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## THE CHURCH

### GOD'S POWER TO FIT MEN FOR SERVICE

Our large cities are fast reaching the condition of the world before the flood, when "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." God-dishonoring sins are practised by people living in lordly homes; but some of these very people, under the preaching of the last testing message, will be convicted and converted. From His inexhaustible store of grace, God can endow all who come to Him. Looking upon humanity, fallen and degraded, He declares that the Holy Spirit shall be poured out upon all flesh. Many who have never heard the special truths for this time will feel the conviction of the Spirit as they listen to the message of startling importance.

In our large cities the message is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. God will raise up laborers for this work, and His angels will go before them. Let no one hinder these men of God's appointment. Forbid them not. God has given them their work. Let the message be given with so much power that the hearers shall be convinced. God will raise up workers who will occupy peculiar spheres of influence, workers who will carry the truth to the most unpromising places. Men will say, "Yea," where once

they said, "Nay." Some who were once enemies will become valuable helpers, advancing the work with their means and their influence.

With intense earnestness God is looking on this world. He has noted the capacity of human beings for service. Looking down the ages, He has counted His workers, both men and women, and has prepared the way before them, saying: "I will send My messengers to them, and they shall see great light shining amid the darkness. Won to the service of Christ, they will use to the glory of My name the talents intrusted to them. They will go forth to work for Me with zeal and devotion. Through their efforts the truth will speak to thousands in a most forcible manner, and men spiritually blind shall receive sight, and shall see My salvation. Truth will be made so prominent that he who runs may read. Means will be devised to reach hearts. Some of the methods used in this work will be different from the methods used in the work in the past; but let no one, because of this, block the way by criticism."

God will set in operation many plans for the accomplishment of His work. The means that He has intrusted to wealthy men will be used to sustain His cause. His people will concentrate their forces more and more directly on the great consummation, believing and obeying the commission:—

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptiz-

ing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

Oh, what a work there is before us! Our ministers are not to hover over those who have received the message. With Christ's love burning in their hearts, they are to go forth to win sinners to the Saviour. Beside all waters God's messengers are to sow the seeds of truth. Place after place is to be visited; church after church is to be raised up. Those who take their stand for the truth are to be organized into churches, and then the minister is to pass on to other equally important fields.

Just as soon as a church is organized, let the minister set the members to work. The newly-formed churches will need to be educated. The minister should devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. He should teach the people how to extend the knowledge of the truth. While the new converts should be taught to ask counsel of those more experienced in the work, they should also be taught not to put ministers in the place of God. Ministers are not gods, but human beings, men compassed with infirmities.

Christ is the One to whom all are to look for guidance. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth. . . . And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

The power of the gospel is to come upon the companies raised up, fitting them for service. Some of the new converts will be so filled with the power of God that they will at once enter the work, imparting that which they have received. They will labor so diligently that they will have neither time nor disposition to weaken the hands of their brethren by unkind criticism. Their one desire will be to carry the message of truth to the regions beyond.

Mrs. E. G. White.

## THE CHURCH

### ORDER AND DISCIPLINE. NO. 2

Before considering questions pertaining to the correct discipline in the church after its organization, it may be well to give some attention to the mode of gathering material for the proper formation of a church.

The apostle Paul, when comparing the church of God to a building, with Christ as its foundation, said: "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." 1 Cor. 3:10-13. It was when the apostle spoke of his own labors in the gospel that he used these words, "Warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Col. 1:28.

As the proper training of a child

must begin with its early infancy, so the proper moulding of a church should begin before its organization; even when the evangelist is presenting the gospel to the people, and constraining them to accept its saving truths, should he cultivate in them what he desires to see more fully developed when they become members of a well-organized church. Like as the sculptor chiseling the marble has in his mind the form and features to be developed, so should the minister view the material before him as those to be gathered in due time into church relation, and so labor as to present them as polished stones fit for a place in the spiritual temple.

Respecting the labors of Titus, Paul thus counsels: "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that can not be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Titus 2:7, 8. And of his own work when laboring for the church in Thessalonica he said: "Our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost; so that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia." 1 Thess. 1:5-7. And again he says of that church and his labors among them: "When ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." "Neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness; nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others. . . . We were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children." "We exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, that ye would walk worthy

of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory." 1 Thess. 2:13, 5-7, 11, 12.

He also taught the people the importance of rendering to God in gifts and offerings a tribute of thanksgiving for His "unspeakable gift" to mankind, in these words: "For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." Phil. 4:16, 17. In speaking of the liberality of the church, he said: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:6, 7.

The special instruction to the church in these last days is in harmony with this thorough work, as is seen in "Testimonies for the Church." Ministers should not fail in their "appointed duty to educate the people to work intelligently to sustain the cause of God in its various interests. . . . When they neglect to teach the people their obligation to God in tithes and offerings, they neglect one important part of the work which their Master has left them to do, and 'unfaithful servant' is written against their names in the books of heaven. The church come to the conclusion that, if these things were essential, the minister, whom God has sent to present the truth to them, would tell them so; and they feel secure and at ease while neglecting their duty.

"The work should not be left prematurely. See that all are intelligent in the truth, established in the faith, and interested in every branch of the work before leaving them for another field, and then, like the apostle Paul, visit them often, and see how they do.

"If the people are not taught how to work, how to conduct meetings, how to act their part in missionary labor, how to reach people successfully, the work will be nearly a failure."—Testimony No. 32, pages 11, 12.

The minister is also cautioned in reference to his department out of

the desk: "He must then carry out what he has preached. He should not move heedlessly, but set a watch over himself, lest something that he may do and say be taken advantage of by the enemy, and a reproach be brought upon the cause of Christ. Ministers can not be too guarded, especially before the young. They should use no lightness of speech, jesting or joking, but should remember that they are in Christ's stead, that they must illustrate by example the life of Christ."—Testimonies, vol. 1, pages 380, 381.

A contemplation of Christ's present atonement work in the heavenly sanctuary will make their work more efficient. "By study, contemplation, and prayer God's people will be elevated above common, earthly thoughts and feelings, and will be brought into harmony with Christ and His great work of cleansing the sanctuary above from the sins of the people. Their faith will go with Him into the sanctuary, and the worshipers on earth will be carefully reviewing their lives, and comparing their characters with the great standard of righteousness."—Testimony No. 33, page 103.

Again: "The Lord will not require any one of us to go forth with this message without giving us grace and power to present it to the people in a manner corresponding to its importance? . . . The Lord will work with the laborers if they will make Christ their only dependence. He never designed that His missionaries should work without His grace, destitute of His power."—Ibid, page 119.

A company brought to the truth by such power, and in the manner above described, will be well prepared to come into still closer church-fellowship.

In reference to receiving church-members, we are instructed that "there is not enough careful, prayerful, painstaking investigation in accepting members into the church. . . . When a person presents himself as a candidate for church-membership, we are to examine the fruits of his life, and leave the matter respecting his motive with himself. But great care should be exercised in

accepting members into the church, for Satan has his specious devices through which he proposes to crowd false brethren into the church, through whom he can work more successfully to weaken the cause of God. It should be the earnest desire of every heart to keep the church pure, and individually we are to keep our hearts in the love of God, and practise the truth daily, that this may be accomplished."—Review and Herald, Jan. 10, 1883.

J. N. Loughborough.

## THE FIELD

### CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

#### TO ALL THE LOYAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

The hearts of all true Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world have been saddened and stirred by the grievous loss of our long-loved Sanitarium at Battle Creek, the mother of every sanitarium, medical mission, and medical work in this land and in the world.

God has lessons for us to learn in this loss. Dr. Kellogg and those associated with him recognize this, and have publicly stated it many times since the dreadful fire. A kind and wise Father will unfold these lessons to humble, prayerful hearts in His own good time and way.

"But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart!

God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;

We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart.

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold. And if, through patient toil, we reach the land

Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest.

When we shall clearly know and understand—

I think that we will say, God knew the best!"

