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Methods of Labor

The Lord is soon to come. The angels are holding the four winds, in order that God's people may do their long-neglected work. We are not half awake to what might be done in our world. The work moves slowly, because the truth has not yet taken full possession of the men engaged in the ministry. Our ministers need to arouse and set in operation lines of work that will give the warning message to those who have never heard the truth. Let them plan and study as to the best way of removing prejudice and reaching the hearts of the people. Present truth has almost lost its power because of the way in which it has been handled.

House-to-house work is one very successful way of reaching souls. But it is not the only way that God has provided for the advancement of His work. Decided proclamations of truth are to be made. But in regard to this line of work I am instructed to say to our people: Be guarded. In bearing the message make no personal thrusts at other churches, not even the Roman Catholic Church. In the different denominations angels of God see many who can be reached only by the greatest caution. Therefore let us be careful of our words. Let not our ministers follow their own impulses in denouncing and exposing the mysteries of iniquity.

Upon these themes often silence is eloquence. Many are deceived. Speak the truth in tones and words of love. Let Christ be exalted. Keep to the affirmative of truth. Never leave the straight path God has marked out, for the purpose of giving some one a thrust. That thrust may do much harm and no good. It may quench conviction in many minds. Let the truth tell the story of the inconsistency of those in error.

People can not be expected to see at once the advantage of truth over the error they have cherished. The best way to expose the fallacy of error is to present the evidences of truth. This is the greatest rebuke that can be given to error. Dispel the cloud of darkness resting on minds by reflecting the bright light of the Sun of Righteousness.

You may have opportunity to speak to other churches. In improving these opportunities, remember the words of the Saviour, "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Do not arouse the malignity of the enemy by making denunciatory speeches. Thus you would close doors against the entrance of truth. Clear-cut messages are to be borne. But guard against arousing antagonism. Restrain all harsh expressions. There are many souls to be saved. In word and deed be wise unto salvation, representing Christ to all with whom you come in contact. Let all see that your feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace and good-will to men. Wonderful are the results

we shall see if we enter the work imbued with the Spirit of Christ. If we carry the Word forward, in righteousness, mercy, and love, help will come in our necessity. Truth will triumph and bear away the victory.

THE WORK FOR THE LOWER CLASSES

God's servants are not to exhaust their time and strength in working especially for those whose whole lifetime has been devoted to the service of Satan, till the entire being is corrupted. As the outcasts come—and they will come, as they came to Christ—we are to forbid them not. We are to reach out to them a helping hand. But God calls for workers to reach those of the higher classes, who, if converted, could in turn work for those of their own standing. He desires to see converted talent and converted influence in the ministry enlisted in His service. The Lord is working upon men and women of talent and influence, leading them to connect with those who are giving the last message of mercy to the world.

A mistake has been made in setting young men and young women at work in the slums of our great cities. Few will be saved as a result of this work. The Lord desires to see an altogether different condition of things. Much of the time and means spent for the uplifting of those who through self-indulgence have fallen to the lowest depths of evil, has been thrown away. Some do accept the truth and show forth in the life

true conversion. But very few of those who have given themselves to evil, whose life has been spent in intemperance, ever learn to represent Christ.

Had the money and talent so largely spent in trying to reach the lower classes been spent in taking the truth with special tact to the higher classes, many would have been added to the church of such as should be saved. God desires His servants to labor for those men and women who have fallen low. But in no case are they to neglect those who, if converted, would be a blessing, not a curse, to the world. The Lord has shown me that our work is to bring into the truth those who will be producers as well as consumers. There are men of talent and influence who are longing for something they have not yet received. Let the truth in its simplicity be presented to them. If converted, they would exert a powerful influence for the truth.

God has men whom He will call into His service, men who will not carry forward the work in the lifeless way in which it has been carried forward in the past. Many who have not yet heard the message to be given to the world, have learned the meaning of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Men will come into the truth who will work with earnestness and zeal, tact and understanding. Let none discourage these zealous workers. In some things they will make some mistakes, and will need to be corrected and instructed. But have not men who have been longer in the truth made mistakes, and needed correction and instruction? When they made mistakes, the Lord did not cast them off, but healed them and strengthened them, presenting them with His banner to hold aloft.

God selects His messengers, and gives them His message; and He says, "Forbid them not." New methods must be introduced. God's people must awaken to the necessity of the time in which they are living.

THE WORK IN OUR CITIES

Christ said: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then

cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." He knew that when the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the disciples, the harvest of His seed-sowing would be reaped. Thousands would be converted in a day.

To us, as surely as to the disciples of that time, Christ speaks these words. Time is passing, and the Lord calls upon the workers in all lines of His work to lift up their eyes and behold the fields all ripe for the harvest.

Our workers are not branching out as they should in their efforts. Our leading men are not awake to the work that must yet be accomplished. When I think of the cities in which so little work has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon coming of the Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ's love for perishing souls.

The heathen in the cities at our doors have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should be made to save them. We are now to work to convert the heathen who are in the midst of us,—those who are living within the shadow of our doors. A new song is to be put in their mouths, and they are to go forth to impart to others now in darkness, the light of the third angel's message.

We all need to be wide-awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities. We are far behind in following the light given us to enter the cities and erect memorials for God. Step by step we are to lead souls into the full light of truth. Many are longing for spiritual food. We are to continue working until a church is organized and a humble

house of worship built. I am greatly encouraged to believe that many persons not of our faith will help considerably by their means. The light given me is that in many places, especially in the great cities of America, help will be given by such persons.

Our workers laboring in cities should read carefully the tenth and eleventh chapters of Hebrews, and appropriate to themselves the instruction that this scripture contains. The eleventh chapter is a record of the experiences of the faithful. Those who undertake to work for God in our cities must go forward in faith, doing their very best. As they watch and work and pray, God will hear and answer their petitions. They will obtain an experience that will be invaluable to them in their after work. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

My mind is deeply stirred. In every city there is work to be done. Laborers are to go into our large cities and hold camp-meetings. In these meetings the very best talent is to be used, that the truth may be proclaimed with power. Men of varied talents are to be brought in. One man has not all the gifts required for the work. To make a camp-meeting successful, several workers are needed. No one man should feel it his prerogative to do all the important work.

If in the camp-meetings held in our cities the speakers are careful in all they say, hearts will be reached as the truth is proclaimed in the power of the Spirit. The love of Christ received into the heart will banish the love of error. The love and benevolence manifested in the life of Christ are to be manifested in the lives of those who work for Him. The earnest, untiring activity that marked His life is to mark their lives. The character of the Christian is to be a reproduction of the character of Christ.

There is need of camp-meetings like those held in the early stages of the work,—camp-meetings separate from the business work of the conference. At a camp-meeting the workers should be

free to put forth efforts to give the knowledge of the truth to those who attend from the outside.

At our camp-meetings there should be a restaurant where the poor can obtain wholesome, well-prepared food as cheaply as possible. There should also be another restaurant in which food is especially prepared for the education of outsiders, where they may see a representation of health-reform diet.

This line of work is not to be looked upon as separate and distinct from other lines of camp-meeting work. Each line of God's work is closely related with every other line. And while the different lines are distinct, they are to advance in perfect harmony.

"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Let the indifferent ones arouse and act their part in the work of the Lord, lest this curse be spoken against them. Let all who can, give themselves to the long-neglected work in our cities, a work that has been looked at and then passed by on the other side, as the wounded man was passed by, by the priest and Levite. Take up the work in the cities, whole-heartedly, intelligently, unselfishly.

EVANGELISTIC CANVASSERS

Canvassing for our publications is an important and most profitable line of evangelistic work. Our publications can go to places where meetings can not be held. In such places the faithful evangelistic canvasser takes the place of the living preacher.

I feel very sorry that the books which should be finding ready sale are lying on the office shelves. These books contain the light that people need. May the Lord move upon many of our young men and women to enter the canvassing field as canvassing evangelists. By the canvassing work the truth is presented to thousands that otherwise would not hear it. Our time for work is short. Many, very many, need the promptitude of the "quickly" in them, to lead

them to arouse and go to work. The Lord calls for workers just now.

We need to feel the vivifying influence of the Holy Spirit as the disciples felt it on the day of Pentecost. Of their experience at that time we read: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own." Selfishness was expelled from the heart. "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all."

Why is there not now more diligent seeking of the Lord, that hundreds may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and may go forth quickly to proclaim the truth, "the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following"? Our commission is to let the light shine forth everywhere from the press. By the printed page the light reaches the isolated ones, who have no opportunity to hear the living preachers. This is most blessed missionary work. Canvassers can be the Lord's helping hand, opening doors for the entrance of the truth.

