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

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THE CHURCH

The fairest action of our human life
Is scorning to revenge an injury;
For who forgives without a further
strife,

His adversary's heart to him doth
tie;

And 'tis a firmer conquest, truly said,
To win the heart than overthrow the
head.

—Lady Elizabeth Carew.

Co-operating with God

We may learn a precious lesson from the work of the farmer in cultivating his field. In order to reap a harvest, he must co-operate with God, the great Husbandman. His part is to prepare the ground and plant the seed, at the right time and in the right way. God gives the seed life. He sends the sunshine and the showers, and the seed springs up, "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." If the farmer fails to do his part, the sun may shine, the dew and the showers may fall upon the soil, but there will be no harvest. And though the work of planting had been done, unless God sent the sunshine and the dew and the rain, the seed would never, never spring up and grow.

So, in the cultivation of the Christian graces, we must co-operate with God. His Word tells us to work out our own salvation; and it adds, "For it is God which worketh in you, both to will, and to do of our good pleasure." We have a part to act, and, as we act this part, God will surely co-operate with us.

Those who co-operate with God

will constantly receive a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through co-operation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence.

Much prayer is necessary to co-operation with God. Our faith must grasp the glorious fact that God hears and answers the prayers of every sincere seeker for help. As the believer bows in supplication before God, and in humility and contrition offers his petition from unfeigned lips, keeping his eyes fixed steadily on the Mediator of the new covenant, he loses all thought of self. His mind is filled with the thought of what he must have in order to build up a Christlike character. He prays, "Lord, if I am to be a channel through which Thy love is to flow day by day and hour by hour, I claim by faith the grace and power that Thou hast promised." He fastens his hold firmly on the promise, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."

How this dependence pleases the

Master. How He delights to hear the steady, earnest pleading. How quickly the sincere, fervent prayer is recognized and honored. How intensely interested the heavenly angels are. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation?" With wonderful, ennobling grace the Lord sanctifies the humble petitioner, giving him power to perform the most difficult duties. All that is undertaken is done as unto the Lord, and this elevates and sanctifies the lowliest calling. It invests with new dignity every word, every act, and links the humblest worker, the poorest of God's servants, with the highest of the angels in the heavenly court.

The salvation of human beings is a vast enterprise, that calls into action every attribute of the divine nature. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have pledged themselves to make God's children more than conquerors through Him that loved them. The Lord is gracious and longsuffering, not willing that any should perish. He has provided power to enable us to be overcomers.

How full of comfort and love are the words spoken by Christ to His disciples just before His trial and crucifixion. He was about to leave them, but He would not have them think that they were to be left helpless orphans. "It is expedient for you that I go away," He said; "for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. . . . He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of

Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you."

Ellen G. White.

THE FIELD

How to Discourage the Old Minister

Yes, he may be discouraged in labor with the young minister, and here are a few of the ways the young worker may bring it about:

(1) Be sure that you feel that you are a minister as well as he is. You have a more finished education, you have a license and permit-book, your coat is of the same style. Lots of people say you are doing "fine," so what is the difference between you and him—both are ministers, and ministers are all on the same level. Be sure that this idea prevails at the start.

(2) Of course, the conference, in sending you out with this minister of experience, expected him to take the leading part, bear the greater responsibility, and hoped that you would be humble and modest enough to take the place of a learner, because there are very many things you ought to know, and will have to learn, before you will be successful in your work. Now, right at the start, make clear, by actions, if not words, to the elder minister that you are not with him to be trained, or instructed in any way. You have studied the Bible some yourself, and can present it about as well as he can. Make plain to him that, in your mind, his years of experience amount to but very little, and that you doubt if the conference has given to him any more responsibility in that series of meetings than it has to you.

(3) Insist that you preach every other night. You can preach just as well as he can. Should he conclude to preach a little more frequently than you do, be sure that he is doing it to keep you back and exalt himself. Let him know how you feel in some way, if not by words, then by actions.