Yes, God knows the best. And these lessons are for all of us who belong to the great family of God on earth, and not simply for our medical leaders and workers.

Now is the time to gather courage from calamity. Now is the time to talk and act faith and hope. This trouble, if rightly appropriated by faith, will knit the soul of every child of God to the souls of our medical brethren and sisters, till we love them as our own souls.

Not for a moment must we allow a thought to rankle in our minds that this great loss has come because of sin in the lives of those engaged in the medical work. Remember the lesson which Christ gave to the self-satisfied Pharisees: "There were present at that season some that told Him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Remember again the lesson of Job and his three friends. These men thought Job was punished because of his iniquities. But such was not the case. Job was a perfect man, "and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." So good a man was he that the Lord told Satan that there was none like him in the earth. And again God told the devil of Job, "He holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest Me against him, to destroy him without cause." Job's troubles were not because he was a sinful man. On the contrary, they were permitted to come upon him because God could trust him to be true and faithful to Him under the most discouraging circumstances.

And now let the prayers of every true child of God ascend to heaven in behalf of the medical work. Let us wrestle with the Master in behalf of those upon whom, on account of this calamity, the heaviest burdens will fall. Morning and evening as we gather round the family altar, let us pray that God will give wisdom, so that

the work may be built up again stronger than ever.

Sabbath, April 5, has been set apart, at the request of the members of the General Conference Committee who could get together to consider the matter, as a day of prayer for our medical work. Let every soul sanctify, and prepare his heart against this day. Let all be carefully and prayerfully considering what they can do to assist the missionary acre fund. Every one can do something. Some can dedicate a part of their crops; others, a part of the fruits of their orchards, their vineyards, and their berries. Women and children can plant gardens and raise poultry.

Those who live in cities and villages can give a part of their earnings. Women can make useful articles with their needles, and sell them. Other sisters can consecrate their spare time to canvassing for our smaller books, and can give the proceeds.

The children can be enrolled in the missionary acre fund army. There are many things which parents can help them to do which will yield returns.

One hundred thousand dollars, the sum necessary to secure the old Battle Creek College buildings, can easily be raised. If all will work with a will, joyfully, hopefully, and prayerfully, as unto the Lord, this can be done within the next two years.

Yours for the triumph of the most sacred work on earth.

Percy T. Magan,  
Sec. Finance S. D. A. Gen. Conf.  
Berrien Springs, Mich.

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#### HUMBOLDT COUNTY

We have been holding meetings in Bayside every night for five weeks with a good regular attendance. A deep interest has been manifested in the word spoken from the beginning. Seven adults have already begun keeping the Sabbath, and others are expected to obey the light of present truth soon. We organized a Sabbath-school here last Sabbath. One has requested baptism. We have enjoyed much of the blessing of God while presenting the message of truth, and rejoice to see souls com-

ing into the "ark of safety," and willing to obey God whatever the cost or sacrifice may be.

We are of good cheer in the Lord, and hope to be remembered at the throne of grace by our brethren and sisters.

C. M. Gardner,  
A. S. Marchus.

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#### SALE OF "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" BY HEALDSBURG COLLEGE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

In the last issue of the "Recorder" mention was made of the organization for carrying on the canvassing work for "Christ's Object Lessons" in behalf of the schools. Nearly 100 students and teachers readily responded to the call to take up this work. Sunday, March 30, was a very busy day at Healdsburg College. In order to find territory so that all could have a part in the work, it was necessary for about 80 students to go by team and by train to small towns and country districts outside of Healdsburg. Eight companies were formed, varying all the way from 4 to 25 in each company.

A teacher or some responsible student went out in charge of each company. The work was so arranged that all were ready to begin work early Monday morning. The students went to their work with happy hearts, though many of them were young in years and lacking in experience. It was arranged that the companies should meet each evening to relate their experiences and to plan the work for the succeeding day. I was with the company at Santa Rosa for two days, and visited the company at San Francisco. I found both of the companies in good spirits, even though a few of their number had had but little success in their work. They had responded to the call of duty, and the Lord gave them courage and peace as they carried on their work.

On account of the stormy weather, only three days of the week were favorable for canvassing. All of the students except two had some success in their work; nearly 1,000 of the "Pacific

Health Journals" were disposed of at 5 cents per copy. But two students out of the entire number failed to make a sale of the book. The number of orders taken varied all the way from 1 to 23 per individual, but on an average the entire company sold 7 copies each; this was 1 more than the quota per member. Nearly 600 copies were disposed of in this short time, and it is felt that the Lord greatly blessed in the work, taking into consideration the age and inexperience of the students, and also the limited time in which the work was carried forward. Many of the students who thought they never would be able to canvass learned that it was a possible thing for them to have success in this line of work, and they are looking forward to another opportunity to engage in it.

Most of the students and teachers returned from their fields of work on Friday. Sabbath afternoon the hour for young people's meeting was devoted to telling and listening to the experiences connected with the canvassing work; it was a good meeting. By Sunday all but six of the students had returned, so that Monday evening another experience meeting was held, which continued for nearly two hours. It was very interesting to listen to the varied experiences which our young students were called to pass through, and to know how the Lord had gone before them and given marked indications of His willingness to second the efforts that they were making to place the book containing the Lord's truth in the hands of the people. A few days later another meeting was held, to listen to the experiences of the six who had returned later than the others. This company had been canvassing in territory that was sparsely settled, and where the houses were few and far between; consequently more time was needed for going over the ground thoroughly. They report the sale of over sixty books.

The week's effort has been greatly blessed of the Lord, and to the good of those who have taken part, as well as to the school as a whole. Several of the students and teachers are planning to continue

this work during the summer months. We now intend to make another effort next fall during the latter part of October. This will be a far more favorable time, as the farmers and fruit growers will then have received the returns from their crops. When the canvassing work was first mentioned, several objected to taking up the work at this time, first, on account of the lack of money at this season of the year, and, second, because the territory had previously been canvassed. Both of these conditions existed; but in spite of the discouraging outlook, the results have been good. We confidently believe that next fall the same territory can be canvassed again, and with much better results. Instead of spending three or four days, there will be a vacation of from seven to ten days, and we expect that doubling the time will bring double the results. There will be many things in favor of the fall canvass. It will be at a time when people generally are procuring their holiday gifts, and this book will make an excellent gift for the holiday season. We are beginning to see that, when the canvasser does his work in the right way, he does not "burn the territory" over, but he cultivates it, so that it brings forth more fruit. We believe that Healdsburg College teachers and students will be able to place from 1,500 to 2,000 books in the Sonoma Valley and the adjacent territory by Jan. 1, 1903.

Teachers and students join in praising the Lord for the success of the efforts put forth thus far, and look forward to brighter and better days for the school.

On account of the scarcity of the workers, and the inability of the publishers to furnish the books in large quantities, it has been thought best to canvass the state by districts, and to place a good company of workers in each district to do the work thoroughly before taking up another district. The work is now being pushed in the Napa Valley, and the week beginning April 21 will be set apart for special canvass to be made by all who can enter the work. At the general meeting to be held in Oakland April 26 to 30, plans will be laid for con-

tinuing the canvass for "Object Lessons." Other districts will be entered as fast as possible: Our people, as they study the work that the Lord has given them to do in disposing of "Christ's Object Lessons," are convinced that now is the time to take hold of the work with all the might and power at their command. The Lord is testing His children to see if they will take up this line of work that has been trailing in the dust. Many have thought that the canvassing work was beneath their dignity, and was rather belittling in its nature, but the Lord, through this movement, calls all His children, whatever their rank or title, to take part in this house-to-house canvass; and in this way He will raise the canvassing work to its true place in the gospel ministry. No one can afford to pass this by with indifference; if you are indifferent to it now, ask the Lord to stir you up and give you a heart that will respond to His plans of work. Let not the saying of the prophet Isaiah be true in your case, "There is none that stirreth up himself to take hold on Thee;" but, on the contrary, let every one "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

M. E. Cady,

Pres. Healdsburg College.