Let Christian youth be selected to handle the books containing present truth. Youth who have no religious experience should not be accepted as canvassers for our books, because they can not properly represent the precious truth to be presented. To send such youth into the canvassing field is unjust to them and to the Lord's work. This is a sacred work, and those who enter it should be able to bear witness for Christ.

The youth who go into this work should be connected with those older in experience, who, if they are devoted to God, can be a great blessing to them, teaching them in the things of God, and showing them how best to work for Him. If the youth will work out their own salvation with fear and trem-

bling, they will know by experience that God is working with them, to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Not only men, but women, can enter the canvassing field. And canvassers are to go out two by two. This is the Lord's plan.

I am instructed to encourage decided efforts to secure helping hands to do missionary work, to give Bible instruction, and to sell books containing present truth. Thus skilful work may be done in hunting for souls. Young men, your help is called for. Make a covenant with God by sacrifice. Take hold of His work. He is your sufficiency. "Be strong, yea, be strong." Ellen G. White.

THE FIELD

Western Oregon Conference

To Our Churches: We are now in the best time of the year for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." From now till the holidays a vigorous effort should be made to place this book with the people. We mention this matter to call special attention to the responsibility we have in the work for the relief of our schools. And, too, we believe there is more to this movement than paying these debts. The everlasting gospel is due to every nation and people. Rev. 14:6, 7. The attention of the people must be in a special way called to the true God and His worship at this time, when a false worship, that of the beast and his image, is to be forced on the people by the laws of men. The attention of men has been so fully diverted from their great Creator and their responsibility to Him that there is a special need of just such an effort as is being made with "Christ's Object Lessons." In this book the Creator of all things, the true God, whose power is pledged in the gospel to save men, is brought to the attention of people in the same way that the Great Teacher who was sent from heaven gave it to men.

This is our work now. For the carrying forward of this, the greatest work ever committed to God's people, we exist in the world, and have the equipments in the way of institutions that we possess.

The work, then, with "Object Lessons" is missionary work of the highest order.

This movement is designed to swing us all into line for service. By going to your neighbors with this book, you establish social relations with them that will be the best help possible for you to bring within their reach the special truths for this time.

When the work with "Christ's Object Lessons" is done in this way, each person's "quota" will be every book that he can place in the hands of the people before that day comes when all the earth has heard the glad tidings of salvation. Brethren and sisters, take hold of this grand work, one and all; and incidental to and following from your faithful service the debts will vanish from our schools, as a mist before the rising sun. We have confidence that you will.

One other thing I want to mention, and that is the material fund. We understand that each book costs for the making about twenty-five cents. Then for each book that our conference orders for use in this field we should raise that amount. So, to make up what we are behind in this respect, and to provide for more books, the conference committee have adopted the plan of setting apart a day when our churches will be asked to make a liberal donation to this fund. The first Sabbath after Thanksgiving has been chosen for this; and we urge our church officers to make a special effort to carry this plan into successful execution. Let the services of that day have special reference to this matter. We shall look for a large donation. When you can bring more, do not bring merely a mite. If you haven't the cash, make a pledge.

Praying God to bless His people as they give all to Him, we remain your servants in the work,
Executive Com. W. O. Conf.

F. M. Burg,
President.

Grants Pass, Oregon

I was called to look after the work in this part of the field, and arrived in time to hear S. W. Gamble give his series of lectures against Adventists and display his "New Discovery," which, to say the least, does insult to every fact of history, sacred and profane. It is the most successful humbug, if one would judge by the eagerness with which the Methodist Episcopal Conference convened accepted it, that was ever flaunted before the public. His special effort is to educate the ministers to know how to meet us, and satisfy the people who become interested in our work. He says that Methodists were leaving the church at the rate of two thousand five hundred yearly until he entered the field three years ago; since that time the number has been reduced one-half.

His introduction was an apology for having to ride the Sunday train on the "Sabbath," in order to meet his appointment at this place.

The following are some of his remarks against Seventh-day Adventists: "Their pernicious literature is causing a hundred and forty thousand every year to lose faith in our ministers and churches, driving five hundred innocent girls weekly to ruin, and causing twenty-five thousand to fill drunkards' graves annually, all because a young man, now in California, defeated the Blair Sunday Bill, and thus robbed these individuals of a Sabbath." "These people (Seventh-day Adventists) have either been ignorantly opposed, or ignored, until they have become one of the greatest curses to the progress of true Christianity." "There is a cause for all this. It is this flood of heretical reading matter that is at the bottom of it all."

This and much more that is not worthy of repetition was said. He did not hesitate to say that we were responsible for all the evils done in the land.

The only forcible way to meet such arguments is for God's people to live so close to Him that their lives will give the lie to such testimonies.

His special point of attack was

against our literature. I was soundly convinced that the time is near when we shall be denied the privilege of carrying our literature, and was made to see the reason why the Lord wants each one to have the privilege of giving such truths as "Christ's Object Lessons" contains to our neighbors.

Brethren and sisters, let us as a united body say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," in this work to which He has called us. Shall we sing the jubilee, or mourn over neglected privileges? Read Jer. 8:20-22.

C. J. Cole.

October 1.

The California Camp-Meeting

The camp-meeting and conference at Fresno, September 30 to October 12, proved to be a missionary meeting throughout. From the president's address at the beginning, until the second ordination service at the very close of the meeting, the keynote was "Foreign fields," "The gospel in all the world as a witness to all nations, that the end may come."

The detailed report of the proceedings will show this more fully. Space will be taken here only to state that eighteen of the workers of the California Conference accepted the call to other fields. Five thousand dollars, and at least thirteen and one-third per cent of the income of the conference in the coming year, and the support of every worker of the conference sent by the conference to foreign fields, was unanimously voted by the whole congregation. About a hundred and ninety dollars was freely donated by those present from their own pockets to send a 40x60 tent to Elder Andross in England. More than a hundred dollars was donated in a Sunday afternoon collection for the work in the South; and nearly seven hundred dollars was given to the material fund of "Object Lessons." In other words, all calls and donations were for the general work, none for the local.

The workers who go abroad are: Brother and Sister J. S. Harmon, to Ontario, Canada East; Brother and Sister Schaeffer and

Brother Douglass, to the South; Brother and Sister McCord, and Brother and Sister Castle, and Brother Walter Halliday, to England; Brother and Sister Albrecht, to Germany; Brethren Walter and Frank Bond, to England on the way to Spain; Brother A. S. Marchus, to England on the way to Natal, South Africa; Brother F. Dewitt Gauterau, to France; Brother D. A. Parsons, to Ireland, and Dr. Keem, to China.

Brethren McCord, Douglass, Gauterau, Parsons, and Schaeffer, were ordained to the gospel ministry, unto which they go forth.

With such a spirit prevailing throughout, it was only the sure consequence that the meeting should be unanimously pronounced by those present the best that they ever attended. There were present persons who had attended twenty-four annual camp-meetings in different parts of the country, and these with praise and thanksgiving declared this meeting to be the best that they ever saw.

It was remarked that this was the smallest state camp-meeting that there had been in California for a good many years. This is doubtless true as to actual numbers; but measured by its missionary results, it was certainly by far the largest camp-meeting ever held in California, if not the largest ever held in the world.

And for it all we all thank and praise the Lord.

Alonzo T. Jones.

Fresno Camp-Meeting

The California state camp-meeting convened at Fresno, at 10 A. M., September 30. Though this was the annual conference, the attendance of our brethren was not as large as usual on such occasions, because many were compelled to remain at home and look after their harvest of fruit, in which business our people are largely interested, and especially so in Central California; then the churches in the northern portion of the state sent only a small delegation.

At the first meeting of the conference sixty-seven delegates were

present, representing twenty-five churches. Three churches—Bishop, Guerneville, and Berkeley—had been organized during the past year, and were received into the conference.

Financial and statistical reports, that covered the past sixteen months, were submitted by the several secretaries. The title for this period was \$57,467.70. The total number of "Object Lessons" that have been shipped to churches and individuals is 16,046.

The work of planning the business of the conference was given to a large committee, which named the several working committees. October 1 to 3 was devoted to the consideration of the educational, publishing, and medical missionary interests that are carried forward in the California Conference. Interesting reports were submitted by the brethren who have been connected with these various enterprises. During the second week the recommendations from the various committees were received and discussed.

