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## THE CHURCH

### Influence

"The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean  
Will leave a track behind forever more;  
The lightest wave of influence set in motion  
Extends and widens to the eternal shore."

### Homeward Bound

As I hear of the terrible calamities that from week to week are taking place, I ask myself, What do these things mean? The most awful disasters are following one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of seemingly disorganized, unregulated forces, but in them God's purpose may be read. They are one of the means by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.

The coming of Christ is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearing its end. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

But there are many, many in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs

of the times, which says so plainly that the end is near. O, how many who have not sought their souls' salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"

We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent, and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields, to tell the unconcerned and indifferent to seek the Lord while He may be found. The workers will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. They will find those who will accept the truth and will devote their lives to winning souls to Christ.

The Lord is soon to come, and we must be prepared to meet Him in peace. Let us be determined to do all in our power to impart light to those around us. We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. He is soon coming, and we must be ready and waiting for His appearing. O, how glorious it will be to see Him, and be welcomed as

His redeemed ones! Long have we waited; but our hope is not to grow dim. If we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward bound!" We are nearing the time when Christ will come in power and great glory to take His ransomed ones to their eternal home.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." Isa. 62:10-12.

In the great closing work we shall meet with perplexities that we know not how to deal with; but let us not forget that the three great powers of heaven are working, that a divine hand is on the wheel, and that God will bring His promises to pass. He will gather from the world a people who will serve Him in righteousness.

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are

many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

Long have we waited for our Saviour's return. But none the less sure is the promise. Soon we shall be in our promised home. There Jesus will lead us beside the living stream, flowing from the throne of God, and will explain to us the dark providences through which on this earth He brought us in order to perfect our characters. There we shall behold with undimmed vision the beauties of Eden restored. Casting at the feet of the Redeemer the crowns that He has placed on our heads, and touching our golden harps, we shall fill all heaven with praise to Him that sitteth on the throne.

Mrs. E. G. White.

## THE FIELD

### The Work in Georgia

Our tent being required at the state camp-meeting, August 5-15, at Lawrenceville, about fifty miles from here, made it necessary for Elder H. F. Courter and the writer to discontinue the meetings at Bowman July 31. We held a two-weeks' service, during which time our tent was full almost every night, and sometimes overflowing. Eight signed the covenant, and others were interested.

After the camp-meeting we returned to Bowman and pitched our tent on the same lot that we had before. During our absence the Methodist Episcopal pastor did missionary work in warning his people and, on our return, started revival meetings. At first our attendance was small, but the interest has been growing and now we have a good attendance.

Mrs. Shaeffer is doing Bible work in Atlanta, with a good class of people, and has some success. I have just received a letter from her in which she says:—

"Missionary work has been started here with a ring about it

that I have not heard before in this church.

I can not tell you how it all came about, but God is certainly working for us. I have a number of very favorable cases among people that have their own business and own their own homes."

F. R. Shaeffer.

Bowman, Ga., Sept. 1, 1904.

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### The Medical Work in Our Conference

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, held at the Spokane Sanitarium, on September 8, and to which a number of the brethren were invited for counsel, it was unanimously decided that we close down the sanitarium work until we find a location and provide facilities in the country, and that we reorganize our work in harmony with the light given us by the Lord in recent testimonies.

We now have a well-located city office, and treatment rooms in connection, which will be continued, in charge of Dr. Yarnell and such help as may be needed.

The reason for discontinuing the sanitarium work is mainly for lack of suitable buildings in which to carry on the work. The rented building at present occupied by us, and in which the work was carried on in its beginning, is not at all suited for caring for sick people, and this fact is so well known to our former patrons, and throughout the adjacent territory, that we can not hope for a sufficient patronage to make the work self-supporting, nor can we care for such patronage as we may get in a manner to uphold the standard that ought to characterize our work.

