

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

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

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THE CHURCH

The Alarm

We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time;
In an age on ages telling—
To be living is sublime.
Hark! the waking up of nations,
Gog and Magog to the fray;
Hark! what soundeth? Is creation
groaning
For her latter day.

Christian, rouse! fight in this warfare,
Cease not till the victory's won;
Till your captain loud proclaimeth,
"Servant of the Lord, well done!"
He, alone, who thus is faithful,
Who abideth to the end,
Hath the promise, in the kingdom
An eternity to spend.

—Anon.

Christ Our Example in Medical Missionary Work, No. 2

To Medical Missionaries,—

That which is most needed by medical missionary workers is the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord. Those who labor as Christ, the great Medical Missionary labored, must be spiritual-minded. But not all who are doing medical missionary work are exalting God and His truth. Not all are submitting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Some are bringing to the foundation wood, hay, and stubble,—material that will not bear the test of fire.

I pray that I may have wisdom and power from God to present to you that which constitutes gospel medical missionary work. This is a great and important branch

of our denominational work. But many have lost sight of the pure, ennobling principles underlying acceptable medical missionary work.

In my diary I find the following, written one year ago:—

October 29, 1902.—This morning I woke early. After praying most earnestly for wisdom and clearness of mind, that I might properly express the matters urged upon my attention, I wrote out about ten pages of instruction. I know that the Lord helped me to trace on paper the important matter that should come before His people.

When writing thus, I feel intensely, but after the instruction has been recorded, relief comes to my mind; for I know then that the subject-matter presented to me will not be lost, even though the subject may pass from my mind.

Those only who realize that the cross is the center of hope for the human family can understand the gospel that Christ taught. He came to this world for no other purpose than to place men on vantage-ground before the world and the heavenly universe. He came to bear testimony that fallen human beings, through faith in His power and efficacy as the Son of God, may become partakers of the divine nature. He alone could make an atonement for sinners, and open the gates of paradise to the fallen race. He took on Himself, not the nature of angels, but

the nature of man, and in this world lived a life untainted by sin. "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." "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

By His life and death Christ taught that only in obedience to God's commandments can man find safety and true greatness. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." God's law is a transcript of His character. It was given to man in the beginning as the standard of obedience. In succeeding ages this law was lost sight of. Hundreds of years after the flood, Abraham was called, and to him was given the promise that his descendants should exalt God's law. In course of time, the Israelites went into Egypt, where for many years they suffered grievous oppression at the hands of the Egyptians. After they had been in slavery for nearly four hundred years, God delivered them by a wonderful manifestation of His power. He revealed Himself to the Egyptians as the ruler of the universe, one greater than all heathen deities.

At Sinai the law was given a second time. In awful grandeur the Lord spoke His precepts, and with His own finger engraved the decalogue upon tables of stone.

Passing down through the cen-

turies, we find that there came a time when God's law must once more be unmistakably revealed as the standard of obedience. Christ came to vindicate the sacred claims of the law. He came to live a life of obedience to its requirements, and thus prove the falsity of the charge made by Satan that it is impossible for man to keep the law of God. As a man He met temptation, and overcame in the strength given Him from God. As He went about, doing good, healing all who were afflicted by Satan, He made plain to men the character of God's law and the nature of His service. His life testifies that it is possible for us also to obey the law of God.

Never did Christ deviate from loyalty to the principles of God's law. Never did He do anything contrary to the will of His Father. Before angels, men, and demons, He could speak words that from any other lips would have been blasphemy: "I do always those things that please Him." Day by day, for three years His enemies followed Him, trying to find some stain in His character. Satan, with all his confederacy of evil, sought to overcome Him; but they found nothing in Him by which to gain advantage. Even the devils were forced to confess, "Thou art the Holy One of God."

SELF-SACRIFICE

What language could so forcibly express God's love for the human family as it is expressed by the gift of His only-begotten Son for our redemption. The Innocent bore the chastisement of the guilty. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only-begotten Son of God."

Christ gave Himself, an atoning sacrifice, for the saving of a lost world. He was treated as we deserve, in order that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed."

Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, by the one who stood in loyalty by His side in the heavenly courts. Behold the Son of God in the wilderness of temptation, in the time of greatest weakness assailed by the fiercest temptation. See Him during the years of His ministry, attacked on every side by the forces of evil. See Him in His agony on the cross. All this He suffered for us.

Christ's earthly life, so full of toil and sacrifice, was cheered by the thought that He would not have all His travail for naught. By giving His life for the life of men, He would win the world back to its loyalty. Although the baptism of blood must first be received; although the sins of the world were to weigh upon His innocent soul; yet for the joy that was set before Him, He chose to endure the cross, and despised the shame.

Study Christ's definition of a true missionary: "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Following Christ, as spoken of in these words, is not a pretense, a farce. Jesus expects His disciples to follow closely in His footsteps, enduring what He endured, suffering what He suffered, overcoming as He overcame. He is anxiously waiting to see His professed followers revealing the spirit of self-sacrifice.

Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour, choosing to be partakers of His suffering, to live His life of self-denial, to endure shame for His sake, will understand what it means to be a genuine medical missionary.

When all our medical missionaries live the new life in Christ, when they take His Word as their guide, they will have a much clearer understanding of what constitutes genuine medical missionary work. This work will have a deeper meaning to them when they obey the law engraven on tables of stone by the finger of God, including the Sabbath commandment, concerning which Christ Himself spoke through Moses to the children of Israel, saying:—

"Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. . . . The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever."

Let us diligently study God's Word, that we may proclaim with power the message that is to be given in these last days. Many of those upon whom the light of the Saviour's self-sacrificing life is shining refuse to live in accordance with His will. They are not willing to live a life of sacrifice for the good of others. They desire to exalt themselves. To such ones truth and righteousness have lost their meaning, and their unchristlike influence leads many to turn away from the Saviour. God calls for true, steadfast workers, whose lives will counteract the influence of those who are working against Him.

To every medical missionary worker I am instructed to say, Follow your Leader. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is your example. Upon all medical missionary workers rests the responsibility of keeping in view Christ's life of unselfish service. They are to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. He is the source of all light, the fountain of all blessing.

A FIRM STAND FOR THE RIGHT

God calls upon His workers, in

this age of diseased piety and perverted principle, to reveal a healthy, influential spirituality. My brethren and sisters, this God requires of you. Every jot of your influence is to be used on the side of Christ. You are now to call things by the right name, and stand firm in defense of the truth as it is in Jesus.

It behooves every soul whose life is hid with Christ in God to come to the front now, and to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Truth must be defended and the kingdom of God advanced as they would be were Christ in person on this earth. If He were here, He would be drawn out to rebuke many who, though professing to be medical missionaries, have not chosen to learn of the great Medical Missionary His meekness and lowliness. In the lives of some occupying high positions in the medical missionary work, self has been exalted. Until such ones rid themselves of every desire to uplift self, they can not clearly discern the character of Christ, nor can they do the work that He did.

When the Holy Spirit controls the minds of our church-members, there will be seen in our churches a much higher standard in speech, in ministry, in spirituality, than is now seen. The church-members will be refreshed by the water of life, and the laborers, working under one Head, even Christ, will reveal their Master in spirit, in word, in deed, and will encourage one another to press forward in the grand, closing work in which we are engaged. There will be a healthy increase of unity and love, which will bear testimony to the world that God sent His Son to die for the redemption of sinners. Divine truth will be exalted; and as it shines forth as a lamp that burneth, we shall understand it more and still more clearly.