### THE "OBJECT LESSONS" WORK

For the benefit and encouragement of our people in California we quote the following good words from Elder Wm. Covert, the president of the Wisconsin Conference, as published in the "Wisconsin Reporter":—

"The 'Object Lessons' campaign is still the principal thing in which we are engaged. We see many omens of encouragement, which positively prove that God is blessing those who take hold of this work in harmony with the instruction which He has given. If all our people had made the same effort to succeed that some of them have made, we would long ago have had this whole work completed—yes, we might have been far out on the road with some other good work.

"Some of the most remarkable sales that I have ever heard of

have been made by our people in Wisconsin since this present campaign began. In almost every church where work has been done, the Lord has demonstrated the fact that it can be done readily where there is a will to work. I am constantly receiving letters which speak of most remarkable success experienced by canvassers in the field.

"Brother P. M. Hansen has sold and delivered 73 books since the campaign opened, and has orders for others. He will doubtless dispose of 100 more. Two sisters at Madison have disposed of over 70 copies between them. Dr. Budge, of Marshfield, had sold and delivered 30 copies in 6 hours' work when I last saw him. Elder Olds reports that he has sold 30 copies since this campaign opened, through personal work. A number of our students at Berrien Springs have filled their quota twice, which will be counted in their home church.

"The church at Wausau is filling its quota the second time. Grand Rapids has just made an order to fill its entire quota, including absent members as well as those living in the vicinity of their meetings. Humbird has done the same thing, and absent members are being corresponded with and brought in touch with the work that is being done by the church at home.

"No more serious mistake can be made by any church than to remain idle, or neglect to work in this glorious cause, while the Lord is so abundantly blessing the labor of those who go forth into the work with courage. If there are those who have not courage to take hold of this work, they should seek the Lord upon their knees until they have gained the victory, and then go forth to perform the labor required. As certainly as the Lord has spoken, just so certainly is there victory for every one who will become informed in regard to the real purpose of this work and take hold of it with courage and faith.

"Personal work is what is needed now. Wherever it is at all possible, let the individual do the work himself, and not assign it

to some one else. Of course, it is better that the work be done by proxy than not to be done at all, but it is far better for every one to do his own part than to let it out to some one else.

"Some may inquire as to why we are so earnest about this matter. The answer is that the Lord has spoken in regard to it, and said that this is the work for us to do now, and that, when we have done this, He will tell us what to do next. We can not afford to fail in this matter, because, as surely as we do, we will not be in line with the providence of God. We have received great blessings in the work so far, because the Lord has spoken, and His promises connected with the work have been realized by the workers. We want to continue in His providence, and let Him tell us what to do next. He will not do it until we have done what He has told us to do now. Therefore, we can not afford to fail; in fact, we must not fail."

There should be no faltering in this work now. Let no discouraging word be spoken by minister or member. The Lord has said, "Go forward." Shall we talk of "giants" and "walled cities," as did the unfaithful spies? Or shall we speak words of faith and courage, as did Caleb and Joshua? Shall we murmur and complain because of the hardness of the way, or the difficulties which confront us? Or shall we be strong and of good courage, ready to do and dare, under the leadership of the Captain of the Lord's host?

M. H. Brown.

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### CALIFORNIA

#### TITHE RECEIVED DURING MARCH

Calistoga, \$10; Crystal Springs, \$469.66; Eureka, \$3.20; Fresno, \$49.55; Grangeville, \$53.25; Glennville, \$67.50; Hanford, \$5.00; Healdsburg, \$26.45; Lockwood, \$25.20; Monterey, \$3.85; Napa, \$12.55; Oakland, \$1,096.31; Placerville, 5.00; San Jose, \$175.75; San Francisco, \$400; Sacramento, \$220; St. Clair, \$30; personal, \$85.53; total, \$2,753.80.

### "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" CANVASS IN SONOMA COUNTY

In the last "Recorder," Brother Cady made mention of the starting out of the teachers and students of Healdsburg College for their week's work. It was my privilege to be with the company at Santa Rosa, and to engage with them in canvassing. Not one of these students had ever canvassed before the sale of a book. Although I had sold hundreds of dollars worth of books in connection with preaching, I had never approached a person to solicit for the sale of a book, and, in fact, it was a matter that I dreaded, and thought I could never do.

The first man I tried was the mayor of Santa Rosa. When I had shown him the book, and illustrated its contents, before I had a chance to ask him for his name, he said, "Put down my name for that book." I made ten exhibits of the book, and took five orders, and delivered them. I found a worthy poor widow who was so deeply interested in the book that I gave her a copy. Thus I placed the retail price of six copies in the "jubilee fund." As this was only my beginning in canvassing, I said, I will place these six to the credit of a sick brother in the Santa Rosa church who is not able to canvass. Brother Hibbard was with us in the Santa Rosa canvass. He was an old canvasser. He disposed of over a score of books. The students in this company took from one to four orders apiece. Our total for three days of canvassing in Santa Rosa was sixty books.

In the boys' study room at Healdsburg College, Monday evening, April 7, we had a report from the eighty or more students and workers who had been out in the campaign. There were two of the five days in which the work was hindered by storm. There were only about three full days of canvassing, and the report was over four hundred and fifty books ordered, and nearly all of them delivered. It was found that the average was nearly six books apiece. All testified by vote that they had had an excellent experience, which would be of great

value to them. It was an enthusiastic meeting, that continued nearly two hours, and many more would have spoken had there been time. It was evident that the Lord had gone before them in their work. So enthused were the students by this effort that many of them are already talking of putting in another week, in October, for the sale of the books, when the times financially will be more propitious than when this spring canvass was made.

The work in Sonoma Valley is only fairly commenced, and is to be followed up by the members of the churches under the efforts of Brother A. S. Kellogg. Pray for the success of the work. It is "God's plan for the relief of the schools." We have His promise that it will "succeed," and we can share the blessing of success by doing our part to help it "succeed."

J. N. Loughborough.

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### "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" FOR PUBLIC-SCHOOL TEACHERS

While carefully considering the best methods for carrying on the canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons" in the Sonoma Valley, the thought impressed itself upon my mind that "Christ's Object Lessons" is an educational book, that it contains the principles of Christian education, and that it was a most reasonable thing to make an effort to place this book in the hands of public-school teachers. This plan was mentioned to the teachers at Healdsburg College, and received their approval. Accordingly it was recommended that I should spend a week with the public schools in the Sonoma Valley. I went to Santa Rosa, the largest city in the valley, having a population of about 10,000. First I visited the county superintendent, who was interested in the book and paid me cash for one copy. Next I visited the city superintendent of schools, and he also took a copy. The high school employs eight teachers; six of the eight teachers took the book. I placed a copy in the hands of the principals of the four schools in the city, except one, and he de-

clined to take the book, saying he was going to quit the teaching profession.

From my experience with public-school teachers, I am convinced that here is an opportunity that should not be neglected, but it will have to be wisely and carefully improved. Persons should be selected for this work who understand what is meant by Christian education, and who are deeply in love with it, and who have tact to know how to meet professional men and women.

I found that I could not do anything in the way of presenting the book to the teachers during the school session, but I spent this time visiting the different rooms and talking with them, as far as opportunity offered, with reference to their work. In my talk with them, I would find out their place of residence, and tell them that I had a book bearing upon the principles of education that I would be glad to show them before leaving the place. In nearly every case I was invited to come to their place and show them the book. My time for presenting the book was from 4:00 to 9:00 P. M.

I met some very fine people, and I was able to place a book in the hands of fully half of the teachers that I visited. I am deeply and fully convinced that this book should be placed in the hands of thousands of public-school teachers in this country. Why should not this valuable book, containing the true principles of Christian education, be placed in the hands of those who are educating the children and youth in our land?