The question was very carefully considered in all its bearings before action was taken, and, in view of existing conditions, every one felt free that it was the proper thing to do. In the evening a meeting was held by the brethren assembled, and the helpers, so that the latter should know the situation, share in the responsibilities, and prepare to meet the changed conditions confronting

us. Remarks of appreciation, sympathy and encouragement were made by Elder A. J. Breed, Brother C. M. Christiansen and a number of the Spokane brethren, and, upon request, of expressions from the helpers and members of classes in training. Every one responded with remarks that revealed an appreciation of the situation, a desire to know the Lord's will, and the lesson He has for us in the experiences we are now having, and a more complete consecration to the Lord, and obedience to His will and way. And, with but very few exceptions, a determination to stand by the Spokane Sanitarium to finish their training there as soon as the institution is ready to carry forward the work. The Spirit of the Lord, being present, brought liberty and peace into the meeting, and encouragement to every one present, so that we all felt it was good to be there. We expect to close about October 1, after which we shall seek for a location with more hope of finding it. We desire to open up sanitarium work again next summer.

All these things, and others as they shall develop, are of great importance, especially to our people of the Upper Columbia Conference, and, as the "Pacific Union Recorder" is now the authorized medium of information for our conference, it will be well if every church-member at once subscribes for this paper. In this way each may keep in touch with the work here, as we will report progress through its columns from time to time. The necessity of keeping informed is so much greater, as every church-member is under our organization, a constituent member of the Upper Columbia Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and will be called upon, when the next conference is held, to take an active part in planning for the future work here. In order to do that, each one must be intelligently informed on all questions pertaining to the work, and to be so informed it is necessary to read the reports which will appear in the "Recorder."

S. A. Anderson.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 14, 1904.

**WESTERN OREGON**

**Conference Receipts**

For the month ending August 31, 1904.

**TITHE**

Albina, \$56.23; Ashland, \$5.00; Brownsville, \$2.23; Chitwood, \$1.44; Dilley, \$69.78; Grant's Pass, \$15.30; Gravelford, \$62.30; Mount Tabor, \$37.35; Newberg, \$25.70; Portland, \$147.45; The Dalles, \$13; Woodburn, \$0.15; Miscellaneous, \$44.99; Total, \$480.92.

**TRUST FUNDS**

Southern Field, \$1.50; Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund, \$27; Sabbath-school Donations, \$0.99; Weekly Offerings, \$9.55; Mission Board, \$18.72; Tent and Camp-meeting Fund, \$2.00; Second Tithe, \$69.86; Western Oregon Conference Intermediate School, \$190.46.

W. C. Raley,  
Treasurer.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**The Young People's Convention**

The young people's work in Southern California began in the year 1886, in one band in the Los Angeles Church known as the "Rivulet Society." For several years we gave away papers and tracts, wrote missionary letters, sent flowers to the sick, etc. I can not tell why the work was ever dropped, but for many years it existed by spells. About two years before the general "Volunteer" movement, the society made its last start and has made wonderful progress in every way since that time. The Christian Volunteer movement resulted in the organization of nine societies in various parts of Southern California. Our first convention was held one year ago. The results did not meet the expectation of those most interested in the work, but a general organization was effected, with Elder Ballenger serving as superintendent. The true value of the convention has been shown in the year's work of each society.

This work was reported by the

secretaries of the societies. The theme in every report was joy in work and sacrifice. Our total membership of 190 report for the year an average sale of 200 copies per month of the "Life Boat," 300 copies of the "Watchman," three sacks and three barrels of provisions and clothing, beside some cash, sent to the Southern field, fourteen members converted to the faith, a Fijian missionary educated, scores of missionary calls, letters and Bible readings, many tracts and papers given away, and a temperance movement which resulted in all the boys of the Los Angeles News-boys' Home discarding the use of tobacco and liquor.

Elder Santee requested our attention to a letter received from the Huntsville, Ala., school. He suggested that we donate \$16.50 for the furnishing of a room to be dedicated to the Young People's Societies of Southern California. The collection taken amounted to \$70.

A resolution was adopted providing for a field secretary, to be elected by the society. His duties are to correspond with the societies, receiving and sending out encouraging reports, and, upon special calls, to visit any society. Brother Silsbee, president of the Los Angeles society, was chosen as our first field secretary.

William Yarnell.