Elder A. G. Daniells and Brother E. R. Palmer were the laborers present representing the General Conference. They had much valuable information to give with reference to the work in Europe. The great dearth of laborers that exists where so many millions of people are congregated waiting for the message appealed to many hearts. We believe every one who attended this meeting realized that the fields are white ready to harvest, and that every soul who has accepted the message is called to active service, that the work of gathering the ripened grain may not be delayed. Our young people realized that God was calling for their services, and between eighty and one hundred signified their intention of preparing for the Master's service. We sincerely hope that the call to service will not cease with this Fresno camp-meeting, but extend to every church and to every family. Fathers and mothers should lay before their children the claims God has upon each one of His servants, and seek to educate for the final ingathering service of the world.

The Fresno Camp-Meeting Inspired by the Missionary Spirit

The camp-meeting that just closed at Fresno, Cal., is one long to be remembered by all, as marking a new era in the progress of the message, in both the home and the foreign fields. It will mark a new era in the home work, as so many are being sent away into foreign fields, and "religion is a commodity of such a nature that the more you send away the more you have left." It will prove a great blessing to the foreign fields, not only by the addition of the laborers that California is sending abroad, but by the stimulus that this action will have upon other conferences to go and do likewise. In this splendid stand that California has taken in sending abroad all the laborers that could go, besides sending a large donation in tithe to the foreign work, she will give such a new impetus to the work that the message will soon swell into "the loud cry."

Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference, spoke a number of times at the camp-meeting, and in almost every sermon the burden of his message was the entering of the foreign fields that are now waiting for the truth. The message did not fall upon deaf ears, but the whole camp was stirred to definite action in this matter. The people were not altogether unprepared for this forward movement, as Elder A. T. Jones has been educating the people up to the point where they were ready for such action.

Brother E. R. Palmer, who stands at the head of the canvassing work of the denomination, presented his branch of the work in a convincing manner, and there is no doubt but better days await the canvassing work in California.

Sister E. G. White spoke several times during the meeting with a power that brought conviction of sin and duty to many hearts; especially during the times of greatest perplexity did the Lord speak through her in no uncertain terms to the people.

The general sentiment seemed to be that this was the best camp-meeting that was ever held in Cali-

fornia. There was no perceptible excitement prevailing among either the workers or the people, but the decisions that were made were arrived at in a deliberate, prayerful mood.

Chas. T. Everson.

My impression of the camp-meeting, briefly stated, is that in its influence, both aggressive and reflex, in the impulse given to both foreign and home mission work, it excels any I have known in my experience in the message.

As the actual statistical facts were given, showing the condition and needs of the different mission fields embracing the earth, the congregation responded in a quiet but deep and fervent expression of cooperation. The laborers came forward, and volunteered for service in needy fields, and the lay members pledged them support so heartily and generously as to show that all were moved by God's Spirit. This was still more confirmed by the fact that this move grew in strength as the meeting progressed.

Never did conference limits fade more completely and lose their significance than before the searching presentation of the gospel commission, "Go ye into all the world."

The influence of this meeting will certainly extend to other conferences. It is a prophecy of the coming of the "loud cry," and a reviver of the spirits of those who are becoming weary with waiting.

Praise the Lord for this precious encouragement. D. T. Fero.

Western Washington

Since the Portland camp-meeting I have organized a church of fourteen members at Ridgefield, baptizing two, the remainder being from various places in the conference. In August I labored along the Lewis River, walking thirty miles up and most of the way back, holding meetings and visiting by the way. There are a number of Sabbath-keepers scattered along the river, many of whom hold their membership outside the Western Washington

Conference. These, with six others who are awaiting baptism, we hope to organize into a church at Etna. At this place they also have a live, interesting little Sabbath-school.

I am now an old man, nearing my sixty-seventh year, but my interest in the message increases, and my hope grows brighter, and I am never happier than when telling others the glad tidings of the soon-coming Saviour.

A. J. Stover.

Word from China

The following note from a recent letter from Mrs. J. N. Anderson, of Hongkong, China, gives just a little glimpse of the every-day life of the Chinaman and of the conditions which appeal to our workers in that field:—

Poor people, how I pity them in their poverty and darkness and superstition! To pass down the street at dusk, after the day's work is done and the evening meal of rice is over, and see them sitting about or lying on their backs on a bit of rush matting anywhere they can locate to catch a breeze, beside two or three sticks of burning incense, chanting prayers to Josh, is so touching. They seem so earnest in their worship of 'they know not what.' One man, who himself has become a Christian, but whose wife is still a heathen, says she often spends almost a whole night in religious exercises. When a member of the family is ill, she waits to implore or propitiate Josh, or in times of prosperity to thank him."

And there are 400,000,000 of these benighted souls. At every tick of your watch one passes into eternity, without God and without hope. Four workers are there, and two are now en route, but scores are needed. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. Estella Houser.

Mission Board Office.

"'Go work to-day,' says the Master. To-morrow is uncertain; He asks your service now."

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Why Are Teachers' Meetings Poorly Attended

In answering this question it must be considered from the standpoint of duty and love for the sacred teachings of the blessed Bible. Our own human tendencies and natural inclinations, together with our feelings, make it very hard at times for us to do the things we know to be right. Paul had an experience that all of us pass through at times, and I am afraid altogether too often. He says, in Rom. 7:18, 19: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Down in our hearts God has placed a desire to do the right, but, like Paul, we find it very hard at times to follow the still small voice; but, thanks be to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we can by His abiding presence with us do all things.

Shall we say that our Sabbath-school teachers have no interest in the work, and therefore do not care to attend the teachers' meetings?—No, that would not be right. We must consider their own feelings and desires in the matter. Unregenerated humanity rebels against any sacrifice, for naturally we are very selfish. Jesus is the true pattern of sacrifice and self-abasement. He gave up all, and came to this earth, where He knew death was the final end. Yet with all this before Him, He said, "Father, I'll go." In this we see the true sacrifice and a pattern by which we are to order our lives. While Jesus could not be taught by any man, yet He desired to learn by experience the exact temptations common to man, so He would know how to succor us in the hour of trial. He came all the way from heaven to assemble with us, and then made arrangements before He left us so that He could be with us by His Holy

Spirit until the end of the world. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them, and that to bless." And again, "Forget not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but so much the more as ye see the day approaching." That is, as the signs that mark the speedy return of our Saviour thicken around us, we are to assemble more often to study, to pray, and to encourage one another.

Sometimes we hear an expression similar to this: "I am not going to teachers' meeting, because no one will be there to take charge of the lesson that can bring out the important points." But has not Jesus promised to meet with us? And can you not see the disappointed look on His divine face as He sees your place vacant? If we really believed that Jesus, personally, would be at the teachers' meeting, nothing would keep us away. He says He will meet with us, and in Joshua 1:9 we read, "The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Then it is possible for us to have the best Teacher the world has ever known; and, if we let Him speak through us as He desires, there will be no dearth for good thoughts and important points. "Take heed, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day." Why?—"Lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Let us believe God, and work like Christians, and thus be workers together with God. Oh, the blessedness of having your mouth filled with the gospel of Jesus Christ! No one can tell you how this is done; you must experience it yourselves. He will speak through you, and make your teachers' meetings a glorious place, if you will only let Him.

The only reason we can give for being absent from teachers' meeting is found in our own unregenerated hearts. Satan often whispers to us, and says, "Now, you had better stay at home to-night, as you have worked hard to-day, and are really tired." We listen to him, and settle down in an easy-

chair, and soon agree with him fully that we are not able to go. Then when meeting is about out, and we are too late to go, he comes around again, and tells us what hypocrites we are for not going, and finally persuades us that we are not good enough to teach in the Sabbath-school, and are not capable, and have no time, and a multitude of other things too numerous to mention. Another reason for not attending is because we do not want to be hypocrites. One says, "I don't feel like teaching, therefore I will not go to teachers' meeting, and pretend that I want to go when I do not." But stop a moment and think who whispers these things in your ear. Is it the One who says, "Be of good cheer, and forget not the assembling of yourselves together"? or is it Satan? When we listen to the deceiver, we then and there put ourselves on his side, and he is the father of liars, and the biggest hypocrite that ever lived. When we come under his direction, we necessarily partake of his attributes, and also become liars and hypocrites.

Let us be faithful in the small duties, as they are the ones that recommend us for greater and more exalted privileges. If we leave the little duties unfulfilled, God can not trust us with more important missions, as we would be sure to neglect our work, and bring reproach upon the cause. Faithfulness in everything should be our motto in these last days, for we are counted in heaven among those who "keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus."

T. S. Whitelock, M. D.
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Oh, do not pray for easy lives! Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come in you by the grace of God.—Phillips Brooks.