(4) Should he make suggestions to you how you can better present your subjects, don't take very kindly to it. You are a minister as well as he is, and know about as much. Should he caution you on the point of conduct, don't take kindly to his advice, nor give heed to it—he is on the "foggy" order, anyway; so his caution and advice don't count for much.

(5) Don't pray much, nor study very hard, for you will get through your sermon some way. Don't have much method, or arrangement in your discourses. What if you do scatter in your remarks? Some of it will hit somewhere. It is not necessary for you to be very methodical. Be careful on the point of having your discourse connected, as it will take study and time, and won't pay.

(6) Trust to your pulpit effort to bring the truth to the people. Visiting takes an effort, and so what is the use? Let the old minister do the visiting, and don't listen to him if he suggests to you that you should do more in this line. If he is going out among the people with papers, tracts, and books, and is trying to teach you how to do the same kind of work, tell him that you were not "cut out" for a canvasser, but for a minister, and you are sure you never could learn to sell anything.

(7) Make the older minister take his turn in caring for the tent or hall. Do your half and no more. Anything further than this that he might require of you is unjust and should be resented some way. You are a minister, the same as he. If he preaches an hour, and the people seem interested, be sure you preach as long as he does, and if the people don't come to hear you, as they do him, feel that they don't appreciate your gifts, or are staying away for other reasons rather than because you had not prepared your subject, and therefore God could not bless you in presenting it.

(8) If the people flatter you, listen eagerly to it, love it, try to draw out more of it from them, but don't pay much attention to the elder with whom you are laboring, if he

exhorts you to humbleness of mind and carefulness of life, and to beware of self-exaltation.

(9) Tell him and others occasionally that, in your judgment, you should soon be ordained. Believe it and advocate it, whether any one else does or not. If the conference does not see it in this light, feel that they are surely wrong and do not appreciate your work.

This spirit in the heart of a young minister will, unless the older minister's heart is as full of patience as was Job's, and as full of meekness as was Moses', discourage him in trying to develop the young man for usefulness in the cause of God, and sooner or later he will be left to himself.

Shun these pitfalls, young brethren, as you go into the field.

W. B. White.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Our Churches

Dear Brethren in Western Washington:—

Since our Sedro-Woolley camp-meeting, I have been constantly laboring among the churches Sabbath and Sunday of each week, excepting twice, when I have been called to Walla Walla College. We were especially blessed at the following places: Elma, Paulsbo, Pearson, Colby, Bellingham, and Enterprise. There is some outside interest at each of these places. I have also visited Green Lake, Anacortes, Tacoma, Kent, and Mount Vernon. I will speak especially of the last-named place. The industrial school is prospering beyond our expectation. We see in this school the fruits of a small school conducted on the family plan. While there is perfect order, the stiff formality is entirely lacking, and the pupils find a home. Although the school is in the woods, entirely away from the city, the buildings and grounds incomplete as yet, not a case of homesickness has appeared.

The school is full, and we were asked if additional buildings would be built to accommodate more who wish to enter. We replied, No. No

more mammoth institutions, but more small schools. We can take a few more by finishing off the third floor, but we do not care to add more buildings. At present, a few days' vacation is being given, and the students are out selling papers and other literature.

Next week I hope to speak of the work for these churches.

E. L. Stewart.

Among the Churches

The churches in my district have had but little ministerial help during the past year, but it was my privilege to visit four of them at the beginning of the missionary campaign. I am now planning to visit all of them in my district for the regular quarterly meeting.

As we present Christ as a personal, present, and complete Saviour, we have been encouraged to see the brethren eager to receive instructions and learn how to take advanced steps in Christian experience.

At one place I spoke on the tithing question from Matt. 23:23. At the close of the meeting nearly every one testified that they saw new light in the tithing system, and would be more faithful in its payment hereafter. Some have said to me, "We always paid tithe on all we sold, whether butter, eggs, or garden stuff; but never thought of paying tithe on what we used at home; but after this we shall keep a strict account of all." I have found some of our people who think they need not pay tithe on the food they raise for stock, but only the tithe on the increase of the stock. A tithe of the land is holy, whether hay, grain, or fruit. Lev. 27:30. The nine-tenths is to feed us, our families, and our stock, and God will add His blessing, that we may have more increase on which to pay tithe.