**UTAH**

**The Work in Utah**

The work in Utah for the month of August is most encouraging. The good camp-meeting seemed to arouse anew the love of our people. The last report I received from Provo stated that there were six more to be baptized at Provo, September 4. The following is from Elder Alway, who is laboring, at present, in Ogden:—

"From Provo I was called to Ogden to conduct the funeral services of Sister Mercy Evans. This sister died with a very bright hope in Jesus. I found the work in Ogden making encouraging progress. Through the faithful efforts of Brother Williams in house-to-house personal work, distributing

literature and holding Bible readings, a very profitable interest has been developed among some of the best colored families of the city. Three have already begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others are interested.

"The young people of the church, led by Brother J. Walker, have restricted the city, are scattering literature, and following up openings for personal work. This is the work in which the church everywhere should be engaged; it will bring a harvest if faithfully pursued.

"The treatment-rooms which were started in this city under very trying circumstances by Brother F. Vance and wife are developing an encouraging patronage, and are demonstrating the fact that self-sacrificing efforts and consecration to the work of God will be blessed of Him. We are holding meetings each evening, with a fair attendance, and hope for further results."

Elder A. G. Christiansen is laboring in Spring City, San Pete County. Meetings were commenced there on August 26. He writes as follows: "The people are very friendly toward us, and several have invited us to come and see them. We have meetings every night except Monday. The tent has been full nearly every night. At first the elders were anxious to discuss with us after meeting. I stopped this by putting up a question box, and the people in general like it much better. First question: Read and explain Isa. 2:1-10 [This text is applied by the Mormons to themselves, established as they are in the tops of the mountains; of course, they take it that the true church is spoken of.] and Mal. 4:1-5. Another question: Harmonize John 5:28, 29, with Job 7:9, and read Eccl. 9:5; read and explain Luke 14:26 with Eph. 6:2. We are of good courage in the Lord and hope the interest here will continue."

Elder C. D. M. Williams has been engaged in working up the church-school resolutions adopted at camp-meeting. Doubtless there are by this time two church schools in the state; one at Provo, and one at Salt Lake City. Elder Williams is

stationed at Provo City, and, together with Sister Williams, has accomplished much good among the young people, as well as the older folks. Sister Williams is the secretary for our conference of the young people's societies.

In relation to our church schools, it is to be hoped that all our brethren and sisters in Utah will rally to their support. Our greatest difficulty has always been the financial part of the problem. Unless our brethren and sisters voluntarily and cheerfully carry out the resolution made at camp-meeting to donate one-half of the second tithe for this purpose, and turn it into the conference treasury, to be distributed, pro rata, among the schools, we will be no nearer the solution of this problem than we have been heretofore. May the Spirit of the Lord move upon all of our people to unite in the systematic support of this necessary work.

We left Richfield the latter part of August and commenced meetings here in Elsinore on August 28. From all reports, a good impression regarding Seventh-day Adventists and their teachings prevails in the former place; some are reading and investigating more closely; some are convinced of the truth of the Third Angel's Message, but seem to be held back by outward considerations. However, we expect to go back to that place after the political and holiday excitement is over. In the meantime we are keeping in touch with the people by means of a bicycle and "The Family Bible Teacher."

Our meetings in this place opened up favorably; the new tent was crowded, with as many more on the outside. We have had the tent filled repeatedly with an attentive audience while we presented the signs of the times. Some said there was not much difference between us and Mormons, but when we came to the stone of the second chapter of Daniel, coupled with the mention of the New Jerusalem, the new earth, and the uniting of the sticks of Judah and Ephraim, some began to wonder if Mormonism was in reality in harmony with the Bible. The Aaronic priesthood being done away, and the priesthood of our Lord

after the similitude of Melchisedec, from a Bible standpoint, are doctrines they are unable to meet, though they seem to strike at the root of the tree of Mormonism in a measure.

I believe the Sabbath appeals to a Latter-day Saint more than anything else, until the authorities further instruct them. It always seems to me to be a struggle here between truth and priestly authority. And priestly authority has such a superstitious hold upon the minds of the people that only the message in the Spirit can set them free. We ask for the earnest prayers of all God's people for divine grace that we may be able to so lift up this last warning message in this state that it may reach the hearts of our fellow men.