Repentance and Reformation Essential to Healing. No. II

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted."

David well-nigh slipped when he saw the apparent good time sinners had, and how he oftentimes was afflicted, corrected, and buffeted. It was not till he went into the sanctuary, and in its forms and ceremonies caught a glimpse of the final end of all things, the time when every man shall have reckoned unto him the harvest for which he has sown,—it was not till then that David understood these things.

"Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept Thy Word." Ps. 119:67. The psalmist says that before he was afflicted he went astray, but "now have I kept Thy Word." Affliction was successful in correcting David, pointing out the error of his way, and leading him to yield willing obedience to the precepts of the Word of truth. He says further, in verse 71: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes." David saw the hand of God in all his afflictions; he discerned the divine purpose in all his suffering, and so was led to turn his feet from the way that antagonized God, and return to the path that was in harmony with his Maker. To David affliction was a teacher of the divine statutes. David has still more to say concerning his afflictions, in verse 75, which reads, "I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me." Instead of criticizing the judgments of God, and complaining of the consequences of his transgression, David pronounces all His judgments right, adding, "Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me." David's affliction came, not as the result of God's anger or wrath, but the affliction itself was an evidence of divine faithfulness—God Himself at work, calling the sinner to repentance, ever seeking to heal the wounds his sin had made. What a revelation of divine love and forbearance! The very God whose law was transgressed, He it is who is the first to come to the

rescue and save us from the direful consequences of our transgression. Those parts of human experience which we so often term affliction, did we more fully understand them, we would recognize as a supreme effort of a mighty God to save His erring creatures from self-destruction.

Ordinarily, our Father of love never speaks to us in the language of disease, till we have refused to hear the gentle pleadings of the still small voice. So to David affliction proved to be a means of divine education; and, likewise, to us, if we would only rightly regard our sufferings, disease would oft-times become a school of health, teaching us the sacredness of physical law, and the imperative necessity of properly caring for our physical health. Under conditions of obedience, the faithfulness of God gives health and strength, and when we transgress the laws of our being, it is the same faithfulness of God that lays upon us the hand of affliction, and speaks to us in the language of pain and disease, seeking thereby to show us the error of our way. David found that sorrow, distress, and affliction served to preserve his slipping feet, and caused him to call a halt in his going astray. The affliction proved to be the means of correction to David, and so he says it was good for him. Moreover, God used his sorrows as teachers of law and righteousness, for the good that David found in his trouble was that he "might learn His statutes." W. S. Sadler.

Bearing the Monotony in Life

There is a fatal monotony in all our lives. We have to set ourselves morning after morning to tasks that look to be utterly insignificant and disproportionate to the power that we bring to bear upon them—like elephants picking up pins with their trunks—and yet we may make all our commonplace drudgery great and wondrous and fair and full of help and profit to our souls if over it all, our shops, our desks, our ledgers, our studies, our kitchens, and our nurseries, we write, "My meat is to do the

will of Him that sent me."—Alexander McLaren.



The Summer School at Healdsburg

The summer school for church-school teachers closed Friday, September 5, and the examination began September 7, lasting to September 12. The teachers worked faithfully during the summer, and the results as shown by the examination are quite satisfactory. Some who felt quite discouraged near the beginning of the course, feeling that they were so "rusty" and far behind they could not carry the work laid out to be accomplished in the summer school, improved so rapidly and worked so earnestly that they stood well up in the front ranks of the class.

When the examination questions were prepared, it was thought by some in authority that they were too difficult, that the result would be disastrous to many of the applicants for certificates. But the instructors believed that it would be otherwise. Of course there were some anxious hours and days spent by the applicants while their papers were under consideration.

The standard was quite high, and the questions reasonably rigid, so that it might be a credit to pass.

The following is the schedule of studies and credits for the different grades of certificates, as announced in church-school circular number 2:—

PRIMARY GRADE

BRANCHES REQUIRED	CREDITS
1. Bible.....	100
2. Arithmetic—Oral, 25; Written, 75.....	100
3. Grammar—Oral, 25; Written, 75.....	100
4. Geography—Oral, 25; Written, 75.....	100
5. Spelling.....	100
6. Nature Study.....	100
7. U. S. History and Constitution.....	75
8. Physiology.....	75
9. Methods of Teaching.....	75
10. Reading.....	50
11. Drawing.....	50
12. Elements Vocal Music.....	50
13. Penmanship.....	25
Total possible.....	1,000
Required to pass 75 per cent, or.....	750

GRAMMAR GRADE

ADDITIONAL BRANCHES	CREDITS
14. Physical Geography.....	50
15. Zoology.....	50
16. Elementary Physics.....	50
17. Algebra, including quadratics.....	50
18. English History.....	50
Total possible.....	1,250
Required to pass 85 per cent, or.....	1,062

INDUSTRIAL GRADE

ADDITIONAL BRANCHES	CREDITS
19. Geometry.....	50
20. Elementary Chemistry.....	50
21. Advanced Physics.....	50
22. General History, Ancient, Medieval, Modern.....	50
23. Botany.....	50
24. Elementary Astronomy.....	50
Total possible.....	1,550
Required to pass 90 per cent, or.....	1,395

TIME SCHEDULE

Sunday forenoon.....	Bible, Spelling
Sunday afternoon.....	U. S. History, Reading
Monday forenoon.....	Arithmetic, Drawing
Monday afternoon.....	Nature Study, Vocal Music
Tuesday forenoon.....	Grammar, Physiology
Tuesday afternoon.....	Geography, Meth Teaching
Wednesday forenoon.....	Zoology, English History
Wednesday afternoon.....	Ele. Physics Physical Geog.
Thursday forenoon.....	Algebra, Botany
Thursday afternoon.....	Astronomy, Ele. Chemistry
Friday forenoon.....	Geometry, General History
Friday afternoon.....	Advanced Physics

Penmanship will be marked from papers.

One who falls below 60 in Bible, arithmetic, grammar, geography, or spelling, will be debarred from receiving a certificate, regardless of how high his grades may be in other branches.

Any applicant who shall make an average of 90 per cent on the primary branches may take the additional branches for a grammar grade at the next annual examination, provided he has been engaged in teaching or in attending the college in the meantime.

The examination will be conducted by the church-school superintendent, assisted by the other instructors of the summer school. Papers will not be returned to applicants; however, if any fail, such may see their papers if they desire.

When the papers had all been carefully marked, it was found that the following applicants were successful:—

For Primary Grade—Mrs. Ivie Cushman, Mrs. Minnie Miller, Miss Luella Reed, Mrs. Mina Mann, Miss Lela King, Miss M. L. Guerne, Mrs. L. E. Kenison, Miss A. H. Bingham, Miss Katie B. Hale, Mr. R. A. Morton, Miss Lulu Layman, Miss M. E. Ferguson, Miss Ethel Gauterau, Miss

N. B.—Cooking was added to above studies, and graded on a standard of 50 credits. This was allowed applicants extra.

Sadie Ross, Miss Maggie Jorgensen, Miss Ora E. Edwards, Miss Florence Peugh, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Anna Elder, Mrs. L. Howe, B. L. Howe, Miss Daisy Morse, Miss Emma Detrick.

For Grammar Grade—Mrs. Marie B. Marchus, U. T. Cady, Milton Robison, Geo. E. Johnson.

There was but one applicant for industrial grade, but said applicant concluded to take only the grammar grade studies.

In addition to the above, permits to teach will be granted to the following persons:—

M. A. Leonard, Miss Nettie Startzer, Miss Marguerite Simmons, Mrs. Pauline Castle.

These permits answer the purpose of a certificate until the next regular examination, and are issued to those who were not able to attend the examination or who did not meet all the requirements of credits as required in the above schedule.

Most of the teachers have been assigned schools, and quite a large number are already at work. They go out to their work with good courage, and with enthusiasm for the cause of Christian education and for the prosperity of the church-schools. May the Great Teacher be their Pattern, and add His blessing to their work.

J. S. Osborne,
Supt. Church-schools.

Prayer-Meeting Hints

1. First, last, and all the time, be enthusiastic.
2. Be at every meeting on time and take a front seat.
3. In appointing the leaders, do not confine all the work to the half dozen or so who can do it best. Keep up the interest by giving all a chance to lead, the older and the younger, the boys and the girls.
4. Emphasize the devotional element. The prayer-meeting is called the thermometer of the church, and the prayers are the thermometer of the prayer-meeting.
5. Be ready to speak the first one. The same things said at the beginning of meeting will do more good than at the end.—Our Young Folks.