I will state one case that came to my notice. On looking over the records of one church visited, I saw the name of a sister who teaches school for \$50 a month and pays a tithe of \$5.00 a month, or \$45 for a nine-month term of school. On the same page is Brother _____, who has paid, during the year,

about \$40 tithe. He took me home to stay all night and was very kind. I looked around and saw his cattle, horses, colts, calves, chickens, etc. In his large barn was machinery of all kinds; about fifty tons of hay, worth \$10 or \$12 per ton; several tons of vegetables to be fed to his cattle; oats and wheat in the granary, and such things generally as a good Washington farmer would have on a good Washington ranch. Now can any one tell why this prosperous farmer should pay no more tithe than the poor girl who teaches school? Is it true that a man is exempt from paying tithes on the increase of the land simply because he wishes to feed it to his stock? Brethren, God says that we, as a people, are not paying an honest tithe. May the Lord help us to see our mistakes and correct them.

I wish to add that, so far as I have visited our people, they seem willing to receive instructions on these subjects, and the blessings of God are theirs if they obey His voice.

W. C. F. Ward.

Our Colporteur Boat Work

This work is proving to be very successful, and is quite largely self-supporting. Our brethren who have contributed to the support of this work will be glad to hear concerning it. Reports are made each week regularly by Brethren Dodge and Coffin, giving the missionary work done, book sales, etc., and also their plans for the next week.

Following are some quotations from these reports:—

"October 16—We have put in the week delivering, and the Lord has blessed us with a good degree of success, for which we praise His name."

"I had the best experience of my life."

"During the week we sold \$8.00 worth of books not ordered."

"November 7—Our delivery was very good." "We took in over \$150 cash, and praise God for the privilege of putting the precious message of truth into some homes."

"November 21—We had a very good week, and in three and one-half days' canvassing took twenty-five dollars worth of orders. Bal-

ance of time we did missionary visiting."

"November 27—On Tuesday we called at eight houses (some Indian huts), and took orders for \$20 worth." "On Wednesday we took \$19 worth." "Monday amounted to \$1.20."

"December 11—We sent out our notice cards for the Christmas delivery, and got our books aboard. We expect to start out in the morning."

From these statements we can see, brethren, that God is blessing the boat work. In some cases they have placed books in houses where the inmates have not attended a religious meeting for fifty years.

Let us daily pray for this work.

E. L. Stewart.

Wallace

For five years there has been a little flock of Sabbath-keepers, three in one family, and my son and myself in another. We are isolated from all church privileges, but we meet Sabbath morning and Wednesday evening to worship. And through these years there have been many struggles, but also many blessings, and with each year there has been new strength given us to press on. When this milestone, the blessed week of prayer, came, we laid aside our worldly pursuits, and communed with God and received His blessing. May the Lord be with His people this coming year.

Annis Hall.

December 28.

Centralia

I have just closed quarterly meeting at this place. About fifteen were present. This company is small, and its members scattered from six to seven miles on either side. They have no church building, but have fitted up a room, about 14x20, in a dwelling house, which serves their purpose quite well.

Officers were elected, and the little company is of good courage. Several of its members are soon to move away, thus the company will be materially weakened, but we hope that those who remove will be

faithful where they locate, and be instrumental in raising up a good church around them. The tithe of this company is a little over \$400 for the present year.

The two highest tithe payers in this church the present year are widows. One has herself and daughter to support, and owns a little home of her own. The other lives in a small rented house, and has her little boy to support, working by the day among her neighbors. These sisters have not learned the system of figuring that some of our brethren have, but they have learned the secret of getting the windows of heaven open.

I go from here to PeEll for quarterly meeting.

W. C. F. Ward.

December 25.