Alfred Whitehead.

## CALIFORNIA

### Morro

We closed our public services in Morro in August, and gave Bible readings a few days longer, establishing, as far as we could, those who had accepted God's Word in full. Morro being a small place, the attendance was largely the campers, and very few of those that camped stayed through a full series. But many seeds were sown, and many interested ones went away. Their names were sent to the Armona Church, to be followed up with literature. The superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday-school accepted the truth with her sister, and her husband is almost persuaded; her brother, also, who heard only a few sermons on the Sabbath question.

A young lady who has accepted the truth desires very much to fit herself for some branch of the work. We praise God for the blessings He gave us there. We started in without any support, but God gave to us abundantly through His church on the outside, so that we suffered no necessity.

Brother Walter Bond assisted us in a few of our last meetings, which we appreciated very much. We wish very much that we might have remained longer and followed up

several undecided ones; but, after the campers had gone home, we could not depend on the few left for support, and there is not much opportunity for canvassing there.

We spent last Sabbath in San Luis Obispo. There we found five sisters in the faith and a few children holding a Sabbath-school in a neat little hall down town. They are very zealous and working hard, and had seven or eight interested ones out to meeting. They need encouragement, for they are doing nobly.

Chas. N. Miller,  
Minnie E. Miller.

### Ukiah

From August 15 to September 5 I was associated with Brother and Sister A. L. Lingle in holding a series of tent-meetings in Ukiah. Owing to a few unfortunate circumstances, the attendance was small. Two days after I reached the town, the hop-picking season began in the Ukiah Valley. Nearly all those who were attending our services had already sold their labor to the owners of the hop ranches for the picking season, which lasts about a month. The pickers, with their families, move into the fields and live in tents during the hop harvest. Hence it was not practicable for them to come to the meetings while living in the hop fields.

Again, Ukiah is essentially a town of churches, having, I believe, more churches in proportion to the population than any other town I know of. The reader perhaps knows that it is in just such places that the bitterest prejudice prevails against the present-day Gospel message. When it was known that we were to hold a series of public meetings, a number of the resident ministers hastened to visit all their parishioners for the express purpose of convincing them that it was their duty to stay away from our services. This determined, systematic effort on the part of the preachers was, of course, effective in many cases.

Yet the Lord did bless us with the presence of a number of honest, truth-seeking souls. Some of these attended regularly, and were soon

convinced that we were teaching and preaching a message from God. We presented the truth of the Sabbath last, after which we gave opportunity to those who were convinced that it was their duty to obey God rather than human tradition to express that fact by publicly rising. As a result five adults rose and expressed their determination to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Others were under conviction, but because of the almost overmastering opposition brought to bear upon them by the churches of which they were members, they could not muster courage enough to cross the line at that time. Some of them promised to continue to pray and study, and requested us to pray for them.

Brother and Sister Lingle expect to remain in Ukiah during September and labor with these interested ones. Shall we not all pray earnestly that their labors may not be in vain? Ukiah is an important center, and we should all like to see a strong, healthy, aggressive company of believers built up there.

Just before I came away the church held a short business meeting, at which it was definitely determined to proceed at once to build a neat, commodious meeting-house. The lot has already been secured, and also most of the lumber. A number of the brethren, who are carpenters, will donate their labor for a given time, in the erection of the building. Brother Lingle will also be able to render some help in the work of construction.

I have wondered whether it would not be a good thing for one of our aged ministers to go to Ukiah and serve that growing company as their counselor and pastor.

Geo. W. Rine.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 12, 1904.

### Diamond Springs and El Dorado

About the first of July we went to Placerville, intending to hold meetings in that place, but circumstances there were such that it did not seem well to begin meetings until later. We have held meetings in Diamond Springs, a little mining hamlet, three miles from Placerville, and later in El Dorado, an

other hamlet two miles from Diamond Springs. There are but few people here, and the attendance has been small. Five adults have commenced to keep the Sabbath. Others are interested and attend our meetings regularly. The head of one family remarked this morning (after we had answered some of his questions about the Sabbath), "We may come out all right yet."