M. E. Cady.

**SANFORD, TENN.**

Last Sunday I closed a sixteen days' meeting at this place. Considerable labor had been put forth there by different workers, but no church was yet organized. Eight persons were asking organization into a church, and two others were keeping the Sabbath. Sabbath, March 22, fourteen were keeping the Sabbath, and eleven signed a covenant and petition for church organization. The next day, Sun-

day, I buried five precious souls in baptism. A number of persons there are convinced of the truth, and, it would seem, only need a little more instruction to bring them into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. When I was called away to come to this field, I put in a plea for some one to be sent there immediately.

I arrived at Tallapoosa, Ga., March 24, and have secured a good store in which to hold meetings. I am making benches for it, and am to commence meetings tonight. It has been very stormy for several days, but I trust that the Lord will impress hearts to come out to hear His truth.

H. F. Courter.

March 28, 1902.

**RECEIPTS ON TRUST FUNDS**

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH

Australian Mission.....	\$ 5 00
Christiania Pub. House...	50
Foreign missions.....	364 08
Helping Hand Mission...	2 50
Healdsburg College.....	309 55
Home Frndlss Bldg Fund.	126 00
“ “ Sustenance “..	15 30
Jos. Leininger Home Fnd.	50
C. O. L. Material Fund..	67 50
Society Island Fund.....	9 30
Southern Field.....	48 69
Skodsborg Sanitarium....	2 00
Sydney Sanitarium.....	40 00
S. S. Don. For. Missions.	291 28

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Northern Cal. Tract Soc.

**NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE**

**SEATTLE, EVERETT, MT. VERNON, AND WHATCOM**

Since returning from the conference at Portland I have visited Seattle, Everett, Mt. Vernon, and Whatcom churches in the interest of "Christ's Object Lessons." Brother H. C. J. Wollekar was with me at Mt. Vernon and Whatcom, rendering valuable assistance with our Scandinavian brethren. We also organized a Scandinavian church at Enterprise.

Our brethren are becoming fully enthused with the plans proposed. Where we could not meet person-

ally with the brethren, we obtained the addresses from the church clerk, and wrote personal letters to each one. This work is having the desired effect, and, although it calls for a large amount of correspondence, it will accomplish much good. We are determined that all shall have the privilege of helping in this good work, and share in the rich blessings God has in store for us when the work of canceling the debt is accomplished, and also while the work is being accomplished, for "angels are commissioned to go forth with those who take up this work in true humility." "The self-sacrificing efforts put forth by the members of our churches will prove a means of uniting them, that they may be sanctified, body, soul, and spirit, as vessels unto honor, prepared to receive the Holy Spirit."

Brethren, shall we not embrace the opportunity, receive the much-needed blessing, be vessels unto honor, prepared for the reception of the Holy Spirit?

S. W. Nellis.

Seattle, Wash.,  
April 7, 1902.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE**

**ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH IN MONROVIA**

It is with joy that we report the addition of another church to the Southern California Conference. On the 16th day of March, 1902, a church was organized in Monrovia, with twenty-eight members. Besides the help of Elder J. F. Ballenger and Prof. E. S. Ballenger, we were blessed with the labors of Elders Santee and Miller. Our church was made up not only of those who still held membership in some of our churches in southern California, but also of those who were members of churches in Ontario, Michigan, and Illinois.

The officers are as follows: Elder J. F. Ballenger, pastor; C. F. Marvin, elder; Elder M. D. Learned and Edward Treganza, deacons; Mrs. E. L. Learned, treasurer; Mrs. Lettie Marvin, clerk; W. S. Adams, missionary librarian.

Anticipating our organization, the Lord opened the way for us to lease, at moderate rental, a nice little church building all furnished, that is owned by the Congregational society, but had not been used for some time. We were able by working hard to get it ready for our organization.

We have an interesting Sabbath-school of twenty-six members, three classes. The writer, superintendent, and Mrs. E. W. Ballenger, secretary.

Sabbath, April 5, we enjoyed the blessings of the ordinances, twenty-nine being present. Several came in from the surrounding towns. Some had not had the privileges of the ordinances for eleven years. Others had never taken part in the entire service. All seemed greatly encouraged.

The tithe is coming in well, already quite a sum having been paid in. We have a regular Sunday-night preaching service and Tuesday-night prayer-meeting. Some have been canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons," and others selling "Good Health" and "Pacific Health Journal" from house to house. Altogether, we start out in good courage. Pray for our little church that the power of God may be manifested through us to the salvation of others.

C. F. Marvin.

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## MONTANA CONFERENCE

### BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTANA CONFERENCE

The fourth annual session of the Montana Conference was held at Butte, March 16-23. A three-days workers' meeting preceded the conference, which was well attended by the conference laborers. Elder A. T. Jones was present during the workers' meeting and during the first half of the conference. Elder A. J. Breed was with us during the conference, and Dr. Leads-worth was present the last two days.

The business of the conference was transacted in eight meetings. Two churches, Red Lodge and Twin Bridges, were admitted to the conference. The first meeting

was given to a public consideration of the conference constitution. This was amended in several particulars, the most important of which are as follows: The delegates of the conference shall be those present at any meeting of the conference who are members of any church in the conference. The Sabbath-school work, church, and intermediate school work, and young people's work, were merged into one branch, called "educational work," under charge of an educational board; the words "corresponding secretary" were changed to "educational secretary," and the duties of that officer were thus defined: "The duties of the educational secretary shall be to correspond with schools, young people, local societies, isolated Sabbath-keepers, and persons interested in present truth, and to do such other work as shall present itself in connection with said office."

The article providing that all necessary committees be appointed by the conference executive committee was stricken out.

By vote, all the necessary committees were appointed from the floor, and the conference officers were nominated and elected in the same way.

The canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons" was carefully considered. The state was divided into districts, and a minister was placed in charge of the work in each district. A call was made for every Seventh-day Adventist in Montana to heartily cooperate with this work. The whole number of books to be sold in the conference was ordered, and it was decided that no work was to be undertaken by the conference workers till these books were sold.

It was voted to continue the intermediate school another year, and that a determined effort be made to establish church-schools in every church and company.

The "Pacific Union Recorder" was endorsed by the conference, and it was recommended that all our people become subscribers to it.

It was recommended that the northern colporter wagon be manned, and run in the scattered

settlements of north Montana during the coming summer.

The conference laborers were advised, as soon as the work is finished on "Christ's Object Lessons," to push into new fields, and give the truth as rapidly as possible to those who have not heard it.

The local Sabbath-school secretaries were instructed to send their reports to the educational secretary, and to turn over the donations for foreign missions to the church librarian, where there is such an officer. In case a Sabbath-school is located where there is no librarian, the funds are to be sent to the missionary secretary, T. G. Johnson, 108 Grand Street, Helena.

It was recommended that Sabbath-school conventions be held this spring in as many schools as is practicable.

It was decided to issue the "Bivouac" as a monthly after the canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons" is over.

The brethren endorsed, by a rising vote, a resolution setting forth the object of the missionary-acre fund, and urging all to do what they can for the same.

Two resolutions were adopted relating to the work of getting our publications before the people. One was in reference to the work of the conference laborers, and the other was an earnest admonition to our people to pray for a revival of the missionary spirit, and to begin to work as though they believed the Lord had answered their prayers.

Credentials were granted to Elders W. B. White, J. C. Foster, L. A. Gibson, and R. D. Quinn. The last two brethren were ordained at this meeting. Ministerial licenses were granted to Stewart Kime, W. A. Gosmer, and W. D. Emery. Missionary licenses were given to T. G. Johnson, Miss Anna Carlson, and Mrs. Nettie G. White.

Elder W. B. White was elected president of the conference, Mrs. Nettie G. White conference secretary, and T. G. Johnson missionary secretary and treasurer, also state agent. The conference committee were instructed to secure the



services of some competent person to fill the office of educational secretary. Elder J. C. Foster, Elder L. A. Gibson, T. G. Johnson, and A. E. Parker are associated with the president on the conference committee. The members of the educational board are Elder W. B. White, Elder L. A. Gibson, Elder R. D. Quinn, W. A. Gosmer, and W. D. Emery.