WESTERN OREGON

Notes from the Field

Elder F. M. Burg left Portland December 23, to spend some time among the churches of southern Oregon, while on his way to attend a meeting of the Union Conference Executive Committee, at Mountain View, Cal.

Elder T. H. Starbuck is visiting the churches in Washington and Yamhill Counties. He reports good meetings during the week of prayer, and a growing interest in faithful tithe paying and the giving of offerings.

Elder R. D. Benham recently visited the company at Astoria, but on account of his wife's illness was called home.

Brother B. C. Tabor, who has been spending the early part of the winter in California, has now returned to join his wife in labor at The Dalles. During Brother Tabor's stay in California, Mrs. Tabor has been following up the interest there, and some precious souls have begun to keep the Sabbath.

Brethren Ford Dodds and George Scharff, our indefatigable canvassers, are now working The Dalles, having quite thoroughly canvassed the mountain section of Wasco County. They find the

work goes slowly, but, believing some honest souls may be reached by the truth, they keep working away.

In answer to a long and loud call, the Portland Sanitarium Food Company has secured a nice location in a new brick block, and will open a first-class vegetarian cafe on Jan. 10, 1905, at 105 Sixth Street (near Washington), Portland, Ore. The location secured is on one of the best business streets of the city. Everything will be new and made as attractive as practicable.

Brother W. B. Scott and family have recently returned to Oregon, after laboring in England for the past two and a half years. We are glad to greet our former laborer and comrade once more.

Elder J. M. Cole has been laboring in the vicinity of Salem and Eugene.

Elder C. J. Cole is now following up an interest which was developed by his labors last winter at Corvallis and vicinity. He is devoting a portion of his time to building a dwelling house at that place.

Good reports are coming in from the week of prayer. It was a time of seeking the Lord, putting away sin, and receiving blessings. The offering as thus far reported is somewhat better than was expected. We trust this season of refreshing will add new zeal and courage in the great missionary campaign in both home and foreign fields.

G. W. P.

Baker City

In compliance with the request in the last issue of the "Pacific Union Recorder," that as soon as possible the minister, church elder, or leader in their respective churches during the week of prayer report, I write a few lines.

I am free to say, with a heart overflowing with praise and thankfulness to my heavenly Father, that to the Baker City church it was indeed a precious season of great refreshing from the presence of the Lord. It was so because each member who faithfully attended

came with the determination to seek the Lord with all his heart, and to call by faith upon Him while He was near to bless the contrite and humble in heart. Our last meeting was a climax of blessings. Each firmly fixed his heart to do more faithfully in the future than in the past the Master's will, realizing more than ever before that each one has an individual work among his friends and neighbors. This must be faithfully performed in order to receive the "well done" from the Master at that day when He brings His reward with Him to give to every man according as his work shall be.

Wellington Frost.

December 28.

The Dalles

While on our ten weeks' vacation, we had the pleasure of visiting our good Pacific Press for the first time. We were delighted as we looked through the various departments to find them so nicely equipped, and such a happy family, nicely situated in the lovely Santa Clara Valley. And while this valley, and others we visited, in point of beauty and climate, far exceed any description I can give in the space allotted me, yet I advise all our Oregon brethren to remain contented in old "web-foot." We found a small but live working church at Santa Cruz, and we were pleased to meet with a few old Oregon friends at Watsonville, also at San Jose, where we found a large church, with many active workers.

We spoke at each of these places, and were nicely entertained at the Garden City Sanitarium, conducted by Dr. Belknap, formerly of this conference. At his place we found some good Oregon friends.

On our way home, we stopped off at Redding, where we found a tent meeting in progress, and accepted an invitation to speak to the few who had so recently begun the observance of the Sabbath. Our souls were stirred as we saw how eagerly they drank in the message given.

We spent the first Sabbath of the week of prayer at Grants Pass. The brethren seemed to thoroughly appreciate the services of the day, and if the good resolutions made are carried out, by the blessing of the Lord, there will be a coming up all along the line in that church. Sunday we spent with our Roseburg church, but, owing to sickness and the storm, only a few of the older members could get out to the meeting.