We continue meetings once a week in each place, and also once a week at a neighboring gold mine, visiting daily from house to house.

Isaac Morrison,  
W. L. Sims.

### San Francisco Church School

Our school here commenced July 25. We are nearing the close of our second month's work. The pupils are getting into good working order, and the outlook is very encouraging.

While the rooms are not all one might desire, a park of four blocks only one-half block from the church furnishes us an ideal play-ground. After spending an hour in the open air among the trees and flowers, we come back to our school refreshed and ready for service.

Our entire school has organized for missionary work. One of the pupils acts as leader and another as secretary. We hold our meeting every Friday afternoon. It is very interesting to listen to the reports. The work consists in selling papers, loaning tracts and books, helping the needy, visiting the sick, reading for the blind, carrying flowers to those who are shut in, etc.

The people are very willing to do everything to forward the school interests. We have a fine workshop, 10x16 feet, nearly completed. This will give us room to carry forward our industrial work every day.

We have organized a parents' meeting for the first Thursday afternoon in each month. In these meetings our object is to get acquainted with the parents, and give them a chance to express themselves freely in regard to the school work and give us all the help they can in securing the best results with each individual child. To secure

more freedom of expression, we secure two or three to prepare on subjects beforehand. I think these meetings will prove to be very helpful.

A few weeks ago I received a letter from Brother Rogers of the Huntsville Industrial School. After reading it, I felt that our school-rooms were very good compared with theirs. When I read the letter to the Valencia Street Church they responded with an offering sufficiently large to nearly furnish three rooms for the colored pupils. The same day I read the letter to the young people of the Laguna Street Church. They responded with the same liberality, and the following Sabbath brought an offering large enough to furnish another room. It is not so much the amount given as it is the overflowing spirit of willingness and joy with which it comes that makes the work so pleasant.

Mrs. Howe has started a work among the pupils to raise enough money to furnish one room. The children enter into the work with the same zeal and interest. They made \$3.40 in two days. The children will earn the money in various ways. We are glad to see some good accomplished and are enjoying our work very much.

B. L. Howe.

420 Dolores Street, San Francisco, Cal.

### Come To College

Every young man and young woman who is ambitious to make the highest success of life expects, or at least desires, sometime to attend college. This is a laudable ambition so long as the purpose in it is to fulfil the mission that God has marked out and to be of the highest service to his fellow men.

The state not only provides for satisfying this ambition in young people, but also offers inducements that stimulate a desire in them to make something more of themselves than they might have a natural inclination to do. The state recognizes that in order to perpetuate its existence in the highest sense, it must develop all the faculties and possibilities in its citi-

zens. To this end it has organized a complete system of schools designed in every feature to develop the young people into the highest type of citizens.

There is no less need of the same careful planning and execution in a work that has its aim far higher than that of the state; viz., the development of citizens for the world to come, and at the same time qualify these citizens to be instrumental in bringing others into the same state of preparation.

Seventh-day Adventists have committed to them the greatest work ever laid upon mortal man. Not only are they endeavoring to prepare citizens for the world to come, but they are doing their work under the unfavorable conditions. They are the remnant people. They expect to pass through a time of trouble such as never was since the world began. God in His mercy has provided as one of the means for helping them to discharge the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its impending doom, schools where all the influences and the distinctive mold given the work, conduce to the end of preparing men and women to do most successfully this important work.

The Third Angel's Message has many distinct phases, represented by distinct lines of work. Each line of work requires a special preparation. That the college may do comprehensive service in preparing young men and women for these different lines of work, it provides instruction and training in harmony with the particular needs of each phase of the message. There was a time when the ministry did practically all the work of the message, but as the truth has spread to all parts of the world and steadily grown in strength and completeness, other distinctive lines have been developed.

To afford students the help that they need, the college has provided courses of study adapted to the special needs of these different lines of work. Since these separate lines have been developed, there has been, especially of late, a growing tendency on the part of our young people to turn from the ministry to other callings. This is not as it

should be, for we are plainly told that there should be one hundred in the ministry where now there is but one. The college is making an effort to induce young men of piety and intellect to consecrate themselves to the ministry. While the Lord, by His Spirit, will call those to this work whom He wishes to engage in it, we urge upon every young man who reads this article to consider seriously the great need of a larger number of ministers who shall be qualified to do effective service in this closing work. There is no higher or nobler calling than that of the ministry. While it seems to have suffered somewhat of reproach in the past few years, the Lord does not regard it nor speak of it in any such light.