**MEDICAL
MISSIONARY**

**Donations to San Francisco
Dispensary**

Previously reported, \$1,015.82; Geo. M. Hare, \$5.00; P. Scazaghini, \$5.00; F. A. Smith, \$1.00; J. C. Jensen, \$1.00; Mrs. M. C. Wilcox, \$5.00; Mrs. D. McCord, \$1.00; a friend, 25 cents; friends, 45 cents; Mrs. M. A. Gilmer, 25 cents; F. O. Oakes, 50 cents; P. J. Wolfen, \$35; Mrs. D. A. Bacon, \$1.00; Mrs. J. F. Gaster, \$1.00; D. T. Fero, \$5.00; J. J. Hill, \$1.00; H. L. McCubbin, \$5.00; Mrs. Lucy Bush, \$5.00; Mr. Snow, \$1.00; Fresno meeting, miscellaneous, \$34.40; Cora Walker, 50 cents; John Thompson, 50 cents; S. M. Critchlow, \$5.00; Minnie Mossall, \$2.00; total, \$1,131.67.

E. E. Parlin,
Treasurer.

The Sidney Sanitarium

At the Portland conference in March considerable interest was awakened in the new sanitarium that was being built in Australia. Many interesting items concerning this work will be found in the following letter that was sent to the Sabbath-schools in Australia:—

“Wahroonga, N. S. W.,
“August, 1902.

“Dear Sabbath-school Workers: How I would like to meet you all in your Sabbath gatherings, and tell you how wonderfully the Lord has wrought for us in the erection of the sanitarium at Wahroonga.

“Again and again we have come to the place where the way seemed closed, and as if the work would have to cease, but He has caused means to be sent us from unexpected sources. While the work has gone slowly, as we decided to go no faster than the means came in to meet the bills, yet it has never stopped. This, we believe, is due to the earnest prayers of God’s people here and in America.

“It is no small undertaking to erect and equip a sanitarium by the gifts of the people, and especially so at a time like this, when

many other interests are calling for means; but it was the Lord who commanded us to “arise and build,” and it is He who supplies the means. We are only channels through whom He is seeking to pass some of the money along to the place where it is most needed, and to make us sharers with Him in the joys that will swell the glad song of redemption when those who have been rescued by these instrumentalities shall be welcomed to the Father’s house. Earth’s possessions or bank stock will not weigh a farthing in that supremely happy hour, but the little we may have invested in the cause of Christ, even at the cost of sacrifice and self-denial to ourselves, will be more precious than gold that perisheth. The only re-while here, that others might be gret at that blessed moment will be that we did not sacrifice more there to share in the glory.

“The Lord has told us that a great and mighty work is to be accomplished through the medical missionary work. Our sanitariums are to demonstrate these grand principles to the people, and to educate workers to go forth into the communities and homes of the people everywhere, and disseminate the truths that are to decide the eternal destiny of every soul. How important it is, then, that we should hasten the completion of this institution, and equip it as completely as possible for its important work!

“The main building, which is a plain two-and-a-half-story wooden structure, forty by one hundred and fifty feet, is well along toward completion. The carpenters are now putting on the inside finish and hanging the doors. We shall not be able to finish all, however, unless more money comes in than we now know of. The second tithe did not amount to nearly as much as we hoped it would. Evidently, all did not unite in the plan, but we feel very thankful for the liberal amount contributed by those who did enter into it. The treatment-room building is also two and a half stories high. It is now enclosed, and is being plastered. It will soon be ready for finishing. After

the carpenters are through, there is still much to be done to fit it up for treatments. God has given us wonderful healing principles, and to demonstrate these to the people we must have well-equipped treatment rooms. The Sabbath-schools are helping to bring about this most desirable result by donating this quarter's offerings for that purpose.

"We feel sure the Lord is stirring up every one to help make the furnishing of the treatment rooms as complete as possible. One small Sabbath-school, of fewer than twenty adult members, tells us that they will endeavor to raise ten pounds, or about ten shillings each. If all would do this, we would soon see the rooms fitted up. Unless a special effort is made, we greatly fear that the offerings will not more than fit up one of them. Our brethren in America donated the means to build the treatment rooms, and this came at a time when we thought we would be compelled to open the sanitarium with temporary treatment rooms. Would it not be pleasing to God, and a blessing to ourselves, to make a general rally and fully equip the treatment rooms with this quarter's offerings? Five hundred pounds would be a meager sum for this purpose, and this would mean less than ten shillings for each member or about eightpence a Sabbath. This would be more, perhaps, than some could well afford to give, but others could give more. May the Lord help us each to do our part.

"The contributions to the sanitarium thus far are as follows:—

"Pledges to the building fund from the different colonies, £1,989 10s. 2d.; donations to the building fund from America, £2,043 16s. 4d.; donated labor, £306 5s. 6d.; sanitarium royalty on medical books, £79 7s. 1d.

SECOND TITHE

"New South Wales, £396 9s. 9d.; Victoria, £145 14s. 4d.; Tasmania, £133 18s. 8d.; New Zealand, £135 15s.; South Australia, £88 1d.; Queensland, £51 6s. 1d.; Union Conference, £19 16s. 9d.; individuals, £8 8s. 1d.; received from the

Sabbath-schools at the ingathering service, £59 13s. 11d.; total contributions, £5,458 1s. 9d.

"J. A. Burden."

Only Christ can influence the world; but all the world sees of Christ is what it sees of Him in the life of His followers. . . . So that a Christian's usefulness depends solely upon his relationship to Christ and the accuracy with which he reflects the divine likeness.—A. J. Gordon.

MISSIONARY WORK

The Book Work

UTAH CONFERENCE

Report for Two Weeks, Ending Oct. 11, 1902

HEALTH BOOKS

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
A. D. Guthrie	72	16	\$81 75

HOME HANDBOOK AND COMING KING

W. R. Hanson	33	15	38 50
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New State Agents

At the Los Angeles camp-meeting the canvassing work was given a share of attention, and Brother J. H. Parritt, formerly state agent of Virginia, was appointed state agent for Southern California. Brother C. A. Pedicord, the conference secretary, has endeavored, with his many other duties, to look after the canvassing interests the past year. But it was thought best to relieve him of this double burden, as the importance of the canvassing work demands the entire time and attention of one man. We are glad to know that the services of Brother Parritt have been secured for this work.

At the Fresno, Cal., camp-meeting, Brother A. S. Kellogg was appointed state agent for Northern California. Brother Albrecht, the former state agent, is among those who expect to go to the regions beyond this year. His future field of labor will be Ger-

man. Brother Kellogg is well known throughout the state, as he has been engaged in the ministry here for a number of years. Let all who wish to take up canvassing work correspond with him at once, and he will give all the help possible. His address is Healdsburg, Cal. S. C. Osborne.

The Forward Movement

At our annual camp-meeting and conference, held in Fresno, September 30 to October 12, there was what might rightly be called "a forward movement."

Many gave themselves for the first time to the Lord, to be used anywhere that He should call them in His great vineyard. It was a wonderful sight to see so many come forward and take their stand to carry the gospel of the kingdom into the regions beyond, and thus to fulfil the command of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

A number of those who were in the employ of the California Conference gave themselves to go into foreign fields, to carry the message. This was certainly a step in the right direction, and it begins to appear that there are some who believe the message of the Lord's soon return, and are ready to show their faith by their works. It will not be possible for all to go into a foreign field, there to devote their time in carrying this message to a needy people; but because this is so, it does not follow that we are not to have a part in the work. Let each of us who are left at home begin to look around us to see what we can do in the needy field where we are. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." In these words you are called upon to take in the situation from just where you are. And is it not true that the field where you are is "white already to harvest"? The Saviour did not simply leave us to ponder over the fields and their needs, but He said, "He that reap-

eth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." From this last statement we are all assured that it is only the sowers and reapers that need to expect a time of rejoicing. Might it not be well for us, in the light of this fact, to inquire of ourselves, "Where do we stand?"

Brother, sister, how is it with you? Are you sure you are doing all you can to forward the work in the needy field next to your door? If not, why not? In 1 Cor. 3:9 we read: "We are laborers together with God." What a grand privilege it is to be a laborer with God! and who of us fully senses this privilege? On page 444, in volume 6 of "Testimonies for the Church," we read these words, "Those whom God employs as His instruments may be regarded by some as inefficient; but if they can pray, if in simplicity they can talk the truth because they love it, they may reach the people through the Holy Spirit's power." Again it is said He will make the weak strong, because they trust in God to do for them those things which they can not do for themselves. When brought face to face with a work to do for God, how often we fail because we do not trust in God to do for us what we know we can not do for ourselves.