The testing truth for this time is not the fabrication of any human mind. It is from God. It is genuine philosophy to those who appropriate it. Christ became incarnate in order that we, through

belief of the truth, might be sanctified and redeemed. Let those who hold the truth in righteousness arouse, and go forth, shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, to proclaim the truth to those who know it not. Let them make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way.

We are now to unify, and by true medical missionary work prepare the way for our coming King. But let us remember that Christian unity does not mean that the identity of one person is to be submerged in that of another; nor does it mean that the mind of one is to be led and controlled by the mind of another. God has not given to any man the power that some, by word and act, seek to claim. God requires every man to stand free, and to follow the directions of the Word.

In every movement Christ's followers are to reveal their regard for Christian principles,—loving God supremely, and their neighbor as themselves; reflecting light and blessing on the pathway of those who are in darkness; comforting those who are cast down; sweetening the bitter waters in the place of giving their fellow-pilgrims gall to drink.

Let us increase in a knowledge of the truth, giving all praise and glory to Him who is One with the Father. Let us seek most earnestly for the heavenly anointing, the Holy Spirit. Let us have a pure, growing Christianity, that in the heavenly courts we may at last be pronounced complete in Christ.

"Behold the Bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him!" Lose no time now in rising and trimming your lamps. Lose no time in seeking perfect unity with one another. We must expect difficulties. Trials will come. Christ, the captain of our salvation, was made perfect through suffering. His followers will encounter the enemy many times, and will be severely tried; but they need not despair. Christ says to them, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The following lines seem to portray the Christian warfare:—

"I thought that the course of the Christian to heaven
Would be bright as the summer, and glad as the morn.
Thou show'dst me the path; it was dark and rough,—
All rugged with rock, all tangled with thorn;
I dreamed of celestial rewards and renown;
I asked for the palm branch, the robe, and the crown;
I asked, and Thou show'dst me a cross and a grave."

Ellen G. White.
St. Helena, Cal.
Oct. 30, 1903.

Murmuring

When doubts and murmurings are expressed because of the trials in the way to the heavenly Canaan, let not the elders, the ministers, the presidents, by their words of unsanctified sympathy, water the seeds of disaffection, and then present them in an exaggerated light to others, as if a terrible rebellion were about to take place, and suppose they are helping the cause of God by so doing. They strengthen the suggestions and temptations of the prince of darkness, and open a wide door for the enemy to enter and take possession of the souls of the people, as he did under the false report of the unfaithful spies.

"The false and cruel words of discouragement spoken by the unfaithful spies were received by the people, and excited them to desperation. They felt they were greatly abused, and they mourned and lamented over themselves, and manifested distrust of God, forgetting His mighty works in delivering them from the Egyptian bondage, opening the Red Sea before them, and destroying their pursuing foes. Let not one in our ranks be so ungrateful, so forgetful of God, as to repeat the sin of murmuring, rebellious Israel. Look up, and if one tells you that things are all wrong, tell him the Lord Jesus knows all about it, and just close the heart against doubt and unbelief."

M. H. B.

A Privilege and Duty

Recent events have again deeply emphasized the importance of the admonitions that have come to us regarding property matters. Many persons by industry and economy have accumulated means, a portion or all of which they desire and fully intend shall be used in God's service. Frequently their wishes in this respect are not carried out because of the failure to take the proper legal steps which are necessary in order that their means shall be applied as they desire. While thus fully determined to consecrate their means to the Lord's work, they do not appreciate the necessity of making definite arrangements until, in an unexpected moment, they sicken and die, and frequently those who have no interest in religion take the property.

Some one has truly said that the pathway to failure is paved with good intentions.

Another, in writing upon the subject of property, has said that "God is displeased with the slack, loose manner in which many of His professed people conduct their worldly business. They seem to have lost all sense of the fact that the property they are using belongs to God, and that they must render to Him an account of their stewardship. . . . And it is the especial privilege and duty of the aged, the feeble, and those who have no children, to place their means where it can be used in the cause of God if they should be suddenly taken away."

And again, "God has made men the channels through which His gifts are to flow, to sustain the work which He would have carried forward to the world. He has given them property to be wisely used . . . to support His servants in their labors as preachers and missionaries, and to sustain the institutions which He has established among us. It is utter folly to defer to make a preparation for the future life until nearly the last hour of the present life. It is also a great mistake to defer to answer the claims of God for liberality to His cause until the time comes

when you are to shift your stewardship upon others. . . . Those who wait till death before making a disposition of their property, surrender it to death rather than to God. In so doing, many are acting directly contrary to the plan of God plainly stated in His Word. If they would do good, they must seize the present golden moments, and labor with all their might, as if fearful that they might lose the favorable opportunity."

Those who have the interests of the cause of God upon their hearts should also realize the duty that rests upon them. For we are also told that "many manifest a needless delicacy on this point. They feel that they are stepping upon forbidden ground when they introduce the subject of property to the aged or invalids in order to learn what disposition they desire to make of it. But this duty is just as sacred as the duty to preach the Word to save souls. Here is a man with God's money or property in his hands. He is about to change his stewardship. . . . Should not Christian men feel interested and anxious, for that man's future good as well as for the interests of God's cause, that he shall make a right disposition of his Lord's money, the talents lent him for wise improvement? Will his brethren stand by and see him losing his hold on this life, and at the same time robbing the treasury of God? This would be a fearful loss to himself and to the cause."

It has seemed to me that there has been no one duty that has been more habitually disregarded than that presented in the foregoing statements. Several instances have occurred where excellent intentions to help the cause of God have been imperiled and sometimes entirely defeated because of lack of proper counsel and advice.

Now is the time to prepare for the trying days of peril and conflict that are before us. Many a warrior in the great battle of life, whose active work in the field is largely over, may, by the proper disposition of his means, perpetuate his work and influence; and many of

those who have been characterized by a spirit of liberality through a long life of usefulness in the cause of God, may round out and complete a glorious Christian experience by the exercise of wisdom in the use of the means that God has given.

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Stop and Think

To-day, if things go wrong, let me consider whether the wrong is within me or without; and if it is within me, I shall not be disconsolate, because then I can remedy it; and if it is without I shall surely not be disconsolate, because that would do no good. To-day, if I am reproached with any mistake, let me first decide whether I am in error; for if I am not, then I shall be glad, because the reproach can not harm me; and if I am justly reproached, then I shall thank God for so faithful friends.

To-day, if I become depressed, let me examine carefully the cause of my depression; then, if there is no just cause, I shall feel ashamed, but relieved; and if I have any genuine grief, then I shall know that God will come especially near to me to help me bear it. Through this day, O my Father, Satan will press upon me in many forms, but chiefly in the disguise of my own feelings. Protect me from them, I pray Thee. Grant my reason such shrewdness and my heart such force of cheer that I shall pierce through Satan's black mists to the secret joy of things. Be with my eyes to-day that they may see how all is good, in earth and in heaven.—The Golden Rule.

Christ put on man in nature and condition; man should put on Christ in disposition and character. He became partaker of our physical nature. We should become partakers of His divine nature. Christ put on man, that man might put on Christ.

If our sins be in number as the hairs of our head, God's mercies are as the stars of heaven.—Archibald Symson.

THE FIELD

Dawson on the Yukon

In July, Elder Dart arrived at Dawson, and after finding that it would be better to hold meetings in that place later in the season, he proceeded to Bonanza, some thirteen miles distant, and opened meetings in a hall. Bonanza, you will remember, is the place where gold was first found in '97 and '98. In writing, Brother Dart says: "We have held meetings every night for three weeks, and the attendance has been good. We have had a very interesting series of meetings. We expect to hold here one week more and then we must make arrangements for winter. We pay \$15 a week here for a place for meetings. Lights cost us about \$3.00 a week. Our donations up to the present time amount to \$50.25. Sunday night the collection was \$7.50. One night we did up five tracts in a package and offered them at 25 cents each; \$4.00 worth were sold."