Monday evening we attended the Montavilla meeting, conducted by Elder Burg, and feel thankful for the instructions given. The remainder of the week of prayer we spent with our home church, and, while the attendance was small, the donations amounted to \$20.

Christmas I called at a school-house ten miles out, and was invited to speak, and received an offering of \$3.81.

B. C. Tabor.

509 Federal Street.

Blachly

The week of prayer was observed by the Blachly church with manifestly good results. Sins were confessed, and a closer bond of union and Christian love secured. We were isolate in the mountains, twenty-three miles from the railroad, with bad roads, and had no ministerial help; but we had the readings in the "Review," and we read them, and pondered the truths we found therein. A good donation for the cause of missions was made, considering the circumstances of the members, and promptly forwarded to the conference.

We all rejoice in the faith and the comfort we get from its exercise. It is gratifying to read the "Recorder," and learn how the cause of present truth is extending in the field of its circulation. Many of the places mentioned I have visited, and quite a number of the laborers I am personally acquainted with, making that acquaintance at Healdsburg and elsewhere in California.

The "Recorder" is doing a good and useful work, and I am glad I subscribed for it.

G. W. Copley.

Among the Schools

NEWBERG

This school, at the time of my visit, numbered ten pupils. A quiet place in the country was found in a pleasant grove. The spiritual atmosphere in the school is good. The teacher, with some of the pupils, has been selling and giving away the special "Signs." They will have only a short term of school this year.

GASTON

The attendance at this school is somewhat better than we had expected for it the first year. Students and teachers are enjoying the work, and adapting themselves to the meager facilities by each doing his part to make the school a success.

The students are making rapid advancement in their studies, doing good work in industrial lines, improving the farm, cutting wood, and keeping up the home. The most encouraging feature of the school is the excellent Christian influence. All take active part in the Sabbath-school, and prayer, missionary, and young people's meetings.

MONTAVILLA

This school, the first established school in western Oregon, has an enrollment of thirty-five pupils. The patrons never took a deeper interest in the work of education. It is an ideal Christian school. Here, too, a good interest has been taken in missionary work by teacher and pupils.

DALLAS

They are having their first school at this place. They have purchased a piece of ground and built a new and commodious school building. The attendance this year is not very large, not exceeding twelve pupils. Our people there have only words of courage for their school. They say the Lord is signally blessing them since taking this step to better establish the work.

MONITOR

The school at Monitor proving such a success last year, which was their first trial, they decided to put

up a building this year. They have, out in the country among the stumps and trees, one of the best school buildings in the conference. It is an ideal location. The same teacher who taught last year is again serving them. I spent two days at this school. They are "pressing on" toward the high standard established for our schools. The patrons stand with the teacher in all matters pertaining to the building up of the work. The attendance is eighteen.

CHITWOOD

Here they are having a small school of seven or eight pupils. The thing needed in this place is a school building, and steps are being taken in that direction. The teacher is doing a good work both in the school and the church.

As I have been privileged to visit these schools and see the work being done, my heart goes out in prayer that the day may not be far distant when every church may appreciate the value of Christian education, and place their children where they may be taught of God.
G. W. Pettit.

CALIFORNIA

Ceylon Tent Fund

Brother Harry Armstrong, our first missionary to Ceylon's Isle, India, reported remarkable providential openings in the "Review" of October 27 and November 10. He concludes the latter letter with the following forceful words: "I think of many things that would be a blessing to our work. O, if we had a tent! We could secure ground easily, and conduct meetings nearly all the year round. Who is there among the people of God who would not like to help to lift up the banner of this place?"