Over and over again it has been told us that "where there is one in the field engaged in canvassing for our books there ought to be one hundred." This being true, we naturally inquire, Where are the ninety and nine that have lost their bearings at this particular point? This is certainly a serious question, and one that many will do well to stop and consider. Is it not possible that many are making a fatal mistake right at this point?

What power is it that is hindering the work of the gospel canvasser? Surely it is not the will of the Lord that this branch of His work should be neglected. On page 377 of "Gospel Workers" is found the following: "The enemy will seek in every way possible to obstruct the course of those who take hold of any branch of the work of God, that they may not

have success. But instead of their interpreting this as an evidence that the Lord would not have them engage in labor, they should take it in altogether a different light, and see in the difficulties a vigilant foe, because the enemy is watching to block the way. And especially will this be the case with young men and women who would give themselves to the work of God. Satan will use every means to divert them from it. He attacks those who are doing errands for God, that they may be defeated." It would seem that in the light of these facts, it would be an easy matter to detect what the matter is, and to locate the difficulty.

Many have gone out into the canvassing "Canaan," and returned, bringing an evil report of the land, and telling of the terrible giants to be found in the way. Shall we not now see a change in this work, and can we not have some Calebs and Joshuas that will go forth and return, bringing the report that we are fully able to go up and possess the land?

In the forward movement that took place on our camp-ground, it was evident that the Lord was at work, and all seemed to feel that the time had come for an advance step. Brother Daniells stated to those who had given themselves to enter the distant fields that their first work would probably be canvassing. Those who have had an experience at home in this branch of the work can enter into it heartily.

To all our dear brethren and sisters in this Northern California Conference, we appeal to you in this hour of need in the publishing work. Who will now present himself on his knees before God, and pledge himself to go anywhere and to do anything that the Lord gives him to do, and thus fall into line with the forward movement, that means the "gospel to the world in this generation."

A. S. Kellogg.

"We must not only pray God to save particular persons, but we ourselves must use means to reach those same persons, and then pray God to bless the means."

The California Tract Society.

Located at 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal., has a quantity of 12-page leaflets, envelope size, which will be of great value to all who are selling "Christ's Object Lessons" in California and Nevada. These leaflets contain choice commendations of this book by the following well-known pastors of twelve different denominations in this state:—

Benjamin Fay Mills, pastor First Unitarian Church, Oakland, Cal.; N. A. Haskell, pastor First Unitarian Church, San Jose, Cal.; J. T. McKittrick, pastor United Presbyterian Church, San Jose, Cal.; John Hemphill, D. D., pastor Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, Cal.; F. S. Brush, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Alameda, Cal.; Ernest E. Baker, D. D., pastor First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Cal.; Theo. F. Burnham, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Vallejo, Cal.; Francis Palmer, pastor First Presbyterian Church, San Jose, Cal.; H. C. Meredith, pastor Methodist Episcopal Church South, San Jose, Cal.; E. R. Dennett, pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Alameda, Cal.; Thos. A. Atkinson, pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, Vallejo, Cal.; John Stephens, pastor Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, San Francisco, Cal.; E. D. McReady, pastor Methodist Church, Santa Cruz, Cal.; James H. N. Williams, A. M., pastor Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Napa, Cal., secretary California Methodist Episcopal Conference; E. B. Randle, D. D., pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, San Jose, Cal.; Elbert R. Dille, D. D., pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Oakland, Cal.; Rev. O. E. Jones, B. D., pastor First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Oakland, Cal.; Geo. E. Jackson, pastor African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose, Cal.; Wm. Kelley, pastor First Lutheran Church, Oakland, Cal.; A. Bredinbek, pastor Grace English Lutheran Church, San Jose, Cal.; T. J. Lacey, rector Christ Church, Alameda, Cal.; Herbert Parrish,

rector Church of the Advent, San Francisco, Cal.; Louis C. Sanford, rector St. John's Rectory, San Francisco, Cal.; Chas. H. Mockridge, rector Trinity Rectory, San Jose, Cal.; H. Melville Tenney, pastor First Congregational Church, San Jose, Cal.; William Rader, D. D., pastor Third Congregational Church, San Francisco, Cal.; J. K. McLean, D. D., president Pacific Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Cal.; F. J. Fluno, pastor First Scientist Church, Oakland, Cal.; Frank A. Powell, pastor First Christian Church, Oakland, Cal.; B. F. Bonnell, pastor Christian Church, Napa, Cal.; Father McGuire, parish priest of St. Patrick's Church, San Jose, Cal., could not give a written recommendation, as it is against the rules of his church, but purchased a copy, after a week's examination; Thomas Baldwin, D. D., pastor First Baptist Church, Alameda, Cal.; N. L. Freeman, pastor Baptist Church, Vallejo, Cal.; G. N. Annes, pastor Baptist Church, Napa, Cal.; Thos. S. Young, pastor Baptist Church, San Jose, Cal.; H. J. Vosburg, D. D., pastor First Baptist Church, Oakland, Cal.; W. H. Warner, pastor Advent Christian Church, Napa, Cal.

We have just sent out a supply of these leaflets to each church librarian in California and Nevada, for them to distribute among those church-members who are actively engaged in the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." If your librarian fails to furnish you with one of these leaflets, drop us a postal card, and we will mail the same to your address, free of charge.

Having put our shoulders to the wheel, let us not cease pushing until the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign is gloriously completed. Our state tract societies throughout the land are at present obliged to devote much clerical labor, time, and energy to this effort with "Object Lessons" which should be devoted to the tract and missionary and book work. So the sooner the whole denomination arises and sweeps the school debts out of the way, the sooner can the regular work of the third angel's message proceed.

We have been told by the spirit of prophecy that in this campaign God is "testing His people and His institutions, to see if they will work together, and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice," and, again, that "nothing could be more deserving than this enterprise at this time," and, again: "Let none now make the Lord ashamed of them because of their unbelief." Finally, in selling this book let us think not so much about the school debts to be paid as about the good that this excellent book will do; for "through the work for the relief of our schools a fourfold blessing will be realized,— a blessing to the schools, to the world, to the church, and to the workers." For one I feel encouraged over the prospect before us, both during and after this campaign; for I expect to see recruited from the ranks of those now in this work an army of faithful canvassers. Let the good work go on to completion.

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Sec. and Treas. Cal. Tract Soc.

Missionary Convention

Forenoon Session.

Song
Prayer.....Elder S. W. Nellis
Song
"Connections".....H. H. Hall
"Our Social Powers"
Elder F. M. Burg
"How a Mother May Do Missionary Work"...Mrs. Etta Adams
Solo.....H. H. Winslow
Benediction
Afternoon Session—2:30 to 3:30.
Song
Prayer.....Elder F. M. Burg
Song by the Children
"The Children's Part"
Dr. Albert Carey
"One Great Purpose of Church-Schools...Elder E. L. Stewart
"Relation of the Individual, the Local, and the State Missionary Society".....G. W. Pettit
Intermission—3:45 to 4:45
Song
Prayer.....Elder T. H. Starbuck
Song
"Some Opportunities for Young People"...Miss Edith Starbuck
"Missionary Correspondence"
H. H. Johnson

"Interesting Missionary Meetings"
General Discussion
Quartet

The above is a program of one of the most interesting occasions of the year, being the first missionary convention ever held in our conference; and we sincerely trust this good work may move on, and, as a result, the former-day missionary spirit may be brought in among us.

The different subjects were presented in a practical and stirring way, and the congregation, which was made up from several churches in the vicinity of Portland, took an active interest in the discussion that followed. The Lord came near to many hearts; and I have heard a number say that they are looking at the work in a new light.

G. W. Pettit.

Some Opportunities for Young People

[Paper read at Missionary Convention, by Edith Starbuck.]

How can the young people do acceptable missionary work? This is a question which confronts each and every one of us. It is a problem which should receive far more of our time and prayerful consideration, for it is capable of as many solutions as there are diverse characters among the great army of young men and young women who have enlisted in the service of the Lord of hosts. Some of our number are earnestly seeking for the answer, and to such the way is opening to ever-increasing usefulness.