The coming year the college will make an effort to provide instruction of a high order for young men who are preparing for the ministry, and to supply them actual practice in ministering to the needs of the people.

Next to the ministry we must mention the work of teachers. The sphere of usefulness for this class of workers has so rapidly and so greatly enlarged that there is a much stronger demand than we have been able to supply with efficient teachers. The church-school work is steadily increasing. Our experience in this line of work has emphasized the necessity of more thoroughly qualified teachers. To enable us more successfully to meet this need, the college has greatly strengthened its teachers' course. It is planned not only to do strong work in intellectual lines, but also to provide thorough instruction in methods, school management, and pedagogy. Besides this, it has arranged to give those preparing for the work of teaching several months' practise in actual schoolroom work under the direction of an experienced and successful teacher. Are there not those among our young people, especially the young women, who will take up this line of work with the idea of progressing from year to year that the most efficient service may be given?

The cause is also in great need of competent book-keepers, stenog-

raphers, and general business men. Much money has been lost for lack of well-qualified book-keepers. Our schools are urged to train those who seem to have a gift in that direction, with a view to filling positions connected with the work of this message. The college has a strong department in this line, and can promise the best results to the faithful and diligent. There has been, however, a tendency on the part of young people to take up commercial lines rather than to give themselves to more strictly evangelical work, and we urge our young men and women of talent to weigh the matter carefully before giving themselves too fully to clerical work.

Efficient stenographers are needed. There has been much embarrassment on the part of those carrying heavy responsibilities in the message in securing helpers of this kind who are competent and reliable. Really first-class stenographers are in strong demand. This work, however, requires much perseverance, diligence, and capacity for detail work; and we do not urge young people to take up this line of work unless they have good health and a determination to win under any considerations.

The message has need also of consecrated physicians and nurses. There is a boundless field of service in medical missionary work. To aid in the preparation of workers for this line, the college offers a preparatory medical course that will qualify students to enter such medical colleges as maintain the highest standard of admission in the United States. All that is legally and technically required in this preparatory work is now given in our college.

The preparatory nurses' course includes all the work required for admission to the regular nurses' course in any of our sanitariums.

To sum up, we especially urge our young men to prepare for the ministry and our young women for the Bible work and for teaching. These are the lines which have been most neglected, and which we are making a special effort to strengthen. The Bible work ought to be revived. Many are now en-

joying the blessings of present truth through the devoted service of Bible workers in the past. It is one of the most successful means of reaching those in our large cities.

We particularly appeal to those of our young people who have been attending worldly schools, and have reached the place where they must choose their life work.

Come to the college for study and counsel, and, by the Lord's help, we will do you good.

W. E. Howell.

### The Northern California Church-School Institute

The Northern California Church-school Institute was held June 20 to August 1, 1904, in a very pleasant fir grove one and one-half miles southeast of the St. Helena Sanitarium. This retired spot out in the mountains was chosen because it afforded not only resourceful environment for prayer, meditation and study, but provided facilities favorable for the weary teachers, worn with confinement and daily routine of school work, to come aside and rest awhile on a gentle slope overlooking a small mountain valley and surrounded by densely timbered hills. Twenty-three tents were pitched, twenty of which afforded quiet resting-places for instructors, teachers and interested visitors. A twenty by thirty tent provided an assembly for the school, where the recitations, lectures and meetings were held. The instruction and practice in industrial science and mechanical trades was conducted in another tent, seventeen by twenty. The twenty-third tent contained an abundant supply of healthful food, which daily satisfied the ever-increasing wants of the school family. Including directors, instructors, church-school teachers, prospective teachers, and a few interested visitors, the membership of the institute totaled fifty.