The tithe receipts during the year amounted to \$5,694.33.

Courage and hope fill the hearts of all as they take up the work the coming year.

Mrs. N. G. White,  
Conf. Sec.



#### COOPERATION OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The positive language of Solomon, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," should impress parents and teachers, and arouse them to the consideration of the importance of the work of training the children and youth in the way in which they should go. As this training enjoins direction, education, and development, which devolve upon parents and teachers, it becomes necessary that, to secure the best results, there be co-operation on the part of teacher and parents. A lack of this will cause a lack of interest on the part of children and youth.

As parents we should seek to maintain a nearness to our children which will ever make their interests our interests, and not consider them and their interests of no consequence simply because we are older and more experienced. We should take an interest in them at all times, thus gaining their confidence, that they may not stand aloof from us and seek other companions and consequently other influences. As Abraham commanded his household after him, so every parent should walk as faithful Abraham did, and command as the spirit of

truth directs him through earnest prayer that wisdom may be given from on high.

Teachers can not direct, educate, and develop, unless they, as well as the parents, understand the capabilities, conditions, and needs of the pupils. Consequently they should confer with parents, seeking the Lord earnestly for guidance. Teachers should meet the members of their classes at their homes and study the lesson with them and the parents, seeking always to show a real interest in them, and a desire to have them develop into useful workers. They should ever lead them to see that they have capabilities, and can become valuable instruments, but that their usefulness depends on their efforts and faithfulness in performing their necessary work.

It is the duty of parents and teachers to know the lessons which they expect the pupils to learn, as it is impossible to direct, educate, and develop without first having been directed, educated, and developed. The continued practise of requiring children to go to Sabbath-school without having learned the lesson is wrong, and the teacher has not done his duty until he calls the attention of the parents to the dangers of such practise. Nothing tends to lessen the interest in, and create a dislike for, the Sabbath-school more than to be asked questions in a class or review exercise, and not be able to answer them, while if one can readily answer, his interest increases, and consequently the Sabbath-school is a delight to him, as it should be. Parents should know that they know the lesson, and that their children know it. The study of the lesson should not be postponed until the last thing before going to Sabbath-school, but should be begun in the early part of the week; and continually studied over and over again, till all are perfectly familiar with it.

Teachers and parents must co-operate to accomplish the desired results, but the necessary mutual work of parents and teachers can come about only by consecration and communion with our heavenly Father. The Sabbath-school demands the united interests of par-

ents and teachers, "that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."

The danger and tendency is that the Sabbath-school will become a mere form, that real interest and desire for knowledge and wisdom will be lost; consequently it behooves us to arouse to the real importance of this, probably the most important part of our work as a people.

The Sabbath-school has made us, largely, what we are, and the Lord desires that we continue to grow by feeding on the bread of life. We should ever remember that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," and that the Sabbath-school has been instituted that we may meet each week and seek the Lord as we study His Word together.

A. B. Haverly.

#### THOUGHTS FROM PSALMS 22

The book of Psalms is divided into several sections, and originally was not one book. It was written by several authors. There are psalms of praise, of thanksgiving, and of worship, as well as of history and prophecy. The twenty-second psalm is one of prophecy, one of those known as Messianic psalms, whose prophecies relate to Christ. In the four gospels of the New Testament, we have recorded quite fully what Christ did, His actions, His deeds, His works of love and mercy; but in the Messianic psalms of prophecy we have more fully recorded than anywhere else what He thought—the things that were in His mind. We recognize a portion of the twenty-second psalm as being spoken on the cross. It tells what Christ thought in the closing scenes of His earthly life. This is simply history in advance of what went through the Saviour's mind while He hung on the cross.

"None to help." Undoubtedly He was thinking of Peter denying Him, and of the others forsaking Him, and of Judas betraying Him, etc. They were all gone. John was the only one who lingered to

witness His trial. Christ says: "I have vowed to save man; to give My life; and I will pay My vow. I said to My Father, 'I will give My life;' and My Father was willing, and I will fulfil the promise to My Father." Christ takes courage as He looks down to see the glorious triumph of His sacrifice.

The closing thought of Christ's earthly life was the faithfulness of His ministry. God had declared His righteousness, and that it should be revealed to nations that were yet unborn. It should be told that Christ did this. So, as He hung upon the cross, He looked backward and forward, and even derived encouragement from the things surrounding Him. He was so to yield Himself up that humanity could do just as it chose with Him, even to the taking of His life. His life was fully in the hands of humanity; and thus His death on the cross was a type of how He is giving His life to every man.

This violent death at the hands of man is simply a great symbol of the sacrifice and gift of His life, which is given into the hands of every man; and every man can, if he chooses, to-day do with Christ just as they did with Him back there; for Christ is a perpetual gift to us; He will always be the man Christ. He will always be Jesus, the Son of man, as well as Christ, the Son of God. All our griefs, sufferings, sorrows, etc., He took upon Him, and that is what killed Him. In reality, He died of a broken heart. He yielded His life up as a great illustration of how He had given it up for the salvation of every sinful man and woman. W. S. Sadler.

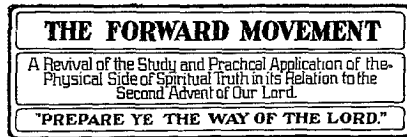
#### WISHING AND DOING

"I wish I could be as unselfish as Mary is," some one says. Well, why not? You both serve the same Lord, who is able to make all His children more than conquerors. But to gain such a victory needs something more than vague wishing. Set to work to be unselfish. Cultivate your nature on that side.

"I wish I knew as much about history as Mr. ——— does," said

a young man in our hearing recently. He was just entering upon a long vacation, with an abundance of leisure on his hands. His father's library is large and richly supplied with books on historical subjects. But the youth contented himself with mere wishing for more knowledge, and the end of the summer saw him no nearer his heart's desire.

"Heaven helps those who help themselves," says the old proverb, and truer words were never written. God blesses effort but does not supply it. You will never grow wiser nor better by aimless wishing nor by aimless praying. But set yourself to accomplish what you desire, and you may be sure that God's strength will be yours, and that His blessing will help you to gain your end.—Young People's Weekly.



#### THE LIFE IS MORE THAN MEAT

People often say, "One might as well not live at all as to deprive one's self of all the 'good things' of life." That is what Eve thought. What was the use of living if she could not have the forbidden fruit? There are not many of us that can throw stones at our common mother. But those same persons are often heard saying, "What is the use of living in this misery?" And too often they put a summary end to their lives. "Is not the life more than meat?" Would it not be far better to deny the appetite, and even eat food not quite so pleasing to the palate, and always be full of life and vigor, able to enjoy everything to the full, than to have pleasure at the table, and misery everywhere else? But this is an extreme statement of the case. The fact is that the man who is content with the things that God gave to man in Eden, as his bill of fare, gets more positive enjoyment out of the hours that he spends at the table than anybody else in the world possibly can. He alone knows the meaning of the word "delicious." Every morsel of

food is a delight to him, for he alone has the "good things" of life. As he eats, he thanks God, "who daily loadeth us with benefits." And not by any means the least of the enjoyments of the clean table is the knowledge that there will be no bad taste afterwards.

E. J. Waggoner.

#### THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH

The realm of law is dominion, compulsion, condemnation. The realm of the gospel is promise, privilege, grace. The law is for the lawless, the disobedient. The gospel extends its blessings to the willing and obedient. We are to preach the gospel. This is God's plan for bringing people into harmony with the law. The law says, mostly, "Thou shalt," or "Thou shalt not." The gospel says, "Thou mayest, and I will keep thee." The law is extended to the sinner. It commands and condemns him. The gospel wins its way to the sinner's heart, and, taking the law with it, writes it upon the mind.