In a late communication he speaks of having closed his meetings at Bonanza and returned to Dawson where quarters were secured for the winter, consisting of a small hall on the first floor for meetings, and living rooms above. The monthly rental is \$65. The entire building can be heated with one furnace which he purchased for \$85. The location is central, so he expects the meetings, which he will hold during the winter season, will be well attended.

That all may know something about the cost of provisions in this northern field, we give the following from Elder Dart's letter of October 4: 200 pounds flour, \$13.50; beans, 8 cents a pound; 50 pounds sugar for \$4.50; 119 pounds potatoes for \$9.50; canned corn, \$4.50 a case; tomatoes, \$7.00 a case; peas, \$4.50 a case.

Thus we have a picture of some conditions that exist in the famous "Klondyke." Probably this is the only winter Brother Dart will spend

in this section, and we trust our people will often remember him at the throne of grace, that he may be given wisdom as he labors from day to day.

Meridian, Mississippi

Before leaving California, and in the last committee meeting I attended, our president repeatedly admonished me not to forget that I am still a California worker; and that some will be pleased to hear from California's workers in Mississippi. So it is with pleasure I take this opportunity to report to you. It is not necessary to pen the things of an unpleasant nature we have been obliged to encounter. Courage is gained by recounting the gains and not the losses, and though perplexities, loss of loved ones at home, and now and then a "light affliction" comes, like one of old we are enabled to say "none of these things move me."

We might illustrate the situation in Mississippi in this way: If there was one small church in Humboldt County, a small church near San Jose, a small colored church in Fresno, also one in Los Angeles, a few scattered companies and Sabbath-keepers in San Diego County the story would be told. There has scarcely been sufficient work put forth here as yet to work one of the least of the seventy-five counties, yet the population exceeds the population of all California, Nevada, and Arizona.

Ours is not so much a work to keep large churches revived as to get individuals to do what they can and enter the field already ripe for the harvest. As never before, we realize that the most important work, and the work most imperative, is to take the message to new fields, to launch out for a big draught, allowing nothing to hinder.

We have just begun a series of meetings at this place, and have held but six services, yet already there appears to be an interest manifest on the part of many. We have free use of the Court House which is lighted by elec-

tricity, and warmed by seven large fireplaces. The seating capacity is 300 or more, and we hope to see the room full. People are eager for the truth. One brother who is in business in the place, has been keeping the Sabbath for some years. To tell you he is happy that the truth is being preached here is to express it very mildly. There are other places where one or two Sabbath-keepers have lived for years, and they call for a series of meetings. Yes, there are hundreds of places waiting.

This is one of the best fields for canvassing I ever saw. One brother in Meridian, our home, took forty dollars worth of orders on Sunday, and, in fact, agents who fear God are doing an excellent work everywhere and all the time.

We do not find people very far advanced in hygienic ideas, and we are not able at every meal to get the best kind of a diet. We are quite sure three times a day everywhere, to find hot buscuit and molasses.

We hope to see a company raised up here, and we expect next to invade our home city, the best in the state. Mississippi is not a state with large cities, but it contains a host of small ones. If you feel impressed to help us invade the territory here, write us and we can suggest how to help even though you do not come in person. More anon.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our Laborers

Since our camp-meeting nearly all of the churches have been visited. In almost every place there is need of faithful labor.

The tent company, recently in Los Angeles, have moved to Florence, where Brethren Fisher and Hare will take charge.

There are six precious souls rejoicing in the truth as a result of the Los Angeles meeting.

Elder S. Thurston has been visiting the churches of San Diego, San Pasqual, and Escondido. He has an urgent call for a series of meetings near San Diego which he hopes to fill.

Cheering reports are coming from the missionary meetings held Sabbath and Sunday, November 21 and 22.

Riverside

The Riverside "Enterprise," of December 7, contained the following notice concerning the work of Elder W. W. Simpson:—

"Evangelist Simpson has been conducting some interesting tent-meetings during the past two months, on the corner of Main and Eleventh Streets, and the meetings are increasing with interest. Last evening Mr. Simpson spoke on temperance. He showed that the original meaning of temperance was self-control, and that a man was not a truly temperate man who could not control himself or his appetite. The evil results of tea and coffee, as well as tobacco and alcohol, were plainly demonstrated. At the close of the discourse, Mrs. Simpson rendered a very touching recitation, written by her sister, entitled, 'The Converted Rum-seller.'

"As a result of the meetings, fifty persons have already commenced the observance of the Sabbath according to commandment which is upon the seventh day of the week, or Saturday.

"At the close of the meeting last evening Mr. Simpson presented to the people the need of a suitable place of worship, and in a few minutes over one thousand dollars were raised toward building a church. A central location has been purchased near Twelfth and Orange Streets, and work will be commenced soon upon a neat little church edifice. The meetings still continue. Tuesday evening Mr. Simpson will show the Bible plan of raising money to carry on the work of the gospel

without the aid of church fairs and festivals."

WESTERN OREGON

Conference Funds

THE TITHE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.

Albina, \$20.00; Ashland, \$34.95; Astoria, \$16.20; Blachly, \$38.55; Brownsville, \$10.54; Coquille, \$186.50; Chitwood, \$42.35; Dilley, \$18.71; Eugene, \$35.80; Grants Pass, \$6.45; Gravelford, \$3.00; Hood River, \$10.90; Hopewell, \$49.10; Monitor, \$2.94; Montavilla, \$106.67; Newberg, \$54.28; Portland, \$157.90; Roseburg, \$61.26; Salem, \$115.31; St. Johns, \$96.61; The Dalles, \$5.50; Willamina, \$1.75; Miscellaneous, \$7.95. Total, \$1,083.22.

RECEIPTS OF TRUST FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER

Australia, \$2.00; Annual Offerings, \$.43; Weekly Offerings, \$27.10; Haskell Home, \$27.19; India, \$1.12; Missionary Acre Fund, \$.50; Foreign Missions, \$9.60; Southern Field, \$20.50; Second Tithe, \$71.37; Sabbath-school Offerings, \$35.05; W. W. College Improvement Fund, \$2.00; China, \$2.00. Total, \$198.86.

Nellie Nelson,
Sec'y W. O. Conference.

Ashland and Grants Pass

According to appointments the conventions at these two places were held November 20-29, and December 5-6, respectively.

Our people turned out well from surrounding places and engaged heartily in the exercises. As we sought the Lord for His blessing He came near to us. We are sure that all went to their homes with a new determination to work more earnestly than ever before to carry the truth to their neighbors.

Much attention was given to the special "Signs" canvass, and a number of copies were taken. The Lord of the harvest is blessing in circulating this paper. We welcome every such opportunity as the special "Signs," to get the truth before our neighbors.

We were sorry that circumstances prevented Elder Burg from being with us, according to appointment, but Brother Pettit came with a large supply of books and tracts, and our people improved the opportunity to secure a supply. At Grants Pass, Elder Webster was with us, and rendered much valuable assistance.

We were glad to welcome Elder Burg at the close of this convention. He is still with us, holding meetings in the church, which is well attended. J. J. Clark,

Jacksonville, Oregon.

December 9.