The young people of the Healdsburg, Cal., church took up this appeal, and decided to raise enough means to purchase a tent for Brother Armstrong. They opened correspondence with W. A. Spicer, secretary of the foreign mission board, who responded as follows: "I need not assure you that such a word as you send brings fresh

courage to our hearts in the mission department. We had despaired hearing anything from this country regarding Brother Armstrong's appeal, and had written him that doubtless he would have to wait a while." I am sure that every one who reads these lines will say, "Ceylon must have its tent," and will feel like helping a little to supply the means. A 50-foot circular tent is desired, and will cost \$185. One hundred and twenty-five dollars have already been raised, so there remains \$60 to be provided before the securing of the tent is assured. Any one who feels impressed to help may send the money to our conference secretary, J. S. Osborne, 306 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

State what the money is for when you send it.

A. S. Kellogg,
Pres. California Conference.

San Francisco

Indications show that the Lord is moving on many people in many directions in San Francisco. Chinese, Japanese, Coreans, besides English, German, and Swedish, all are asking for light in reference to the things now coming on the earth.

Eight persons have been baptized during the month, and about as many more are waiting for baptism. Not for many years, if ever before, have I seen people so ready to decide for God and truth. I think I can begin to see how God may finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. I have visited the church in Oakland on two different Sabbaths; also held Sunday evening services there through the month of December. There has been an excellent interest at all these meetings. The attendance and interest on Sunday evenings was far beyond our most sanguine expectations.

Aside from regular ministerial work, the following lines are in operation in San Francisco: Canvassing for books and papers, by Sisters Press, Cushman, Merrill, Hickox, and Henry; medical missionary work, by Dr. Brighthouse,

Sister Speedie, and Brother Peter; ship missionary, Brother Peter; Japanese school, by Sister Merrill and others; Chinese school and mission just being started, by Drs. Kern and Holt. Others will assist. The young people's societies are the most alive of any others I know, assisting in every good work.

The week of prayer did us all much good. The Spirit of the Lord moved deeply. Donations to missions were larger than ever before. Notwithstanding this, we feel that we have but just begun to do and sacrifice.

We shall endeavor to follow closely the providence of God and quickly enter every door He opens.

E. J. Hibbard.

528 Fell Street,
December 28.

An Experience

Just a few months ago I commenced delivering "Desire of Ages" in parts to a lady in Oakland, and, after two or three visits, I had an opportunity to speak of the Saviour's soon coming to this earth again. She seemed to be delighted to talk with some one who was looking for the second coming of Jesus.

She told me that, while at the prayer-meeting in the church to which she belongs, the minister asked her not to speak of the second coming of Christ any more in any of her testimonies in that church. Because of this she did not feel free to go to that church again; so she immediately ordered printed 10,000 tracts on that subject, and has distributed them in Oakland and San Francisco. About two months ago the way opened for her to visit and do missionary work in the county jail and city prison, so she invited my wife and me to assist them in that work. Every Sunday morning we spend two hours at these places talking with the men and women, pointing them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. At each meeting some ask to be remembered especially in prayer, or give testimony that God has forgiven their sins. That was the experience at each meeting until last Christ-

mas morning, when there was a turning to God and a praise service such as I never before witnessed. Several of the prisoners prayed, others praised God, others called on Him to forgive their sins, and so on, until every one in the prison took some part in the meeting. We receive many blessings for the few hours spent in this kind of work. We have the privilege of distributing "Life Boats" and other literature to the prisoners, but we have none for the prison work. All that we have been able to get are used at the county hospital, where we go on the Sabbath. All are not privileged to do this kind of work, but those who can contribute a few copies of the "Life Boat" for this work will be blessed.

J. L. McGee.

306 San Pablo Ave.,
Oakland, Cal.

The Week of Prayer at the Oakland Church

The week of prayer was an occasion of great blessing and encouragement to the Oakland church. From the very beginning to the close of that precious season the readings were greatly appreciated, and the sweet Spirit of God was manifest among us. The attendance was quite large, notwithstanding the fact that about eighty of its former members had located with the Pacific Press at Mountain View. Some attended who had not been present at any church service for a long time. Others testified whose voices had not been heard in many months. Taking it all together, it was a season long to be remembered. When the last day of the week had come, and the offering was about to be taken, the beautiful Spirit of God seemed to move upon every heart. Three hundred and six dollars and fifty cents was the sum placed in the baskets. Then the entire church bowed before the Lord, asking that His blessing might accompany the offering, that souls might be converted, and His holy name glorified.