In this is a lesson on teaching health principles. Too often the people are held in a sort of a terror-stricken condition, while the "Thou shalt not" thunder about their ears, and the vivid lightnings of dire consequences flash about them, and the dreadful smoke of final extermination rolls up before the vision. The people see, realize it all, and either stoically resolve to accept the consequences, whatever they may be, or helplessly ask, "What shall we eat, then?" It seems to them that the prohibitions cover the entire dietetic field, and no avenue of escape is left. Too often the people are left at this point. Perhaps they have left their former affinities. Now what? Well, that does not appear. They have heard the law; but where is the gospel?

Would it not be better to begin with the gospel? Before the Lord mentioned any prohibitions, He placed before mankind what might and should be eaten. He created the beautiful fruits, and pointed to them in their luscious sweetness. He created the grains filled with the elements of strength and life.

He loaded trees with nuts rich with vitality, and then He told His children that these were before them. He added His benediction, and pronounced them all "very good." People only need to be taught how good they really are, in order to accept them now.

What the world needs is an education in the privileges and blessings of good living. The privilege of adopting a good thing is far more attractive than the duty of dropping a bad thing to which people have become attached. But the adoption of right habits of living carries with it, necessarily, the discontinuance of wrong habits. The better way wins the heart by a gentle conquest, powerful and complete. And then evil must flee as before a whip of small cords.

The mission of Christ was not to condemn the world, but to bring life and light. So let us be more anxious to present the beauty and desirability of God's plan, the fullness of His grace and promises, and His Spirit will work a transformation that will form a permanent basis for every good work of reform.

G. C. Tenney.



**THE HEALDSBURG COLLEGE  
SINKING FUND**

At the Stockton camp-meeting three years ago there was pledged to what was designated the Healdsburg College Sinking Fund the sum of \$19,297.05, to be paid in three equal annual instalments.

During the first year there was paid the sum of \$4,421.26. Since that time we have received the sum of \$5,262.02, leaving a balance on unpaid pledges amounting to \$9,613.77. Stirred by the earnest appeal, and warmed by the Spirit of God, 336 loyal souls subscribed to the fund, in sums ranging from \$1.50 to \$3,000. Of this number, 30 have paid their pledges in full. Where are the 306?

Since my business connection with the college, we have paid more on the indebtedness of the

college than has been received on this fund. We are at the present time greatly in need of means to pay off the outstanding notes and rapidly-accurring interest. Why should we pay interest when there are many who have means that could be deposited with the college without interest? Will not many come to our help now?

There are not a few who have enjoyed the privileges and blessings of the college, and who are filling good positions, whose balance on the college ledger is decidedly against them. Should not these sacrifice, if need be, to help us in this our time of need? Should we not treat this important branch of God's cause as fairly as we would our grocer or any worldly enterprise? The Lord certainly looks at it in that way.

"When a pledge is made to the cause, it is a vow made to God, and should be sacredly kept. In the sight of God it is no better than sacrilege to appropriate to our own use that which has been once pledged to advance His sacred work.

"When a verbal or written pledge has been made in the presence of our brethren, to give a certain amount, they are the visible witnesses of a contract made between ourselves and God. The pledge is not made to man, but to God, and is as a written note given to a neighbor. No legal bond is more binding upon the Christian for the payment of money than a pledge made to God.

"Persons who thus pledge to their fellow-men do not generally think of asking to be released from their pledges. A vow made to God, the Giver of all favors, is of still greater importance; then why should we seek to be released from our vows to God? Will man consider his promise less binding because made to God? Because his vow will not be put to trial in courts of justice, is it less valid? Will a man who professes to be saved by the blood of the infinite sacrifice of Jesus Christ 'rob God'? Are not his vows and his actions weighed in the balances of justice in the heavenly courts? Each of us has a case pending in the courts

of heaven. Shall our course of conduct balance the evidence against us? The case of Ananias and Sapphira was of the most aggravated character. In keeping back part of the price, they lied to the Holy Ghost. Guilt likewise rests upon every individual in proportion to like offenses.

The love of God and love for souls triumphs over selfishness and love of the world. Especially is this the case when the speaker, in the Spirit and power of God, presents the plan of redemption, laid by the Majesty of heaven in the sacrifice of the cross."—Testimonies, vol. 4, pages 470, 471.

The following scriptures show how God regards the subject of vows:—

"And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded. If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth." Num. 30:1, 2.

"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" Eccl. 5:6.

"I will go into Thy house with burnt-offerings; I will pay Thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble." Ps. 66:13, 14.

"It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make inquiry." Prov. 20:25.

"When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it; for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a free-will offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth." Deut. 23:21-23.

"Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God; let all that be round about Him bring presents unto

Him that ought to be feared." Ps. 76:11.

"But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the Lord is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even His meat, is contemptible. Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering; should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord. But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing; for I am a great King, saith the Lord of hosts, and My name is dreadful among the heathen." Mal. 1:12-14.

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay." Eccl. 5:4, 5.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty just now. Have you pledged to the college? Pay it. Are you indebted to the college? Settle the account. Have you been unfaithful in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons"? Begin now to redeem the time; God is testing His people now along this line. Shall we not join in the work at once, and receive the blessing God has in it for each one of us? Soon the jubilee song will be sung. Will you join in it?

F. A. Lashier.

### THE NEED OF CHURCH-SCHOOLS

Special talent should be given to the education of the youth. Few have the necessary instruction in religious lines. Few understand distinctly what they must do to be saved. If the instructors themselves have a religious experience, they will be able to communicate to the students that knowledge of the love of God which they have received. These lessons can be given only by those who are themselves truly converted; and this is the noblest missionary work that any man or woman can undertake.

Teachers must love the children because they are the younger members of the Lord's family. The Lord will inquire of them, as of the parents, "What have you done with My flock, My beautiful flock?"

There is earnest work to be done for the children. Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon all the dwellers upon the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to serve Him. Gather your children into your own houses; gather them in from the classes who are voicing the words of Satan, who are disobeying the commandments of God. Get out of the cities as soon as possible. Establish church-schools. Gather in your children, and give them the Word of God as the foundation of all their education. Had the churches in different localities sought counsel of God, they would not need to be thus addressed on this point.

When the children of Israel were gathered out from among the Egyptians, the Lord said: "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment; I am the Lord. . . . And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever." Any one of the children of the Hebrews who was found in the Egyptian habitations was destroyed. The blood upon the lintel of the door symbolized the blood of Christ, which alone saved the first-born of the Hebrews from the curse.

We have a special work to do in educating and training our children that they may not, either in attending school or in associating with others, be influenced by those of corrupt habits. "Be ye not un-

equally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

The education that is generally given in the schools of the world is not that which can be accepted as true education. Educators of youth should be Christians, who are themselves under the discipline of God. They will then have a sense of their responsibility, which, as Christians, they will maintain under all circumstances and provocations, never displaying a passionate or an arbitrary spirit. They will reveal sound principles, unswerving integrity, pure sentiments. These are the high thoughts which will draw the youth to the higher education.

Establish schools for the children wherever there are churches. Where there are those who assemble to worship God, let there be schools for the children. Work as if you were working for your life to save children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of this life. Schools should have been placed in different localities instead of centering so many large buildings in one vicinity. Various places should have representatives of the truth in their midst, that character might be given to the work of the Lord. We are far behind what the Lord would have us do in this matter. There are places where our schools should have been in operation years ago. Let these now be started under wise directors, that the children and youth may be educated in their own churches. It is a grievous offense to God that there has been so great neglect to make pro-

vision for the improvement of the children, when Providence has so abundantly supplied us with facilities with which to work.

Can we wonder that the children and youth drift into temptation, and become educated in wrong lines, when they are continually associating with other neglected children? These children are not wisely educated to use their minds and muscles to do a helpful work. There is a world to receive the light of truth, and workers must be educated. Schools which will provide for the education of children and youth must be opened in places where they are so much needed. In the last days children's voices will be heard proclaiming the message. As Christ, in the temple, solved the mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth children in their simplicity will speak words which will be an astonishment to men who now talk of "higher education." Then let the church carry a burden for the lambs of the flock in its locality, and see how many can be educated and trained to do service for God.—Mrs. E. G. White.