Eugene and Oak Hill

The work of the message is still onward in Eugene. Some openings for Bible readings are being improved and interest developed. Six hundred copies of the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs" were taken by the church here, and are being sold. The members are encouraged by the addition of several to the church by letters from churches in the East, but the work is still hindered by our not having a church building, or a suitable hall where we can invite the public. Good halls are very scarce and the rent is so high that it is not possible for our company to rent one. On account of this a public effort has not been made in the city this year; we have thought best to work in a quiet way from house to house.

Oak Hill schoolhouse is seven miles west of Eugene. By urgent invitation of some we have held Sunday meetings there for several weeks. At first some were very much prejudiced, but this has worn away and they now seem anxious to hear whatever we have for them. We hope for good results from the efforts there, though it is quite slow working with only the Sunday meetings and a little visiting during the week.

Two miles from this schoolhouse two families, four adults and three youths, are now keeping the Sabbath. One of these families has

had a very interesting experience. When convinced of the truth the parents did not see how they could obey. One Sabbath morning the father hitched up the team to dig the potatoes. The boy's heart was broken, and with tears in his eyes he said he wanted to keep the Sabbath. His mother told him that he could do so. Crying, he threw his arms about her neck and said he could not do so unless she did too. Soon he went to the field and begged his father not to work. He was told again that he might keep it if he wanted to, but they could not. With sobs and tears he threw himself down into the fence-corner entreating his father not to work, but that if he would do so he would help him. This was more than the parents could stand, and immediately they laid aside their work, and have kept the Sabbath ever since.

That night they decided to erect the family altar, if the boy, who was only fourteen years old, would lead in prayer. He did so; and it would do your hearts good to hear each member of that family pray. Thinking it would be an encouragement to other young people, I have related this experience. O that more young persons might give their hearts to God and thus be a help to those around them.

E. W. Webster.

News Items

Dr. Albert Carey, who has been laboring in our conference for the last two years, has accepted a call to connect with the work in the southern field as superintendent of the Hildebran (N. C.) Sanitarium. We wish him God-speed in his labors there. The Western Oregon Conference paid Dr. Carey's traveling expenses to his new field, in this way helping one of the very needy fields.

Elder Burg's plan to attend the Missionary Convention in Western Oregon were somewhat interfered with by a sudden call to attend the funeral of Mrs. Burg's father, at Fresno, by the 8:30 p. m. train, Thursday, November 26. Sister

Burg will remain with her mother for a few months' visit; but Elder Burg will return to attend the convention at Roseburg and Eugene. We pray God to sustain those who have been thus sadly bereft.

The missionary conventions at Grants Pass and Ashland were well attended by our people of these sections. A spirit of deep consecration was manifest throughout these meetings. We trust that the conventions now being held will mark a new era in missionary operations among our people everywhere. Let us so work as to hasten the day of His coming.

Two new churches in this field will soon be ready for dedication, one at Roseberg and the other at Hopewell. The exact time has not yet been fixed for these services.

It is expected that Elder Smith Sharp, of the Southern Union Conference, will visit Western Oregon some time during the month of February to make personal appeal in behalf of the needy southern field. We believe it is in harmony with the instruction the Lord has sent us that we open our hearts to this solicitation from the long-neglected South. We are sure that our people will be laying up something against the time when Elder Sharp comes among us, so that his appeal may meet with a liberal response.

We have urged the several church-school teachers in the conference to send to the "Recorder" reports of their work. We trust that our people will not be disappointed in looking for such reports. And the same in the case of all our conference laborers. Our people want to hear from them. We have urged and now do so again that they all report regularly to the "Recorder" and thus help make it of the interest to its readers that it ought to be. The conference has assumed the burden of supplying every family of our people with this paper, i. e., those who are not now taking it, for a period of three months. This is done so that a series of special articles by Sister White, which are now running in its columns, may reach everybody.

And we want all to get acquainted with this excellent paper. We will take the matter up with all, and urge you to place your subscription. Those who are getting the paper at the expense of the conference (which is no small item) should surely show appreciation by cooperating with us to build up the "Recorder."

We will not send many personal notes this week, as we have urged our workers to report their work. We look for results.

Missionary Department Western Oregon Conference.

CALIFORNIA

Notes

The special "Signs" work is on, and has reached the 34,000 point. Do not forget that 50,000 is our mark.

In ordering the special "Signs" please accompany every order with cash.

Do you receive the weekly visits of the "Review and Herald?" If not, why not?

A copy of the "Signs on Capital and Labor" has been mailed to all the editors in our field. We are now mailing a copy to each of the public school teachers, and will need additional funds if all these are reached. Remember that we have 8,000 public school teachers in California, and it costs us three cents to mail each of these a copy, therefore we will need \$240.00 for this work alone, so let the donations for this work continue.

Watch the "Pacific Union Recorder" for the special articles from Sister White. These are of great importance at this time.

Let all workers in the conference be sure to report promptly from time to time the success of the work in their district.

At a meeting of the California Conference Committee, held December 7 and 8, the following suggestions for the "Object Lessons" campaign were unanimously adopted:—

1. That the work of completing the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" be carried on in our churches in connection with their regular missionary work.

2. That steps be taken to start the "Object Lessons" work in connection with the canvass for the special number of the "Signs."

3. That the importance of finishing the "Object Lessons" work and laying plans for the same be presented to our churches at some favorable time during the week of prayer.

4. That all of our conference laborers give special attention to the organization of the "Object Lessons" campaign, and the completion of this work during the months of December and January.

5. That they encourage our brethren and sisters to take hold of this work, not only by precept, but by example.

6. That our district leaders and other laborers present to the churches the importance of finishing the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign in a business-like way, and that our churches be encouraged to lay plans for selling their full quota, six books per member.

7. That a special effort be made to collect money on the books that are now placed in the churches, and that our brethren be urged to pay for all books received in future deliveries.

8. That the final limit set for the payment of books be June 1, 1904.

We are in need of canvassers who mean business, and who desire to enter the work to stay. If you are of that kind, drop us a line.

Elder M. C. Israel writes from Sonora, where he is laboring, that three heads of families have commenced to keep the Sabbath, and others are interested. So the good work goes on.

A. S. Kellogg.

"Whose heart is fixed on things that perish goes with them to death; whose heart is fixed on the Living One lives with Him forever."

Conference Funds.

THE TITHE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.

Alton, \$27.75; Arcata, \$21.25; Bakersfield, \$4.43; Berkeley, \$12.02; Buckeye, \$15.75; Burrough, \$37.50; Chico, \$5.30; Crows Landing, \$65.00; Eureka, \$32.50; Ferndale, \$78.50; Armona, \$198.40; Healdsburg, \$666.08; Lindsay, \$6.20; Lockwood, \$23.20; Mendocino, \$10.00; Monterey, \$8.00; Napa, \$118.60; Oakland, \$1,153.65; Redding, \$45.00; San Francisco, \$201.80; San Jose, \$107.72; San Luis Obispo, \$5.00; Santa Rosa, \$6.25; Susanville, \$38.08; Vacaville, \$145.50; Watsonville, \$276.07; Woodland, \$28.50; Dinuba, \$140.00; Personal, \$48.60. Total, \$3,526.65.

RECEIPT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR NOVEMBER

Southern Field, \$10.00; Healdsburg College repairs, \$4.35; Foreign Missions, \$148.95; Home of Friendless, \$174.16; S. S. Offerings, \$83.33.