We shall not all be able to do the same work, but I believe we shall all be tested upon one certain point. This thought has been impressed strongly upon my mind of late, and it has furnished a wide field for thought to picture the results, not only to our own young people, but to those all about us, if only we might stand the test in this respect. I refer to the honor and obedience we should render to our parents. This is a lesson we all must learn before we can do acceptable work for the Master. What an influence for good we might exert if we would all render strict obedience to those to

whom God has given the right to direct our ways! If at this time, when true honor and respect of parents are so scarce as to be a subject for remarks, we should all manifest perfect obedience and deference to their mature judgment, what a testimony we might bear to others of Him whose daily life on earth was a divine commentary on the command, "Honor thy father and thy mother"!

This may seem rather a strange position which I take, but we shall see how it is related to the various lines of work we might take up. We can all readily see that we can render no acceptable service without obedience to God's requirements, but how much easier it will be for us to keep our heavenly Father's commandments if we have first learned to obey our earthly parents!

The Sabbath-school offers one of the first opportunities for service. I quote from the little volume on Sabbath-school work: "The Lord calls for young men and women to gird themselves for lifelong, earnest labor in the Sabbath-school work." Yet how can we be successful teachers, requiring obedience from our pupils, if we have not first learned the lesson ourselves? There is a vast field which we might enter in the work of branch Sabbath-schools and in connection with the home department, with which we are all doubtless acquainted. This work is very closely related, and will lead us to take up another line,—that of visiting and caring for the sick and needy, and ministering to their necessity.

The call has been made for the young people to maintain a self-denial fund, to be applied for missionary purposes. But here again we shall find ourselves incapable of bringing an acceptable gift, unless we have learned to control our desire to supply ourselves with all that our pride or our appetites might demand. Thus only can we bring, in a true sense, a self-denial offering.

The work with our various publications is open to the young. The canvassing work,—selling, lending, or otherwise distributing

our books and periodicals,—these are some of the things which our hands shall find to do.

Before the Master shall come, many of our number will have gone forth bearing the light to the regions beyond. It is coming to be recognized that the young, because of their greater strength and endurance, can more easily adapt themselves to the varying conditions of climate in the different foreign fields, and can more readily acquire new and difficult languages.

Any and every line of missionary work is open to the young people. Only let us, by faithfulness and obedience, prove ourselves worthy to take up the burdens as they fall from the hands of those who have proven themselves faithful, even unto death. Be assured that there is a work for each one of us to do, and that it will be revealed to us when we have so related ourselves to the Lord of the harvest that He can entrust it to us.

Good Tidings

Some weeks ago, in western Lane County, Oregon, three of our canvassing brethren had experiences worth handing on to others.

One writes: "I gave a reading to a man and his wife in a garden. The man said it was new to him, but he took 'Prophecies of Jesus.'

"We also gave a reading to a Baptist woman, who was too poor to buy, but she said she wanted to know more of the truth, and knew where she could borrow 'Great Controversy.' I believe seed was sown there that will develop into good ripe grain.

"After we left her, we traveled over mountains on a trail, and saw some very rough country. We traveled from noon till 10:30 A. M. next day without seeing any one. We slept out that night, and it rained on us. The following day we waded the Sinclair River eight times, and went twenty-four hours without anything to eat. The night following was Sabbath, so we found a place to rest till Sunday.

"We gave a reading to a Seventh-day Baptist woman. Her

husband had attended our Sabbath-school, and said he was almost a Seventh-day Adventist. We gave another reading where we stayed overnight, and in the morning the man told his wife not to make him any coffee. He also told us that he and his wife had talked the matter over, and decided that it would be a good thing if they and their neighbor could come into the truth and keep the Sabbath with us.

"The neighborhood has a small schoolhouse, and there was a general invitation for one of our ministers to come out and teach them the way. I know of at least six whom I believe could be brought into the truth."

One of these brethren, in about two weeks, in spite of hardships and difficulties, sold over \$90 worth of books.

There is no doubt in my mind but that the world is ready, that God is ready, and when we are ready, the message will go.

A brother says: "While inquiring at a house for a certain man, without effort on my part, our conversation turned to the Scriptures, and soon I could plainly see that heavenly visitors were with us, and I could scarcely keep back the tears as I saw how eager the woman was to know the truth. I took an order for 'Ladies' Guide;' and this woman came in ten miles to borrow 'Great Controversy.' Now the entire family are rejoicing in the knowledge of Jesus' soon coming, and also believe in the true Sabbath."

"For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before you." God's promises are sure.

One sister writes: "I utterly despised to canvass, and yet I wanted to do my part in selling the books ('Christ's Object Lessons'). I have always thought that I could not canvass, and shrank from it. It was a great trial to me to start out, but when I did get started I enjoyed it.

"Every house I came to I feared to enter, but when I entered I could feel the presence of the Lord as I turned the pages of the book. He gave me a blessing

whether I sold a book or not. I canvassed but two afternoons, one up where I taught school this summer, and one at Bandon. I was at Bandon only two days, but I enjoyed the afternoon I spent there canvassing more than the whole day that I spent on the beach. Altogether I sold ten books. I know the Lord blesses in this work, and only those who obey can understand the blessedness of it."

I might quote from other letters, but will simply say, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings!"
H. H. Johnson.

Responding to Appeals from Our Missionaries

The elder of a large church in one of the central states writes that as they read the urgent appeals from the missionaries to the mission board, begging that new laborers be sent to the needy fields, they feel burdened to do something that will show that they have a practical interest in the giving of the message in the dark continents beyond.

They have decided that the best way to really help would be to adopt the plan of giving regularly to the funds for this work; so that a strong effort has been made to encourage every member of the church to give something for missions each week. Since this has been undertaken, their weekly offerings have increased many fold. The very first Sabbath that the envelopes were collected the offering was many times more than it had ever been before on Sabbath; and since that time it has steadily increased. They expect to carry this out faithfully until every member will have some part in this great work.

There are many other churches that have had such experiences in adopting the use of the envelopes. Let us hear from these. We would urge those who have not yet begun to use the envelopes to give them a trial. The Lord has told us through the spirit of prophecy that the home missionary work will be farther advanced

in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions. He says further that we have not discerned that in helping to advance the work in foreign fields we would be helping the work at home. So the way to hasten the coming of our Lord is to take hold heartily of the work in the regions beyond. One way to share in this glorious work is to provide liberally for its rapid extension to all parts of the world.

Mission Board.

267 W. Main Street,
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"Life Boat" Missionary Work

What are you doing to circulate the "Life Boat"? Is it a regular visitor in your home? Do you read it? Do you loan it to your neighbor? Do you sell it? Do you take subscriptions?

The June and August issues are invaluable on the temperance question, and the current number is especially interesting and helpful. If you have not read these numbers, it will pay you to do so.

The students of the Walla Walla College are planning to use the "Life Boat" in working for the inmates of the penitentiary at that place, and also for the soldiers at Fort Walla Walla. Those who live near jails or prisons have a large field before them in which to do missionary work in this manner.

Are there not young people's societies that can engage in this work, sending a club of the "Life Boat" to the nearest prison, or distributing it personally?

Dr. Paulson, editor of the "Life Boat," has sent us a copy of the following letters that he has received from prisoners, showing that they appreciate the paper:—

"U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

"Dear Doctor and Brother: God bless you and all who are connected in the good work of the 'Life Boat.' Your letter and 'Life Boat' came safely to hand, for which please accept my thanks. I started work with my 'Life Boat' only four days ago. I placed it in the cell, and it came back with these words written on it: 'Please

see if those people will send the "Life Boat" to me. I have no money or friends.' This morning a call came from one more who wishes to join the 'Life Boat' Mission Band, and begs for a 'Life Boat.' I will try to get them to write to you. If I had 'Life Boats' enough, I would send one to the warden and one to the chaplain. I would ask both of them to subscribe, but would like to have them see it first. Prisoners are using mine. God bless the 'Life Boat.'

"No. 342."

"Brushy Mountain Prison,
Petros, Tenn.

"Dear Brother: Yours of recent date received. I was very glad to hear from you again. The twelve copies of the 'Life Boat' also came safely to hand, and I have placed them in the hands of persons that I believe will read them and take good care of them. They all express themselves as being very much interested in the literature, and I believe that it will be of great help to them. Some of the men that I let have the papers say that they intend to open up correspondence with you at an early date. If they do, I trust you may be of much spiritual help to them, and that they may prove worthy of your assistance.

"I have read every word of the 'Life Boat,' and it has greatly benefited me. Besides the good lessons it teaches, it affords me much pleasure in educating me how to work with my fellow-men; and the time I spend in reading it is a very pleasant hour with me. I am trying to do all the good that I can, and am trying to live up to all the duties of a Christian. . . .

"I am highly pleased to know that you have my name on file, and will refer me to some good Christian gentleman as soon as possible, and I will be glad to hear from him at an early date.