**MEDICAL  
MISSIONARY**

**THE WORK AT ST. HELENA  
SANITARIUM**

We are glad to report the work at St. Helena Sanitarium going forward under the influence of a prevailing spirit of righteousness among the workers, which is truly very encouraging.

Although several changes in heads of departments have been made in the institution during the past year, which might be expected to have a temporary depressing influence on the patronage of our work, yet a glance at our balance sheet at the close of January showed a better financial condition than existed at the corresponding date last year.

But what is of greatest importance to the success of the institution, and that which gives most encouragement as to future pros-

pects, is the spirit of the real forward movement coming into the hearts of the workers, managers, and all—the spirit of a higher form of Christianity; that which prompts us to deal with each other as Christian men and women; that which helps us to prevent the mercenary side of the work being crowded to the front all the time, to the detriment of the real work, the restoring of the character and blessings of Christ in human lives.

Of course, we recognize that there is still much room for improvement in all of our lives, but there is much encouragement in the thought that there has been a real awakening, a general seeking after righteousness, a general unification of purpose on the part of managers and helpers, a general yielding to the exhortation, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," the heeding of which is always sure to bring in peace and harmony.

We have been much encouraged of late by remarks made by many patients not of our faith, like the following: "Well, you folks have a delightful place here." "Looking out from the sanitarium, the scenery is the most beautiful that I have seen in California." "And your people are so pleasant to be among! We do not hear any swearing nor see the drinking that we meet with in so many other places, and, what is forty thousand times better than preaching, your people here are living out true Christianity."

I quote the following from the experience of one of our nurses: "When I was nursing Mr. —, his wife would come in during the evening, and I used to read some chapter in the Bible, and we then had prayer. Neither of them prayed for a time, but often when I had finished praying they would both be in tears, and would express a desire to know how to pray. He would say, 'We must have faith, and God will teach us to pray to Him.' Mr. — had sent by Brother Kilgore for a Bible a few days previous, and seemed so glad to have it to study! In many little ways he would express his thankfulness to God for His love and mercy in bringing

him and Mrs. — to this place. Later, after his wife's operation, he prayed the most earnest prayers one night I ever heard. His heart seemed drawn out to God, and he praised God for the illness they were passing through, saying, 'It is Thy way, O God, of bringing us nearer to Thee.'

"I could see a constant desire expressed by both to live different lives. Never have I heard one word of complaining of sickness by either. Especially could I see that Mrs. — was enjoying the peace of God. After she decided to have the operation, she resigned all into the Lord's hands so simply, and a new spirit seemed to come into her life. One could see the demonstrations of her faith in God so plainly.

"One stormy night, when I was with her, the night of the thunder and lightning and the hard wind, she was kept awake, and I knew she was afraid. I very quietly told her how Jesus was with His disciples on the lake, and He who had power to calm the waves and the wind on the sea was caring for us that night, and we need not fear, for He has all power. She said no more, and soon fell asleep. In the morning she made the remark that, as soon as I spoke of Jesus and His love for us, she was not at all afraid. She often said: 'I have been so selfish! I want to remember my Saviour more, and live as He would have me.'

"I have been greatly blessed myself by their simple faith and trust in God. But God has certainly come very near to them, and the way they have turned to Him is something we do not often see in people so connected with the world."

These and similar experiences are sources of great encouragement to us. A. N. Loper, M. D.

**MOUNT VIEW SANITARIUM**

It was my privilege to visit this sanitarium on my way back from the Montana conference. I have visited nearly all of our sanitariums, and I was anxious to see this one. The location is an excellent one, and the view is simply

grand. When I had climbed the steps, and reached the broad porch of the main building, I stopped and gazed with wonder and admiration at the scene that was spread out before me. The busy city, with its fine buildings and network of streets and steam-car tracks, lay below me, with the beautiful blue Spokane River winding its way through it. The beautiful valley, and the foot-hills beyond covered with evergreen trees, and the snow-capped mountains still farther away, was a scene that I shall not soon forget. This grand and beautiful view is of itself almost enough to cure a sick person. They have a fine new building, well equipped, and are prepared to give almost all kinds of treatment. Their drinking water is obtained from a spring, and it is pure and of excellent taste.

In the evening we were invited into the large double parlors, where an interesting and instructive program was rendered, it being the occasion of the graduating exercises of a nurses' course. Six persons received diplomas.

The institution is well patronized, and is doing a good work. The doctor and his helpers are all pleasant and kind, and make a person feel at home when he is there.

S. C. Osborne.

#### REPORT OF MEDICAL BOARD

Our Union Conference is in the past, and in many respects it has been the most wonderful meeting ever held among our people. The whole meeting was marked by freedom of thought and expression. All were bound together in unity and were equally interested in all branches of the work.

The medical missionary work was considered at length by those present. The sentiment of all was that the work on the Pacific Coast should be one, and that the different branches and institutions should work in harmony with each other. To this end an organization was effected, which is to be known as the Pacific Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association.

Elder A. T. Jones was chosen president and E. E. Parlin recording secretary and treasurer, W. R.

Simmons field secretary for the northern coast, and T. S. Whitelock field secretary for the southern coast. The other members of the board were W. T. Knox, A. N. Loper, A. Boeker, and T. S. Whitelock. The first meeting of this board was held at the Portland Sanitarium March 7, 1902, and the following business was transacted:—

1. Each institution is asked to pay a tithe on their net earnings to the state treasurer, said means to be used in defraying the expenses of laborers doing field work. The state treasurers were instructed to pay a second tithe to the Union treasurer, and the Union treasurer a tithe to the International.

2. A committee of three, consisting of Dr. Abbie Winegar, Doctor Simmons, and Doctor Whitelock, was appointed to arrange a curriculum for the nurses' schools, Doctor Winegar acting as chairman, assisted by Doctor Simmons in the northern field and Doctor Whitelock in the southern field.

3. It was thought best that our colleges should not attempt to run training schools for nurses, farther than a preparatory year for entering one of our sanitariums.

4. It was voted that the "Pacific Health Journal" be transferred to the new organization. Elder A. T. Jones, Doctor Loper, and Elder W. T. Knox were chosen to attend to the matter.

5. W. R. Simmons was elected to take supervision of the Medical Missionary Department of the "Recorder."

6. The Southern Pacific Coast being considered one of the most important fields, it was voted that a committee be appointed to look after the immediate interest, in connection with those already on the ground. Elder W. T. Knox, F. B. Moran, and T. S. Whitelock were chosen as this committee. Drs. Moran and Whitelock were requested to take immediate supervision, and take the necessary steps towards organizing and pushing the work.

7. It was decided that a general council be held somewhere in the southern field during the last two weeks in June.

8. Vancouver, B. C., sends a

plea for help. Dr. Simmons and Elders Nellis and Wilson were asked to visit the place and see what can be done.

9. The food business being one of the important branches of the medical missionary work, it was decided that a committee of three, consisting of A. Boeker and Drs. Moran and Simmons, be appointed to work out the details of the food business, and furnish a uniform formula of all foods to each factor, so that the foods may be uniform in quality, weight, and appearance. The same committee was instructed to arrange for health-food stores in some of our principal cities. Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and San Diego were especially mentioned as good points.

10. In the providence of God, the health foods have been instituted for the benefit of suffering humanity. It was voted that each sanitarium and health-food store handling the foods should cooperate with the Pacific Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and be directed by the general board in the sale and disbursement of the same.

11. W. R. Simmons, A. Boeker, W. C. White, H. H. Haynes, F. B. Moran, and A. N. Loper were chosen to arrange a policy for the management and sale of health foods in stores, private and cooperative. The prospects before the medical missionary work on the coast are very encouraging. At present we have running, or in preparation, institutions extending from Vancouver, B. C., to San Diego, Cal. The Lord has surely had a hand in establishing the work in these various centers. Thousands visit us every year from the east and the west, and all must pass through some of the different points where our institutions are planted.