J. D. Rice,

Secretary, California Conference

Missionary Campaign Items

We have received many letters similar to the following, just received from Elder M. C. Israel, telling of excellent success in the effort to circulate the "Capital and Labor" issue of the "Signs":—

"I shall have to send for more papers, as we have only eighty left, and have not canvassed Sonora yet. Jessie and I have canvassed every house in Columbia, Stent, Chinese Camp, Eagle-Shawmut Mine that employs 200 men, Jacksonville on the Tuolumne River, and Jimtown. Have sold about 300 papers. Have received 385 papers. We have enough to last us only a day or two. Please send me without delay 200 copies more. Our folks in Tuolumne have sent for fifty copies, but I think they will need more."

The churches in this Conference are responding liberally with orders for the special "Signs," some of the small churches ordering even as many as 2,000 and 3,000 copies. And the work is only begun.

Up to date the California Tract Society can report a sale in its territory of about 34,000 copies. We have set our stakes for a circulation of not less than 50,000 copies. We have faith to believe that this result can be attained. This will mean not only the reaching of 250,000 readers in California (a paper is usually read by about five persons), but also the securing of many permanent subscribers for the paper.

Dr. E. L. Paulding of Arroyo Grande, writes under date of the 8th., inst:—

"I have been out with the special 'Signs,' and have sold thirty-eight copies. If every Seventh-day Adventist had done as well during the past ten days, we would have sold nearly 2,000,000 copies. The papers sell easily, and great blessings are in store for those who sell."

Elder E. J. Hibbard sent us an order for 1,000 copies, for the use of himself and son in San Francisco.

Ruby Chamberlain, a boy of twelve years, member of the Alameda church school, has sold 205 special "Signs" to date. Thursday he sold 74 copies; Friday (two hours' time), 36 copies; and he thought that his Sunday's work was a failure because he had sold "only 63." This shows what the young people can do, and are doing, in this campaign.

During our convention here in Oakland, among the many that called for their "Signs" was an aged brother who sells vegetables and fruit from house to house. He paid for 100 copies and took them home. The next morning he came back to the Tract Society office and asked if he could not return fifty copies, as he felt he had taken too many. We told him he could certainly do so if he desired, but advised him to think again before giving up his effort to sell 100 copies. He finally left half of his 100 copies with us, but decided to leave the money with us until he returned. The next morning he called bright and early for the fifty copies he had left, and jubilantly told us that he had al-

ready sold fifty and needed the remaining copies.

In order to "help start the ball rolling", as he put it, in the Healdsburg church, Brother G. W. Mills arose in the missionary meeting and showed his interest in the campaign by ordering 500 copies of the special "Signs." Truly the Lord is arousing His people as never before to a realization of what it means to carry the third angel's message to the world.

Brother Andrew Borsen is selling hundreds of copies of the Capital and Labor "Signs" to those not of our faith in Vallejo and Napa Junction. His invariable testimony is that "the paper sells itself."

The Healdsburg church generously offered to assist as many of the Healdsburg College students as desired to go to other towns and sell the special "Signs," by giving them what papers they needed. This enabled the students to meet their traveling expenses. Among those who went out to sell the paper was the son of Rev. B. Fay Mills, who is now attending our college.

The writer has found no difficulty in placing the Capital and Labor "Signs" on sale at most of the news stands in Oakland. At the Broad Gauge and Narrow Gauge depots many copies are being sold. We prepared special posters calling attention to the picture on the first page, etc., and these are being used by the newsdealers. The Narrow Gauge depot news dealer recently sold out his supply of "Signs" and was even obliged to pull down the copy used as a poster, and sell that.

We visited the Stanford University Book Store not long ago, and after a few minutes' conversation, succeeded in placing the special "Signs" on sale there, where every university student goes to secure his books and other necessary school supplies. The manager informed the undersigned that the book store usually handled only the magazines and periodicals published by the University itself.

Sister M. F. Brown, of Glenburn,

an aged lady of eighty-nine years, sent for twenty-five copies, sold them, and has just ordered twenty-five more. It should be remembered that this aged sister sells her papers in a country district where the houses are few and far between.

Hundreds of people stop in front of our store window in Oakland and gaze at that striking picture on the cover. Many of them come in and buy the paper. One man recently stepped in and said he wanted to buy "that picture." He was surprised when we told him he could have the picture and the paper besides, for only five cents.

Brother C. H. Jones, manager of the Pacific Press, informs us that the employees of the publishing house will themselves use about 5,000 copies of the special "Signs."

In a future issue of the "Recorder" we hope to publish a complete list of the churches that have ordered this number of the "Signs," giving the membership of each church and number of papers ordered.

The Missionary Conventions held throughout the United States Sabbath and Sunday, November, 21, 22, have been a grand success so far as the California Conference is concerned. As was predicted, they have resulted not only in a soul-stirring campaign with the special "Signs," but also in arousing our people to distribute and sell the printed page as never before.

We feel certain that the following suggestions, if carried out by our people in this Conference, will prove of great benefit both to themselves and the cause:—

1. Let each reader of the "Recorder" secure at least two new subscriptions for the "Recorder" during the next two months. Owing to its limited space, the "Review and Herald," our general church organ, is unable to print the many details of the work in the Union and State Conferences. Hence, the need of a Union Conference paper.

2. To keep in touch with the third angel's message and its pro-

gress in foreign lands and in the home fields, every Seventh-day Adventist should subscribe for the "Review and Herald". Tremendous issues are continually arising in the denomination, and the "good old Review" will tell you the "family news" of the entire denomination.

3. Let every church member see that his church takes a large club of the "Signs of the Times," year in and year out.

4. Let us all do our very best to finish selling our quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" by at least June 1, 1904. Let all books on hand be settled for by that date. The prospects are good that if our people will rally to the work in this final campaign with "Christ's Object Lessons," the debt against Healdsburg College will, on June 1, 1904, be a thing of the past.

5. Let our valuable tracts and small books be sold, in connection with the interest awakened by the special "Signs."

For further information, suggestions, etc., address, California Tract Society, 306 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Cal.

A. J. Bourdeau,
Sec'y-Treas.

Christian joy is a Christian duty. Showing gladness of heart is one way of honoring the Lord. Who has a better right than a child of God to be overflowing with thanksgiving and cheerfulness at all times?—H. C. Trumbull, D. D.

Only that is to be preserved which we can take with us into our ark. Only that is to pass into our life which we can retain while we are in true connection with Christ, and which we think can help us to live as His friends, and to serve Him zealously.—Dr. Marcus Dods.

"We must have life from and in Christ, or we lack life. We must feed on Christ daily, or we famish. This is the truth of truths in the gospel."

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Procrastination is the thief of time.
 Year after year it steals till all are fled,
 And to the mercies of a moment leaves
 The vast concerns of an eternal time.
 —Young.

Extracts of Letters from Small Sabbath-Schools

"The children in our Sabbath-school are much interested in their lessons, as you would note could you hear their answers during the review. We are all of good courage. Our school is not very large, but the Lord is blessing those who do attend, and we hope to fight the battle onward and overcome at last."

"There are but five or six members of our school, but we are sure the Lord meets with us. We have a meeting every Sabbath and are trying to make it as instructive as possible. Pray for our little company."

"We have a small Sabbath-school here and you have no idea how we enjoy getting together for the study of the blessed Bible. We are all of good courage. Remember us in your prayers."

FROM ISOLATED ONES

"I can assure you that your interest in the isolated ones is much appreciated by them. We have made it a practise to study the lessons each Sabbath and have lost none of our interest in the truth. We try to keep pace with the message as well as we can under the circumstances. We take the "Review," "Signs," "Life Boat," and several other of our papers. As we have opportunity, we call the attention of others to the truth which we hold so dear. We pray daily that the Lord will help us to reflect the light upon those with whom we come in contact. Again thanking you for your interest, and asking to be remembered in the prayers of God's people, I remain,
 "Yours for the Master."

