.

Very suitable and beautiful grounds and building are offered in Vancouver, B. C., for the starting of a sanitarium. May the Lord impress some who are prepared to take up the work in that field, as we are sure that much good could be accomplished in this way.

The patronage at the St. Helena Medical and Surgical Sanitarium is fair for this time of year. But it can be increased if the readers of the "Recorder" who are friends of the institution will plan to have on hand some descriptive circulars of the institution, so you can place them in the hands of those persons who should receive the benefits to be derived from such a well-equipped sanitarium.

Elder F. M. Burg will make Portland his field of labor for the present.

Elder S. W. Nellis will devote the greater portion of his labor to Seattle and vicinity.

Elders Benham and Shafer have been laboring at Independence, Oregon, for a few weeks. About a dozen have taken hold of the truth.

Dr. T. J. Allen and wife have arrived on the Pacific Coast, and will take up work in Tacoma. Their work will be highly appreciated there.

Elder Westrup, recently from California, is now located at Cedarhouse, and is taking hold of the work for the Scandinavians with good courage.

The restaurant and treatment-rooms in Seattle are rapidly gaining the favor of the better class of people of that city, and a great work yet remains to be done here.

The new meeting-house at Salem, Oregon, was dedicated October 26. There was a large turnout. Sermon by Elder H. W. Decker. The house was free from debt.

Nearly the whole force of conference workers in the North Pacific Conference are now engaged in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." Some are having excellent success. This work will continue till January 1.

Brother Ralph W. Miller, writing under date of October 21, says:—

"Last Friday night I commenced a series of meetings in a hall out at McPherson, a little town about five miles from here (Santa Ana), or two miles east of Orange. So far as I know, there has never been any work done out there, so I consider it quite a favorable opening. The people there are not prejudiced and turn out to the meetings well. The first evening we had an attendance of about twenty; the next evening, thirty; and last Sunday evening, about sixty were present."

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WEEK OF PRAYER

The General Conference has appointed December 21 to 28, inclusive, as the special season of prayer for 1901. With many these annual seasons of prayer have come to be looked upon as a regularly-recurring event, but it is earnestly hoped that the real object may not be lost sight of and the service be permitted to degenerate into formalism.

In the past, during these seasons, it has been the aim of the people to lay aside as far as possible their usual work and the cares of life, and give their time to prayer and communion with God. When such has been the case, these seasons have proved to be occasions of great refreshing.

Was there ever a time when we stood in greater need of the Spirit and blessing of God than now? Has there ever been a time when the needs of the ministry more urgently demanded the Spirit and power of God? The laborers who have carried the burdens at home and abroad are, one by one, being laid away. Who is to take their places? The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth laborers into His harvest."

The year has been one that calls for thanksgiving and praise. The Lord has signally blessed us in many ways, and preserved us as a people from many threatened dangers. Let us therefore draw nigh to Him, and He will draw nigh unto us. Let us show our gratitude by coming into His presence with substantial tokens of our love

and gratitude. The growing needs of the cause demand increased donations. Shall we not determine to make our annual offering for 1901 amount to \$100,000?

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA NOTICE

We are expecting a feast of good things in the near future, and let every one in this part attend the general meeting to be held in Fresno, November 29 to December 7, inclusive. This will be followed by a meeting at Hanford, December 8-14. Brethren, as the Lord sends His servant, Elder A. T. Jones, among us, let us lay aside temporal things for a season just as far as possible, and fill up anew on the salvation of God, brought to us by the riches of His grace.

Those living in Fresno will doubtless be able to entertain all those who come from Selma, Burrough, and elsewhere; and we know the Hanford people are always ready for occasions of this kind.

Brethren, the Lord is soon coming. Don't fail to improve this golden opportunity to hear and learn some of the deep things of God.

Begin to pray for the success of these meetings, and then be sure to attend, and bring the Lord's Spirit with you, and we will all be blessed together. Come, dear brethren, come.

H. G. Thurston.

A REQUEST

Our canvassers will be boarded and lodged free while attending the institute in San Francisco. The conference pursues this liberal course toward this branch of the cause in order to encourage and build it up. It has been neglected too long already. Now, we desire to have our people in this conference cooperate with us by sending dried fruit and such other things in the line of provisions as they are willing to donate for this enterprise.

Send by express to W. S. Sadler, 914 Laguna Street, San Francisco,

Cal., if the weight is less than 50 pounds, and by freight if it weighs more than 50 pounds. Please pay the charges in both cases, if it is consistent to do so. Please notify W. S. Sadler by mail when you ship anything for the institute, stating when and how you sent it, so it can be looked after in due time.

M. H. Brown.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The institute in San Francisco will be an important occasion for the cause in California. Instruction will be given in the canvassing work, church organization, the best manner of presenting the truth, Sabbath and church-school work, the circulation of our literature, home and foreign missions, city work, health reform, personal labor, etc.

In addition to the instruction, practical work will be carried on in the city. Everything will be done by the conference that can be done to make the institute interesting and profitable for the workers and for the conference. For further particulars write the conference secretary, 301 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Cal.

AN URGENT CALL

Is made by the Helping Hand Mission for 200 sheets and 150 pillow-slips. The size of the sheets desired is 42 by 80 inches; of the pillow-slips, 16 by 30 inches. Address, carriage prepaid, to Helping Hand Mission, 641 Commercial St., San Francisco, Cal.

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