B. F. Richards.

Vacaville

The week of prayer was a good season for the Vacaville church. They met every day for the readings, and at the close of every reading all took an earnest part in the prayer and social meeting. The last three evenings we held preaching service, at which there was good outside attendance. After a sermon on the future of the righteous and the wicked, a judge remarked, as he went out, "That is what I believe."

There have been so many removals of our people from Vacaville that the regular attendance at their Sabbath-school is not large. But though fewer in number than formerly, their courage is none the less in the Lord; and they are determined, by His grace, to be faithful in His work until the end.

As I could not get a hall in which to hold meetings in Auburn, I have commenced cottage meetings with some who are interested, and am visiting every house in town with "The Family Bible Teacher." Two of our neighbors have lately commenced to obey the truth.

Isaac Morrison.

Vallejo

The week of prayer resulted in blessings to believers in this place. The meetings were held in a public hall on the Sabbath, but during the week we met in private houses. We had meetings every night but one. The readings contained the spiritual food that was needed at this time. The offerings were larger than last year and quite liberal considering the circumstances of the members. We have just started our church school, with a fair prospect of being a success.

The special "Signs" is still being sold from house to house, and thus the watchword is being sounded that this generation is to hear the Gospel of the kingdom and then the Lord will come and take His people home.

Andrew Brorsen.

700 46th St., Oakland, Cal.

Dec. 27, 1904.

MISSIONARY WORK

THE BOOK WORK

Western Washington

Report for Three Weeks Ending Dec. 16, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value
A. H. Booth.....	70	7	20 75

California

Report for Week Ending Dec. 16, 1904

HELPS

C. B. Secord.....			41 25
B. Julius			31 50
Wm. C. Hopkins.....			65 25

DANIEL AND REVELATION

Seth W. Walker.....			67 00
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HOLIDAY BOOKS

Wm. Harmon.....			55 00
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PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS

W. Harper.....			169 00
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Western Oregon

Report for Week Ending Dec. 16, 1904

HERALDS OF THE MORNING

Geo. J. Scharff.....	28	3	4 50
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Items from the Field

To the dear brethren who are interested in the spread of the Third Angel's Message in Western Oregon, I would say:—

We feel to praise the Lord that He is at the head of this work; that good angels go before the canvassers as they go out to work for souls; that Christ Jesus, going by our side, is the Chief Worker; and that, as a result, we fully expect to see souls saved in the kingdom of God.

While we feel that there is not being done a tithe of what should be, yet we feel that all should take courage, and that a great work should be done this coming year.

There are some faithful workers standing bravely at their posts of duty.

A letter just received from Brother Ford Dodds states that he made a good delivery, and that he is going to work again with renewed courage.

Also Brother Geo. J. Scharff is standing at his post of duty like a

true soldier. He has just finished his delivery, which was good, and is again in line for service at the front of the battle.

Many in this conference are watching with interest the work of Brethren Scharff and Dodds, and will be glad to know that they are standing by the work of pointing souls to the Lamb of God.

Brother J. F. Tolson is also doing faithful work. Although he has many things to hinder him, yet he is of good courage, and expects to press the battle to the gates of the enemy. He has just finished a delivery of \$27.35 worth of books, and has orders for next delivery to the amount of about \$9.00.

These brethren are making advancement as book men, and will doubtless do good work this coming year.

Brother Cochran has just delivered \$11.25 worth of books, besides distributing forty papers and 400 pages of tracts.

Brother C. W. Emmerson reports the sale of four "Christ's Object Lessons" and five "Story of Joseph" during the week of prayer.

Brother C. W. Gibson is quietly working away, and the Lord is blessing him, and making him a blessing to others. He has just delivered \$25 worth of books.

This is but a little of what is being done. There are Brother Scott and others, from whom we haven't reports just now.