"In regard to my spiritual condition, it is good. I have no in-

tention whatever of giving up my trust and hope in the Master. On the contrary, I am trying to see what I can do for the salvation of my fellow creatures. I have just started taking subscriptions for the "Life Boat" and shall soon begin on the "Signs." I would like to see that excellent paper in every home. May the Father's richest blessing rest upon all of His servants who are striving to do His work."

FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

"Your kind, encouraging letter was received a few days ago. It did my heart good to know that there are some more young people's bands being organized. We can not have one here as there are no young people in our church. When we know that probation will soon close, and there will be no more hearing or answering of prayers, we should be up and doing work for Jesus. It is my intention to fit myself for service in the Father's work."

"It does me good to hear from one of like faith, for I am the only one in our family who keeps the Sabbath. There are only a few of us here, but we meet each Sabbath and study the lessons. We pray that our example may be so near the divine Pattern that others may see we are trying to follow Christ. Pray for us that our school may grow, and that we may be shining lights."

"I will now answer your letter which I received the other day. My sister and I were baptized this summer, but my papa will not let my brother go to Sabbath-school any more. I want to live for the Lord and do His will, unstained from the world. Pray for us."

(Age, 13 years.)

These are short extracts from letters I have received. My soul is rejoiced to hear from these isolated ones, and I have enjoyed their correspondence very much. I trust that all the brethren and sisters will remember them in their petitions to the Father. I feel to thank the Lord for these testimonies, and say, with the psalmist, "From the ri-

sing of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised."

Mrs. Elthea Smith,
 Corresponding Educational Secretary
 Western Oregon Conference.

Report of the Sabbath-School Department of the Western Oregon Conference

For Quarter Ending September 26, 1903

Number of schools, 53. Of this number 7 are family schools. Present membership, 1,186. Average attendance, 973. Number of classes, 169. Number in senior division, 517, junior, 164; intermediate, 138; primary, 179; kindergarten, 128.

Amount sent to missions.....	\$341 42
Amount sent to orphans.....	35 76
Total expenses.....	84 53
Total contributions during qtr.....	\$461 71

Mrs. Elthea Smith, Secretary.

Young People's Meeting

The St. Clair Young People's Society has, this winter, been holding two meetings a month. The church officers have kindly allowed the time after Sabbath-school for these meetings as the young people can not come again in the afternoon.

The interest seems to be growing both with the younger people and also with the older ones who remain to listen and sometimes take part in answering questions. We have but a few young people; but there are now about as many children who are not Adventists, attending and taking an active part.

We have followed the study of the reformers, outlined in the "Instructor," and it has proved very helpful. However, we attempt the study of only one character each Sabbath. The subject is divided into topics and several of the members read sketches or relate incidents in the life of the reformer considered. For books of reference we have the "Great Controversy" and "Ecclesiastical Empires." Sometimes one young person gives a short scripture reading, or there will be a special song by some

member, or a recitation bearing upon the subject.

One young girl has an unusual, though uncultivated, talent for reproducing portraits, so, as we study each character, we have a picture of the face to look upon, perhaps seeing it in the dim light of a prison cell. The pictures help to make the characters seem more real, and inspire a deeper interest.

Pray for us, that by these lessons the children and youth may be led, not to self exaltations, but to see the beauty and strength of the character of Christ as revealed in His servants.

Ivie A. Cushman.
St. Clair, Nevada.

Good News

Sabbath-school workers everywhere will be glad to know that, in harmony with the recommendation passed at the last General Conference, the publication of the "Sabbath-School Worker" will be resumed, beginning with January, 1904. The first number will be of real value to all Sabbath-school teachers and officers, and to parents who hold family schools. Besides notes on the lessons, there will be begun in this number a series of illustrated articles on "Blackboard Drawings for the Sabbath-school," written by a practical artist; an excellent letter from a sister who has been conducting a family Sabbath-school with her children during the last year, describing the way the lesson is studied, the enthusiasm manifested, and the influence the school is having in the family; and other features of special interest.

The "Worker" is published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, at the extremely low price of twenty-five cents a year, in clubs of two or more. Single subscriptions, thirty-five cents. Orders may be sent through the State Tract Societies, or directly to the office of publication, 222 North Capitol Street., Washington, D. C.
Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.

"Hold fast that which is good."



Learn a Little Every Day

Little rills makes wider streamlets,
Streamlets swell the rivers' flow;
Rivers join the mountain billows,
Onward, onward, as they go;
Life is made of smallest fragments,
Shade and sunshine, work and play;
So may we, with greatest profit,
Learn a little every day.

Tiny seeds make plenteous harvest,
Drops of rain compose the showers;
Seconds make the flying minutes,
And the minutes make the hours;
Let us hasten, then, and catch them,
As they pass us on the way,
And with honest, true endeavor,
Learn a little every day.

Let us, while we learn or study,
Cull a flower from every page;
Here a line, and there a sentence,
'Gainst the lonely time of age;
At our work or by the wayside,
While we ponder, while we play,
Let us thus by constant effort
Learn a little every day.

—Selected.

The Union Oregon Church School

A church-school report has been received that is so encouraging I wish to pass it on. One of the most noticeable points is the evident interest taken in this work by the parents, twenty-three having visited the school during the past month.

There are twenty pupils in attendance, and others are being added. The third angel's message to all the world in this generation, is the key-note of the work. They have taken fifty of the special number of the "Signs," which they expect to sell in the city.

The children are deeply interested in their Bible study. Two of the boys, aged nine and twelve, recently gave creditable Bible readings before the school on the subjects, "Christ's Second Coming," and "Is the First Day of the Week the Sabbath?" without any help save the lessons they have been having in school.

The Lord has said that the children taught in the church schools will give the message just before probation closes, and surely the children who are trained in this

way can do it when the Spirit of God comes upon them.

Let us all remember these schools as we seek the Lord during the coming week of prayer.—Mrs. J. L. Kay, in the Reaper.

The Grammar of Christianity

A certain learned Hindu was studying English grammar and the principles of Christianity at the same time. Concerning the latter, it seemed difficult for him to come to a decision. To a missionary who had won his friendship he confided that the religion of Jesus was good and pure and beautiful, and while at times it fascinated him, there were times when it made him gloomy and sorrowful.

One day he came to the missionary looking radiant. "I want to be a Christian!" he said eagerly. "I was wrong to think your religion could make a man unhappy! Oh, I see it now as something to inspire one with hope! The grammar of Christianity is cheerful!"

"The grammar of Christianity!" repeated the missionary, somewhat puzzled.

"Yes, the grammar. Your wonderful grammar is a great explainer. You know I am studying the tenses now. There is the present tense. First person, I am; Second person, Thou art; Third person, He is."

The missionary nodded. "And you have a past tense. First person, I was; Second person, Thou wert; Third person, He was."

"Yes, that's right," said the missionary still unenlightened.

"Exactly. Well, I forget not these two tenses when I open my New Testament. To-day I read this: 'The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.' Ah, the light broke on my soul with that little word is! Is come! Salvation is in the present tense, and salvation is Christianity! Jesus is always saving! And then—as to the lost! How beautifully the tense changes! It isn't, is lost, but was lost! The

past tense! See! Oh, how significant! Oh, how hopeful! The past tense puts the trouble, the sorrow, the loss, and the sin all behind in time, to be buried and forgotten! 'The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.'—Selected.

Church School Directory

Schools and teachers as follows:—

CALIFORNIA.