The instructors were Professors M. E. Cady, W. E. Howell, C. H. Hinchey and J. W. Beardslee, Doctors T. H. Evans, Mrs. T. H. Evans and W. O. Upson, Misses Peck, Hale, Barber, Mrs. McKibbin and the superintendent. The greater portion of the six weeks was devoted to a careful study of the best

methods of teaching the various branches taught in the church school in harmony with the principles of Christian education, to the end that the children may not only receive that thorough training in the intellectual and physical sciences which will harmoniously develop the intellectual and physical nature, but in the truths of the Holy Scriptures, and the principles of Christian living, so that they may be led to become missionaries and be prepared to do efficient service in various branches of the Lord's work. Methods in school management and missionary efforts, in like manner, received due attention. Realizing that the church school should not only do as thorough work in the common branches as the public school, or even better, but provide moral and industrial instruction, it was carefully planned to obtain the very best methods in attaining this desired result. In harmony with the Lord's instruction "that through the excellency of the work done in our educational institutions the world will be attracted to the last great message of mercy," we endeavored to devise ways and means whereby the church school may be a bright and shining light in dispensing the Third Angel's Message to the world, and prepare the children for the great missionary effort that is before us. Professor M. E. Cady gave instruction in the principles of Christian Education and methods in nature study; Professor Hinchey, methods in mathematics, geography, physiology, bookkeeping, spelling, penmanship and drawing; Prof. W. E. Howell, methods in English and Agriculture; Professor Beardslee, methods in vocal music; Miss Sarah Peck, methods in history, prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, card-board work, chair-caning and basket-making; Mrs. McKibbin, methods in Old Testament history; Prof. B. L. Howe, methods in Bible doctrines; Miss Hale, methods in primary work; Miss Barber, methods in mathematics. Daily lectures on the practical principles of health and the treatment of common diseases were given by Doctors Evans and Upson. Elder M. H. Brown favored the institute with timely in-

struction on the subject of "Spiritual Gifts and Our Relation to Them," besides giving valuable aid in the spiritual upbuilding of teachers. His work was much appreciated by all, as the spiritual life of each was materially intensified. Professor E. S. Ballenger, superintendent of the Southern California church schools, made us a two weeks' visit and gave valuable instruction and lectures on general principles, besides additional instruction in methods in nature study. Professor Giddings, president of Fernando Intermediate School, Brother A. J. Bordeau, missionary secretary of California Conference, Brother S. C. Osborne, general canvassing agent, and Sister Carrie R. King, secretary of Sabbath-school work in California, gave excellent instruction along various lines of missionary effort and methods of carrying on the same in connection with church schools.

We feel that, inasmuch as the children are to be trained to become missionaries, they should be taught in the school how to do the work. This may be done in the town where the school is conducted, which will not only give life to the student, but to the church. Some very excellent work has been done during the past year by some of our schools in this line.

E. D. Sharpe,  
Supt. California Church Schools.  
(Concluded in next issue.)

We must recognize the great end of all this panting and running and toiling—not that you or I should reach the goal, and be rich and honored in men's mouths, but that the torch of truth that was put into our hands when we started should reach the people at the end all alight with truth as when we took it. Let it be our hands, if we can, that bring it here, and then the honor shall be ours; but that must not be our end. Let no petty conceit or unfledged pride keep us from giving it to a fresher and stronger man, with a hearty God-speed to run the next stage of the same great journey.—Phillips Brooks.

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Entered as Second-class Matter June 1, 1904, at  
the Post-office at Oakland, Cal., under the Act of  
Congress of March 3, 1899.

Elder W. B. White is in Col-  
lege View, Neb., attending the  
General Conference Council, which  
convenes September 15-25.

The camp-meeting and confer-  
ence of the British Columbia Con-  
ference is now in session. The sec-  
retary of the Union Conference is  
in attendance.

The Pacific Press Publishing  
Company expect to have the trans-  
fer of their work to Mountain View  
completed by October 1. An  
office will be continued in Oakland  
at 306 San Pablo Avenue, where a  
depository of publications will be  
maintained.