We are looking forward to a good institute, to be held in Portland this winter, and hope all will remember that the time has been set for February 1-15.

Shall we not all pray and work earnestly for a great revival of the book work in this conference this coming year?

F. E. Fairchild.

285 Salmon Street,
Portland, Ore.

None, therefore, who fears or grieves, or worries, or who is anxious is free; but whoever is released from griefs and fears and anxieties is by that very thing released from slavery.—Epictetus.

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The Montana Conference will be held February 7-12, at Bozeman, instead of at Helena, as previously announced. Delegates will be entertained free by the Bozeman church.

Elder M. Serna writes from the Arizona field that he has baptized the first Apache Indian convert to the Seventh-day Adventist faith in that territory. The husband of the woman also desires baptism. They have been studying the truth with Elder Serna for some time, and he is rejoiced that the message for this generation has now a witness among this neglected people.

"The Youth's Instructor" for 1905 promises to be more helpful and interesting than ever before. Some of the articles to appear are "The Wonderful Yosemite Valley," "True Protestantism," "Lessons on Indian Basketry," "Lessons in Photography," "Authors and Artists," etc. The subscription price is 75c a year.

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A Medical Conference

Since a number of our physicians and nurses will attend the executive committee meeting of the Pacific Union Conference, to be held January 15-23, at Mountain View, Cal., we hereby call a meeting of the executive board of the Pacific Union Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association to convene at the same time and place for a medical conference and convention. We invite especially our physicians and nurses to be present. Papers will be read and discussed which will be of special interest to our medical work on this coast. We urge all to be ready to take an active part in the deliberations of this conference.

W. R. Simmons,
President P. U. M. M. and B. A.

Annual Meeting

The Montana Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will hold its next annual meeting at Bozeman, Mont., Feb. 7-12, 1905, in connection with the next session of the Montana Conference, to be held at the same time and place. All the members of the association are requested to be present, as the election of officers and other legal business will be attended to at this time.

J. A. Holbrook,
President.

Wanted

Two good coat and vest makers. Must be Seventh-day Adventists. Address, G. F. Rusch, 204 Fourth Street, Portland, Ore.

Wanted

Six mature, strong young ladies to wait table in the Los Angeles Vegetarian Restaurant. Good references wanted. Address, Vegetarian Restaurant, 317 W. Third Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

For Sale or Rent

The good-will and equipment of sanitarium treatment rooms, well located in one of California's best towns. For particulars, address the editor.

Books Being Sold by Home Workers in California

The following is a partial list of those who have been selling our small books around home during this missionary campaign. In many instances this was the first time the individuals took part in such work. We think the success is such as will lead others to do likewise:—

NAME	AMOUNT
Eva M. Gardner	\$ 5 25
C. B. Plummer	40 00
S. C. Coltrin	37 50
Mrs. A. R. Hawkins	31 00
Lela G. Wilson	21 80
Robert Morton	14 00
Chas. N. Miller	26 75
Mrs. M. Rudolph	6 50
Mrs. R. Doidge	9 25
Mrs. H. H. Hall	19 25
Mrs. W. H. Covell	6 00
Mrs. H. B. Blackburn	4 50
Earl Horsman	50 00
Mrs. V. Hardy	6 00
J. E. Bond	13 25
Annie Willie	12 50
E. J. Harvey	21 75
Mrs. F. Livingstone	15 00
Mrs. C. E. Holmes	12 50
Mrs. J. A. Moon	5 00
	\$357 80

Notice

There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Jan. 15-23, 1905, at Mountain View, Cal., in the chapel of the Pacific Press Publishing Company. A full attendance of the members is desired.

By order of the president,
J. J. Ireland, secretary.
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 15, 1904.

Wanted

Employment for a boy fourteen years old, on a farm in the state of Washington, among Seventh-day Adventists, where he can attend Sabbath-school and church services. Any one desiring such help will please correspond with Mrs. D. S. Brooks, Anacortes, Wash., R. F. D. No. 1.