Eureka, Miss Luella Reed; Alton, C. L. Taylor; Healdsburg, G. E. Johnson, Miss Anna Elder, Miss Ora E. Edwards; Santa Rosa, S. H. Bond; Petaluma, Miss Agnes H. Bingham; Sanitarium, Miss S. E. Peck; Alameda, Miss Lela M. King, 712 Eleventh Street, Oakland; San Francisco, M. A. Leonard, 631 Locust Avenue, Miss Abbie O. Oakes, 2315 Jackson Street; Oakland, Prof. C. H. Hinchey, Miss Mary E. Ferguson, Miss Katie B. Hale; San Jose, E. A. Morton, 843 Orchard Street; Santa Cruz, Miss Mable Robertson; Hanford, Mrs. Mina Mann; Glennville, Miss Lizzie Gregory; Fresno, B. L. Howe, 223 Effie Street, Mrs. Lena Howe, 223 Effie Street; Burrough, Miss Maggie Jorgensen; Red Bluff, W. W. Jones, Box 391; Calistoga, Mrs. L. E. Kenison, Mrs. Calla B. Garland; Stockton, Mrs. Ethel A. Davis, 1123 Flora Street; Reno, Nev., Chas. L. Brown; St. Clair, Nev., Mrs. Ivie Cushman.

California teachers sent to other conferences:—

Riverside, Cal., Miss L. M. Guerne; San Pasqual, Cal., Miss Clara Rogers; Norwalk, Cal., Miss Mable Howell; Roseberg, Ore., W. H. Jones.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Seattle, C. S. Channing, 309 Second Avenue, N.; Tacoma, Miss Mary Kelley, Sixteenth and K Streets; Olympia, Ethel Collett; Mt. Vernon, Greg C. Robinson; Deming, Miss Julia M. Hanson; Colby, Mrs. Nula Cornell; Aberdeen, Miss Maggie Geissler; Hoquiam, Miss Bertha Gatton; Puyallup, Miss Ruth Watson;

Vancouver, Mrs. Emma Shafer; Manor, Miss Nellie Clark (Industrial School).

MONTANA

Bozeman, Claude Conard, Box 193, Miss Teresa Reed, 410 N. Wallace Avenue; Helena, Miss Myrtle Bailey, 108 Grand Street; Missoula, Miss Jessie Boardman; Hamilton, Miss Faye Conard; Great Falls, Miss Jessie Bailey, 812 Fourth Avenue, N.; Pageville, Miss Adeline Rouleau; Cora, Miss Luella Haines; Stevensville, Miss Anna Sedgewick.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Fruitland, Wm. B. Downs, Hunter, Wash.; Myrtle, Miss Ethel Rush; Natchez Valley, Mrs. B. G. Boorman, North Yakima, Wash., R. F. D. 3; North Yakima, B. G. Boorman, R. F. D. 3; Spokane, S. C. Hanson, 1716 Washington Avenue; Union, Wm. Steele; Wenatchee, Miss Martha Cordow; Cambridge, Idaho, Ralph Conard.

WESTERN OREGON

Blachley, Myrtle Clark; Dayton, Cora Perkins; Monitor, Jennie Miller; Montavilla, Helena Hughes, Irene Anderson; The Dalles, Ruby Roberts; Roseberg, W. H. Jones.

To Church-School Teachers

"How to Punctuate," by Prof. D. D. Rees, of Union College, is a little book that makes punctuation easy for the grammar student. This text was prepared especially for our schools, and has been placed in the suggestive course of study as outlined by the text-book committee of the Educational Conference recently held at College View, Neb. "How to Punctuate" should be correlated with grammar in all the schools of the conference. The book can be supplied by your State Tract Society office. Substantially bound in cloth, forty cents.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

"Though the cause of Evil prosper,
Yet 'tis Truth alone is strong."

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

The San Francisco Church Dispensary

We are sure the readers of the "Recorder" will be glad to learn of the continued and increased prosperity of the dispensary in San Francisco. We know our brethren and sisters have prayed earnestly for the success of this work, and we are certain their prayers have been answered. Sister Speedie, who did considerable work along this line several years ago before the establishment of the Hydratic Dispensary, has returned and taken up the work at the dispensary. Scarcely a day passes without some striking proof that her labors are not in vain, and she is able to report opportunities for seed-sowing and missionary work for the Saviour.

Sister Speedie takes note of the more interesting and striking cases, and from these memoranda we take the following instances as typical of the incidents met with from day to day while going about her duties, both at the dispensary and in the homes she visits:—

"I went to call on a family I used to treat, but learned that the mother was dead, and the family scattered. The lady who gave me this information lived near, and was suffering from a sore throat and bad cold. Having obtained permission to apply formentations, I continued them about an hour, then went to the corner drug-store and got a gargle; advised a hot bath and other simple treatments.

"Next day I telephoned and learned that she was better; the day following that, I was told she was well. This patient seemed very grateful for the help received. Most likely she will prove a staunch friend of our work.

"One lady whom I visited, said to me: 'I like the Adventists because they are a plain people; because they help people physically as well as spiritually. You can not give the gospel to a person

with an empty stomach; but feed him first, and he will then listen to truth.' This lady has not left her room for several years. When I first met her, nearly three years ago, she was living in a room in a damp basement, for which she paid five dollars a month. I was able to have her removed to a warm, sunny room, at the same price, and for this she is very grateful.

"Another of our patients is a blind woman, who has no other means of support than singing on the street. Last Sabbath she attended the Laguna Street church in company with two or three other patients we have.

"Two years ago I moved a poor old woman from a basement so damp that mold had accumulated on her shoes. Last week it became necessary for her to move again, as the landlady was giving up the house. It seemed difficult for me to search for another place for this soul, as all my time is fully occupied; but I asked the Lord to guide me to some place, and on that very day, as I was on my way to the dispensary after my morning visits, I found a neat little room, newly furnished and on the third floor, so situated as to get all the afternoon sun, and to this she was taken. She is very much interested in the "Life Boat" work, and it may be that through this paper she will accept the truth. She is eighty-three years old, a woman of culture, was left in poverty by her husband's mismanagement, and gets a pension of eight dollars a month. She enjoys my visits and seasons of prayer with her.

"One lady I called on to give some treatment, because she was confined to her room a few days. She said: 'I took treatments at the dispensary three times before you came, and since then I am not the same woman I was. I used to be so cross and irritable that my husband could hardly live with me. I worried about our bills so that I made everybody miserable. I don't do that any more. My husband says something has come over me, and I know it is the hope

and courage and strength that I get at the dispensary.' Next day she said: 'I am of better courage. You people are lifting me up. The influence that fills the place where those treatments are given is worth more than the treatments themselves. I go there feeling so blue and discouraged, and almost wishing to die, and I come away filled with sunshine. My steps are lighter on my way home, and the sunshine comes with me, and all in the house feel it.' Then I seized the opportunity to tell her about the sunshine of God's love, and that it was not the doctor nor I that helped her and did her so much good, but that it was Christ within us, the hope of glory, that He blessed the treatments, and also was blessing her.

"One day a young woman out of employment said to me: 'I am weary of life. I have no home, nobody to love me, no one to care for me. I have a little money saved, certainly, but if I don't get work soon it won't last long. What shall I do? Why should I want to live?' May God help us to be a real comfort to this soul, and to the many others we meet from day to day."

We appreciate very much the sympathy and co-operation of our brethren which made the establishment of the dispensary possible. We appreciate the kind co-operation of the California Conference for the financial help they have given in paying the salary of Sister Speedie, the nurse, and in otherwise assisting us with a part of the services of Dr. Brighthouse. The efforts that have been put forth the past year are beginning to show fruit, and the readers of the "Recorder" may expect to hear more from the dispensary from time to time.