The British Columbia Confer-  
ence and Camp-meeting opened  
Thursday evening, September 15.  
The grounds chosen for the camp  
are quite central, being located at  
the corner of Westminster Avenue  
and Harris Street, in the midst of  
a well-settled district of the city of  
Vancouver. Already eleven family  
tenters have been pitched. Several  
others who are attending have  
taken rooms near by. This may  
seem like a very small meeting to  
many of our readers, but it is large  
for this young conference, which  
has its membership scattered over  
a territory containing 400,000  
square miles. All of the laborers  
in the conference are in attendance,  
and Elders Decker and Dirksen are  
present from abroad.

It has been announced that a spe-  
cial missionary campaign will be-  
gin this coming November, con-  
tinuing one month. We trust that

every member of the "Recorder"  
family is planning to take an active  
part in this work as soon as the  
publications are ready. Full par-  
ticulars will appear in time, so that  
all may be prepared to work. Who  
can estimate the influence for good  
that will be exerted in all parts of  
this continent by this united effort  
to carry the message of salvation  
to neighbors and friends? May  
the army of workers who are to  
enlist in this campaign go forward,  
remembering that it is under the  
banner of Prince Emmanuel that  
they have enlisted.

The "Pacific Union Recorder" is  
the only paper published in this dis-  
trict that tells of the progress of the  
work in the Pacific Union Confer-  
ence. That each field may be fully  
represented, we invite ministers,  
church officers, the teachers in our  
schools, physicians and nurses in  
our sanitariums, and lay members  
who are doing missionary work, to  
report frequently the progress the  
work is making in their part of the  
field. It is encouraging to each  
and all to hear of the advancement  
of the message, and we all wish to  
rejoice together.

Brother Walter Harper writes  
from Scotia, Humboldt County,  
Cal.: "Soon after the first of Au-  
gust, I came to this county.  
My first canvass was at Pepper-  
wood. Though I was granted a  
measure of success, I was not  
satisfied. After a special season  
of drawing nearer to God by  
prayer and fasting, He wrought  
for me remarkably. The last  
cabin I visited late Monday eve-  
ning, orders were given to  
the amount of \$20.25 in about  
thirty minutes. I am using  
mostly 'Patriarchs and Proph-  
ets,' in English and Swedish."

### A Valuable Set of Lessons

President L. A. Hoopes said:  
'The 'Lessons in New Testament  
History,' by M. E. Kern, are most  
practical because of their arrange-  
ment for class and private study.'  
Many others have spoken highly  
of this set of lessons on the life  
of Christ and the Acts of the  
Apostles.

Send for a copy to the Union  
College Press, College View,  
Neb., and see what these lessons  
are like. Price of the set, 90  
cents, post-paid. They are used in  
the Union College School of Cor-  
respondence, as well as in class  
work in our church schools,  
academies, and colleges.

### A Canvasser's Letter

The Lord has wonderfully  
blessed me during the past week.  
This is my first experience in the  
canvassing field. But the Lord  
has done it all, and I praise and  
thank Him for it. In twenty-  
eight hours He gave me over \$50  
worth of orders. I met many  
people who were interested in the  
truths of God's Word. They  
are not only interested, but sur-  
prised as they hear the truths  
briefly explained from the Holy  
Scriptures.

I met one lady seventy-eight  
years old, who saw the falling of  
the stars in 1833. She remembers  
it distinctly. The same lady said  
she remembered her mother tell-  
ing her that she saw the darken-  
ing of the sun in 1780. I found,  
after canvassing her, that she had  
a copy of "Bible Readings," which  
she had bought from a canvasser  
years ago. She asked about  
the seventh-day Sabbath, and the  
Lord helped me to give her a  
Bible reading on the subject of  
the law of God.

It is a grand experience to work  
for our Saviour in this way.  
Pray for me.

Harry S. Carter.

August 23.

### Young Ladies Wanted

Wanted, at once, four young  
ladies to do dining-room work at  
the Vegetarian Cafe, San Fran-  
cisco. Good wages. Write at  
once. E. G. Fulton, 755 Market  
Street.

### Camp-meetings

Camp-meetings for 1904 have  
been arranged for as follows:—

BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Vancouver . . . . . September 15-25  
UPPER COLUMBIA  
North Yakima, Wash. . . . . Oct. 11-16