What we need now is earnest workers, full of the love of God for perishing souls, those who will hold up the banner of truth, and thus point suffering humanity to the One who forgives all iniquities and heals all diseases. The time has come for an earnest, united effort on the part of God's people. Petty differences must forever be

laid aside, and all the mind and energies centered on the one work of saving souls. Jesus expects much of us at the present time, and is patiently waiting to give us power to carry on the work. For His dear name's sake shall we not let Him in, that He may teach us and guide us on to victory?

T. S. Whitelock, M. D.,  
Sec. pro tem.

**MISSIONARY WORK**

**THE INSTITUTE AT WALLA WALLA COLLEGE**

This institute began March 30 and continued two weeks. Professor Stewart and Professor Kay did much to help the work along. They gave us the very best part of the day for our drill, from 8 to 9:30 A. M., and all the students that desired to attend the drill, were excused from their classes at that time and their other work was lightened. A good interest was manifested. Twenty-nine students attended our class, and it was as bright a class as ever I had the privilege of drilling. They learned fast, and at the close of the institute could give a good and interesting description of their respective books. Nearly all will remain in school until the close of the term, and those that belong in the Upper Columbia Conference will attend the camp-meeting before going to work.

Of course Satan will do all he can between now and that time to hinder them or cause them to lose their interest, and not go into the field at all. But I hope and pray that he will have no effect upon any, and that every one will go out and do a good work for the Lord this summer. If this number will go into the field and be faithful, a grand work will be done, and many souls will receive the warning message. Many of this class, if they are faithful, and obtain the valuable experience which the canvassing field will give them, will make valuable laborers for foreign fields, and the Mission Board will do well to look this way for workers in the near future.

Brother M. F. Hill, the state agent for the Upper Columbia Conference, was present, and we had a pleasant time working together for the benefit of this large class. Professor Kay has kindly agreed to look after these persons, and hold a canvassers' meeting with them at least once a week, thus keeping up the interest until the close of school and camp-meeting time.

S. C. Osborne,  
Trav. Miss., P. U. C.

**"I HAVEN'T TIME"**

Did you ever wish you had the time which hangs heavy on some people's hands? No doubt there have been times in your experience when you had so much to do and so little time to do it in that your soul cried out, "Oh, for more time!" and you thought, "How can anybody not know what to do to pass their time away?" and you felt like saying:—

Breathes there a person, far or near,  
With precious time to spare?  
Oh, if I could, I'd bring him here,  
That I might have a share!

It seems the whole world is in a mad rush because it is so near the end. Satan is come down "with great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

My attention has been especially called to this subject lately in trying to get people interested in our health publications. Especially among the wealthy, those who you would think would have plenty of time, having servants to do their work, we find the universal plea, "I haven't time." "No, thank you, I am too busy to look at it to-day." And no amount of persuasion can cause them to see that they haven't time for anything else. But they know not "the time of their visitation," nor the things which "belong to their peace." They realize not that the time may come when they will be compelled to spend time on beds of sickness or in invalids' chairs, simply because they did not have time to learn how to care for their health.

Are not we, who have been intrusted with the last great message, in danger of failing right on this point of not taking time for

the most important things? We can not do everything we wish to do, so we must study to find what will suffer the least from being left undone.

We say: "If I had time, I would call on my neighbors and try to do them good. If I could only find the time to write that missionary letter I had planned, and send those papers!" There are so many openings all around, if we only had the time to fill them, we could do so much good in the world and save souls for Christ.

We must take time for these things, even at a sacrifice of our own work, as well as of our ease and pleasure. Jesus took time to leave His work in heaven and spend thirty-three years on the earth, and we can not conceive of any earthly work of ours which is more important than the work of Christ in heaven. There are so many opportunities where we may follow in His footsteps "who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil."

It is a solemn question for us to ask ourselves whether we shall not awake soon to see all these opportunities past and nothing left for us but the despairing cry, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

Minnie Embree.

**CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE**

**CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR SEVEN WEEKS ENDING MARCH 31, 1902**

**MARVEL OF NATIONS**

	Hours.	Orders.	Value
Tennie Crabtree, Sac'to....	62	35	\$76 30
George Sims, St. Helena...	19	7	10 50
A. J. Bonham, Esmeralda...	41	12	18 50
Mae Coker, Sacramento...	52	32	72 70
Ruth Vitelle, San Jose.....	8	3	4 25

**HOME HANDBOOK**

Minnie Embree, Oakland..	45	6	37 90
W. E. Whitmore, Red Bluff.....	198	12	74 85
H. Munn, Oroville .....	83	16	77 25

**GREAT CONTROVERSY**

C. Jensen, Ft. Bragg.....		12	24 50
C. E. Holmes, Palo Alto..	90	21	141 35
George Cary, Red Bluff...	98	4	62 85

**DANIEL AND REVELATION**

S. W. Walker, Oakland..		92	233 50
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The "Object Lessons" work is to be pushed in California till its quota of books is sold. "Ask not to be excused."

As a result of the labors of Elder S. Thurston and the cooperation of the brethren, a small church building is nearly completed at Redlands, California.

All should read carefully the articles from the pen of Elder Loughborough on "Church Order and Discipline." They are clear, sound, and scriptural.

Brethren D. A. Parsons and Walter Halliday are conducting tent-meetings at Brentwood, Contra Costa County, California, with apparently good success.

One of our canvassers writes that last week he took \$285 worth of orders. And in six and one-half weeks he has taken \$1,300 worth of orders. He is full of courage, and gives the Lord the praise.

After an absence of three weeks, which time has been spent in Arizona and Los Angeles, Brother J. J. Ireland returned to the office on the morning of April 17, leaving again on the 18th to attend to auditing work in Healdsburg College.

In the Southern California Conference a systematic effort has been started to sell the quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" for the relief of the indebtedness of Healdsburg College. The work began with the Los Angeles church, and will be carried from church to church until the territory has been completed.

The Vegetarian Restaurant in Los Angeles has enjoyed a large patronage during the winter and spring months. The large number of regular boarders which the institution has indicates that it has made many friends since it opened its doors to the public.

Brother S. C. Osborne returned to his home in Oakland on the evening of April 15, after an absence of nearly three months. This time has been spent in the interests of the canvassing work in the North Pacific, Upper Columbia, and Montana Conferences, where he has held three institutes, besides attending the Union Conference held at Portland. He gives an encouraging report of the work in that part of the field.

## NOTICE

On account of the condition of my health I have been obliged to retire from the school work for a season; the church-school teachers and all who are interested in the schools may hereafter address their communications relating to the school work in the Northern California Conference to Elder H. G. Thurston, Fresno, Cal. Those in the Southern California Conference may continue to report to me until further notice.

E. S. Ballenger.

Monrovia, Cal.

Commencing with next week, and covering a period of three months, there will be issued in the "Signs of the Times" the following articles on the coming of the Lord, by L. A. Phippeny: "Why Should the Lord Come?" "God's Original Design for the Earth," "The Hope of the Ages," "The First Advent," "Time of the Second Advent," "The Coming to Judgment," "The Close of Probation," "The Resurrection," "The Forthshining of His Presence," "The Millennium," "The Third Advent," "The Dominion Restored."

New thoughts and new light are presented in these which can not fail to prove of deep interest to every student of the Scriptures and

help them in their efforts for the salvation of those around them.

Dr. David Paulson's valuable series of articles on health and life have just begun to be published in the "Signs of the Times." They will continue for an indefinite length of time. Some of the articles already in hand are as follows:—

"The Unhygienic Side of a Modern Home," "Health Brevities," "Things That Help to Spoil Our Temper," "Bad Dietetic Habits," "Diet and the Liquor Habit," "Pointed Paragraphs on Health," "Why People To-day Are More Depraved Than They Were a Generation Ago."

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