W. S. Sadler.

God has created the mind buoyant, elastic, hopeful. He leads men to think of recovery and success, rather than to anticipate disaster and defeat. He has thus said to every man, not in distinct vision, yet really, "Be of good cheer."—A. Barnes, D. D.

MISSIONARY WORK

"Thou shalt be served thyself in every sense
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Western Washington

Report for Two Weeks Ending Dec. 4, 1903			
Name	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
Wm. Furber.....	39	3	\$ 7 50
A. H. Booth.....	47	6	17 75
G. B. Collett.....	82	17	46 75
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Mabel Butler.....	37	13	33 75
Ada Greenleaf.....	29	2	5 25
Ada Burch.....	30	2	5 50
Anna Pound.....	22	1	2 50
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Myrtle Butler.....
Total.....	319	48	\$131 50
Miscellaneous Sales..	59 30

Special "Signs" Work

We are having good experiences with the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs." One sister writes from Roseburg: "I sold ninety-four Capital and Labor "Signs" in four hours." An old brother writes from Milwaukee that the twenty-five copies he first ordered are all gone. "Send me fifty more immediately. The Lord is blessing my humble efforts." He sends in an order for another twenty-five later. He is also selling quite a number of small books.

One church that ordered 200 "Signs" sends for 300 more.

Still orders are coming in and many of our people and churches are duplicating these first orders. In every instance this is the case where we have held our missionary conventions. All our laborers are taking an active part in the field. Many of our children, young people, and church-school teachers, as well as those older in years, are obtaining a new experience in missionary work as a result of this call to service.

Two little girls are selling hundreds of the "Signs" and the "Life Boat" in Portland. They came into the office one evening after school and bought fifteen copies of the special "Signs" each. In less than an hour they came back, their faces all aglow with delight, having

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sold every copy. They each took fifteen more specials and returned in another hour with these sold wanting more, but to their disappointment found the office closed. However, they came in next day again, ready for work. They said: "We never get discouraged if people refuse to buy our papers. We just keep going right on."

If I were at the office I could give many other experiences that our people are having in this grand rally, but I am, at present, improving the moments while waiting for a train in the southern part of the conference, where Elder Burg and I are working in the interest of the special "Signs" and other missionary enterprises. G. W. Pettit.

One More Appeal

A splendid work has been done and is being done with the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs of the Times." The Pacific Press reports that orders for over 500,000 copies have already been received (December 10), and they are still coming in at the rate of about 25,000 per day.

But we now wish to make an appeal in behalf of the regular issues. The "Signs" has been designated as our "Pioneer Missionary Paper," and it is stated that "our papers are doing a greater work than the living preacher can do." This being the case, an earnest effort should be made to secure subscribers for the regular issues. The "follow-up plan" which has been used so successfully in other lines of business, should be adopted in our work. The Capital and Labor number is a splendid "entering wedge." Now this should be followed up by a thorough systematic canvass for regular subscribers.

We are glad to know that a wave of enthusiasm is sweeping over our people in the matter of circulating our literature. Never before has there been such an awakening. We believe this is due largely to the splendid missionary conventions recently held. Now let us keep the ball rolling. Not only should thorough work be done

with our periodicals, but our tracts, pamphlets, and trade books should have due attention. Now, just now, is the time to work. It will soon be too late.

Write at once to your Tract Society for further information.

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We have reached the period of the year in which the evenings are long, and multitudes will devote time to reading. It is our privilege to supply many of them with our books. Thousands of our smaller books, such as contain present truth for this time, can be sold.

Within a few weeks many books will be purchased and presented to friends as holiday gifts. An excellent one for this purpose, and one that forcibly presents the message, is the book recently issued, "Our Paradise Home." It presents in a brief, expressive, earnest manner, the plan of salvation, from paradise lost, to paradise regained. Though it is not yet four months old, nearly thirty thousand have been sold, and many hearts have been cheered and warmed with the reading of its thrilling truths.

Many of our brethren, sisters, youth, and children should sell this messenger of truth by thousands. It can be used by our canvassers as a help when selling larger volumes. Who will engage in the work immediately? Can not you, reader, sell and deliver a large number before Christmas? If you desire to make a holiday present, this little book will make a valuable one.

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Who said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"? Psa. XXIII, 1.

Who conquered the city of Jerusalem, made it his capital, and extended his dominion from Egypt to the Euphrates? II Sam. V, 5, 7; VIII, 3.

Who wrote, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God"? Psa. XIV, 1.

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It has been definitely decided that the second meeting of the Pacific Union Conference will be held in Healdsburg, Cal., March 18 to 27, 1904.

H. H. Hall and W. R. Beatty, of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, who have been spending a number of weeks at the branch office in Kansas City, Mo., have returned to Oakland.

Elder F. M. Burg, president of the Western Oregon Conference, was a caller at this office last week, having been called to California by the death of his father-in-law, Brother A. A. Couey, of Fresno.

If you are needing a number of Bibles for your children, you will find a good supply at the office of your State Tract Society. A descriptive list will be furnished on application.

Elder W. M. and Mrs. Healey, while on their way to Los Angeles, called at this office December 15. They had come north with the body of Mrs. Healey's mother, Mrs. John Morrison, for interment at at Healdsburg.

Elder and Mrs. W. S. Sadler, who have been connected with the work in the city of San Francisco for more than two years, departed for Battle Creek, Mich., Monday, December 14, where they will continue their medical studies.

Word from Elder Henry Schultz who is living at Lockford, Cal., informs us that he has been confined to his bed for eight weeks from injuries received from being run over

by a runaway team. He hopes to be up soon.

Much has been written about the special issue of the "Signs," and many are gaining a new experience in working with it. How is it with you, dear reader? There may be a few people who will thank you for calling their attention to the important matter contained in this special number, hence seek them out.

There is one class among the many who are interested in the theme discussed in this issue, and it is the Socialists. As a rule they are willing and glad to read anything on this subject.

Of Course He Did

As one of our canvassers was talking with a lady in Kansas City the other day, she said to him: "I do not belong to any church. My husband does not belong to any church, but last week we commenced reading the Bible. I like that book [he was handling "Desire of Ages"] and believe the Lord sent you here with it."

Of course the Lord sent him, and we have hopes these people will accept the truth as the result.

But suppose, dear reader, the canvasser had failed to go, what then would have been the result? Are you quite sure the Lord has not some person or persons to whom he would like to send you on a similar errand? If so, do not delay any longer, but immediately go.

H. H. Hall.

NOTICE

The office of publication of the "Bible Training School" has been removed from 896 Eighth Ave., New York City, to South Lancaster, Mass.

The management of the paper will not be changed in any way. It will still be devoted to the interests of house to house work. The managers of the "Training School" hope to greatly increase the usefulness of the paper during the coming year. The paper will

be filled with the third angel's message in its simplicity.

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Notice

At a recent meeting of the California Conference the following persons were selected to act with the executive committee to audit the accounts of the conference:—

C. H. Jones, E. G. Fulton, Nis Hanson, W. E. Chinnock, L. M. Bowen, G. W. Mills, H. C. Matthews, P. J. Peterson, J. C. Fink, and E. F. Horning.

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The apostles, who were fishermen, were despised because they had no learning; Paul, who was a university man and bred a Pharisee, was despised as having too much learning, more than did him good. Thus the enemies of Christ's ministers will always have something or other to upbraid them with.—Matthew Henry.