"I desire an interest in your prayers. Awaiting your reply, I remain your brother in Christ,

"J. T. M."

The "Life Boat" will be furnished at two cents per single copy, and you sell it for five cents per copy. Order a liberal supply from your state tract society.

Connections

[Extract from a talk given at the Missionary Convention at Portland, Oregon, September 27, by H. H. Hall.]

The connection between heaven and Israel's kingdom had been broken through sin. For years this had been growing more and more apparent; and in the same ratio the national enemy of Israel had triumphed over them. Israel had been so far enslaved that they were not even permitted the services of a blacksmith, for fear that weapons of war would be placed in their hands. Only two men in the entire army had swords or spears. On the other hand, the Philistines had come up against them with thirty thousand chariots of iron, six thousand horsemen, and footmen without number.

In the presence of this vast host, the army of three thousand Israelites had dwindled down to six hundred. Some had fled to their homes, others to rocks and holes of the mountains, while still others had, sad to say, gone over to the enemy. No wonder that the six hundred men followed Saul tremblingly. Yet, in spite of all this apparent discouragement, the power of heaven was only awaiting some human connection to destroy the vast horde of Israel's enemy. It seemed, however, that no such connection would be made. Certainly the king could not make it, and his followers seemed all too discouraged to do so. Yet there is one—only a youth—who is not to be cast down by any such apparent inequality of numbers. He boldly said, "There is no restraint with the Lord to save by many or by few." Therefore we see him and his armor-bearer starting towards the Philistines' garrison, and, all unknown to his fellow-soldiers, climbing up the steep rocks on his hands and feet towards the deriding Philistines. His effort may appear foolish, but he is forming the connection through which the heavenly armies may destroy Israel's oppressors.

No sooner does he strike his first blow than the circuit is complete. The earth quakes; fear enters the hearts of the foe; they beat down one another; the fearful six hun-

dred regain their courage, and join him; those who hid in rocks and caves leave their hiding-places, and unite with their more courageous brethren. Yes, we even see those who had deserted to the enemy now separating themselves, and chasing those with whom they had so lately associated. All this is the result of a proper connection rightly made.

Again, we see a heathen emperor controlling the world; strife, superstition, and bloodshed are on every hand. Even professed children of God, who should be lights in the world, are bodies of darkness. The result of this is that the very character of God suffers such misrepresentation that men look upon Him as a cruel and vengeful tyrant, rather than a merciful heavenly Father. At this juncture does the Lord suddenly manifest Himself in power, and proclaim His true character in such tones as can not but convince men?—No: instead we see an Example come to this earth, who, in His life as a child, a youth, a young man, a full-grown man, always represents the character of Him who sent Him.

It is true that at times He performs wonderful works, such as feeding the hungry multitude, raising the widow's son, etc. At the same time He engages in personal service for souls in a quiet way. We see Him talking at midnight with Nicodemus on the mountainside; at midday with the woman at the well; He heals two men at Gadara, and then says to them, "Return unto thine own house, and show what the Lord hath done for thee." In all this do we not see the meeting of the human and the divine,—the connection between earth and heaven? This Man was Jesus, the Son of man and the Son of God.

Now we come to the evening hours of this world—our own day. Heathenism, or fatally-fascinating systems of religion, are seen on every side. We find even the professed followers of God so divided among themselves as to have become largely an occasion for reproach, instead of channels of life and blessing. But God, who used a man to deliver Israel, who allowed His Son to take upon Him-

self humanity that He might speak through Him, will likewise use the lives and words of men in demonstrating His character to the world at this time.

He must convince the world that His character is merciful, that His feelings toward it are tender, and that He is not willing that any should perish. To accomplish this, He must have 144,000 assistants, who will so fully represent His character as to give those about them an opportunity to intelligently decide for or against accepting it. In this number every child, every youth, young man, young woman, mother, and father who is here to-day may have a place. The only question is whether or not we are willing to become perfect conductors, living channels, close connections between heaven and earth.

Look Right around You

While attending a camp-meeting recently, I met a sister, who, while a semi-invalid, is intensely interested in missionary work around home. During the past few years she has changed her residence four times, and in each instance has brought the truth to a family or some members of a family living in her house or next to it. While we were speaking of the home field, which surrounds every one of us, the latest addition to her spiritual family told me how this sister had worked. No sooner had she moved into the house next door than this sister appeared on the scene and made her acquaintance, soon after following it up with the loan of a book, papers, and tracts. While the lady was not much impressed with the literature at first, she was impressed with the earnestness with which this invalid sister worked, and soon after began to read the literature carefully, with the result that she and her husband are rejoicing in the truth.

Are there not others among our home workers who feel inspired to do as this sister did, or even better?

H. H. Hall.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

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Elder A. G. Daniells and Brother E. R. Palmer attended the opening of the fall term of Healdsburg College.

The newly-elected executive committee of the California Conference met Tuesday, October 21, to plan for future work.

Brother C. H. Jones will spend the latter part of October in the East in the interest of the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

The publishers will be pleased to receive requests for sample copies of the "Recorder," to be sent to the church officers, for distribution among the members.

Just as this paper goes to press, there comes word that *four more* California workers are in the list of those going to foreign fields, namely: Elder J. O. Corliss and wife, to England, and Elder C. T. Everson and wife, to Rome, Italy. Let this gospel of the kingdom go speedily to all the world.

The officers of the California Conference for the coming year are: President, A. T. Jones; secretary, M. H. Brown; treasurer, Pacific Press Publishing Company; missionary secretary, A. J. Bourdeau; Sabbath-school secretary, Mrs. Carrie R. King; general agent, A. S. Kellogg; executive committee, A. T. Jones, J. O. Corliss, M. E. Cady, A. S. Kellogg, C. H. Jones, H. G. Thurston, J. S. Osborne, D. T. Fero, and the medical superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium.

Mrs. Evelyn Riley-Wolfsen, formerly of California, writes from Chicago that she is expecting to assist Lucy Page Gaston in the anti-cigarette movement that she has inaugurated in that city.

Mentioning the work with the "Life Boat," she also writes: "Some workers sell as high as seventy-five and one hundred copies a day. In this way the girls at the Life Boat Rest support themselves. One of our nurses brought home \$6.00 as the result of her sales yesterday. Some gave her as high as twenty-five cents for a single copy."

From now on until the holidays is the opportunity of the year for circulating literature. The progressive firms of the world realize this, and plan to have a large stock of books sold during the fall season. Juvenile books by the millions are manufactured, and intelligent agents carry them to the people. While the world is buying books, should not their attention be called to those publications which will reveal to them the love of God as set forth in the Scriptures? Workers with "Christ's Object Lessons" should not let this season pass by until every book sent to you or your church has been sold. The wave of prosperity that is now at full height has come at the right time, and should not be allowed to recede until this special work is accomplished.

Our readers who have not yet taken any part in this important movement for the relief of our schools are urged to correspond with their missionary secretary, and plan to cooperate in this important work. There is a blessing in store for all who take up this call.

Help for the Children

"Enclosed please find our check for \$4.00, to pay for a club of twenty 'Little Friends' for six months. We wish to use these in our children's work in the poor districts and slums in this wicked city. We expect to reach between one and two hundred children each week, and we are sure that many

of these would never hear the story of Jesus if our workers did not tell it to them. We now have two branch Sunday-schools and one Sabbath-school, the children being not of our faith."

Does not this extract from a letter just received from a Chicago mission worker contain a suggestion to some of our city missionaries?
H. H. Hall.

Canvassers in the Field

We are exceedingly anxious for the canvassers in the field to send in a report of their work at least once a week, so that we may know just where you are and what you are doing. When ordering books, always send your orders to the California Tract Society, 301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal., and also send a duplicate order to the state agent.

Please note these instructions, and follow them closely, that our work may be done "decently and in order."
A. S. Kellogg,
State Agent Cal. Conf.

October Subscriptions

The time to which each subscription to the "Recorder" is paid is indicated by the date on the wrapper of the paper. For instance, October subscriptions are indicated as follows: "10-9-2" and "10-23-2." The "10" indicates that it is the tenth month of the year, October; the "9" or "23," the day of the month; and the "2" stands for the year 1902. There may be a few instances where a different day of the month is given, but if you notice that your subscription expires in October, 1902, then it is time to renew. Fifty cents brings the paper for a year, and twenty-five cents for six months.

Notice

The address of Elder W. B. White, of the Montana Conference, is now Helena, Montana, 450 Hollins Avenue, instead of Missoula, as formerly.

Correspondents will please note this.