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### Present Truth on the Pacific Coast II

During the summer of 1877, J. L. Wood held meetings at Lemoore, Kings County, Cal., and as a result a number of persons accepted the message. Among these were Brethren Marvey and Reuben Gray, Peter Scazighini, Brother Maschmyer, and many others. These, with those in Fresno County, desired that a camp-meeting be held at that place to ripen off the work. So, after the close of the camp-meeting at Yountville, tents were shipped to Lemoore. With the believers from Fresno County, and those newly accepting the message in Kings County, we had a good-sized camp. So great was the interest in the meetings that the campers requested the meetings to continue two days longer than first appointed. We told them that we would comply with their request providing they would all remain to the close of the meeting. This they did, and even then regretted that the meetings were not to continue longer.

In the North Pacific field, as we then called it, Elders I. D. Van Horn and A. T. Jones spent the summer in a tent effort in East Portland, which resulted in several additions in that place. Following our California camp-meetings, the writer, by request of the General Conference and Elder Van Horn, spent a few weeks in that northern field, to assist in organizing the work there. At that time there was no railroad from California to Oregon. Having made the two days' trip by water to Portland, we had a two days' meeting, October 20 and 21, in a hall in West Portland, for the accommodation of the believers in that section of the country. Then, in company with Elder Van Horn, I made the trip from Portland to Walla Walla, Wash. That trip was quite a contrast with the present eight hours' trip by railroad between these two points. We

left Portland at five A.M., Monday. Our boat sailed to the Cascades. There all the freight on the boat was carried off on men's shoulders and put onto a train that went three miles on the north side of the river around the Cascades, to the old block fort of General Grant's times. There all had to be carried onto another boat. This transfer took until four o'clock P.M. Meanwhile all the passengers had to wait. Then there was another steamer trip to The Dalles, on the opposite side of the river. This took until eleven P.M. Then we were placed on another train which took us around The Dalles to Celilo, where we boarded another steamer, and went to our state-rooms for our night's rest. At this place our boat waited until four A.M., Tuesday, until all the freight had been transferred from the other steamer. Tuesday, until five P.M., was consumed in making the passage up the river to Walula. There we secured lodging for the night, and on Wednesday, at nine A.M., we got passage to Walla Walla on Dr. Baker's railroad, as it was then called. It was the only railroad in that northern country. It enabled us to get to Walla Walla at noon, thus completing the trip from Portland in fifty-five hours. The Doctor's railroad was regarded as a great "boon" to that country, as it enabled the farmers to get twenty-five cents per bushel for their wheat in Walla Walla, saving them two days of teaming to the river with each load.

On Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27, the North Pacific Conference and tract and missionary society, comprising the state of Oregon and Washington territory, was organized by the writer. After about two years of labor by Elders Van Horn and A. T. Jones, and others, there were two hundred Sabbath-keepers, with a tithe pledged to the support of the work amounting to \$800 per year. The Sabbath and first day following the organization, we had some glorious meetings in Walla Walla. The brethren were

moved to aid the work in the office of the *Signs of the Times* in Oakland, pledging several hundred dollars for this purpose.

Following this meeting, Elder Van Horn and the writer spent the month of November visiting Milton and Pendleton in the Upper Columbia country, and Beaverton, Oregon City, Salem, and other places in western Oregon. In all places visited the figures were increased in tithes, and (as was customary in those times) one-third as much more was pledged to aid in carrying forward the home missionary work. Much encouraged by the prospects of success in that northern field, the writer returned home to take hold of the work, and to more vigorously spread the message in California.

J. N. Loughborough.

### A Helping Hand

The saying that has become proverbial because of its long use, that "A friend in need is a friend indeed," is truer than proverbial.

He is said to be a good soldier who stands by his gun in the heat of the battle.

His labor is most appreciated who lifts when the work is most difficult and the load the heaviest.

The soldier of Jesus Christ who knowingly, fearlessly, and openly stands for the right at the beginning, during the crucial period, and at the close of the crisis, is the truest to his high calling and to his God.

There is now a call to the *friends* of the third angel's message; to *true soldiers*, and for munitions of war; to men and women who will *lift* where the work for the hour needs them most; who knowing their anchorage is "to that within the veil," will unswervingly stand by this last saving message of truth and its needs, and thus by the Lord.

All our people are doubtless aware that at the recent joint meeting held

at Washington, D. C., of representatives of the General Conference Committee, union conferences and local conferences, it was decided to call for the sum of \$150,000, that various interests of the Lord's work which are in great need of financial aid might be helped at this time. This sum is to be apportioned as follows: The South, \$50,000; Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium, \$50,000; Review and Herald, \$10,000; British school, \$10,000; Academy in Nova Scotia, \$2,000; Sanitarium in Denmark, \$2,000; West Indies, \$4,000; Chile, \$2,000; and the Pacific Press, \$20,000.

Means are needed in all these places very much. I am sure that all the people of the Lord will require at such a time as this is to know the facts relative to the need of the money, and that it will be judiciously expended by those who are to receive and disburse it.

The greatest interest of a true child of God in this world is the *real* interests and demands of His cause upon him. To such an one, giving is not a hardship, but a pleasure. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to *give* than to receive." This was spoken of you, was it not? It may not always be more *pleasing*, but it is more "blessed."

You know of the Washington work; the Southern work, and what has been said of it; and the recent fire that destroyed the Pacific Press plant. One man in California just recently gave \$500 to this fund. Doubtless many will esteem it a privilege to give \$500 each; some even larger amounts. Every one should help what he can.

There is no assessment to conferences, churches, or to individuals; and this is the greater reason why each person should be free to do his part. If the \$150,000 were apportioned pro rata among the various conferences, the Pacific Union would be requested to raise approximately, \$15,000. Now, you will agree with me, that we should not come below this amount. Let us show not only a willingness to do our part in every general call for help, but even more than our share, remember that "God loveth a *cheerful* giver."

Let all the people of California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona *arise* as minute men, lift the load, and get at other work.

All donations should be forwarded to your conference treasury. The conference treasurer should forward to the

Union treasury; the Union treasurer forward to Washington.

If you have choice as to where your offering should apply, so state when you remit; otherwise it will be divided pro rata among the various interests in the \$150,000 call.

H. W. Cottrell.

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## The Field CALIFORNIA Santa Barbara

Through the help of the Lord we are endeavoring to finish the work of message-giving and soul-saving in this field.

The membership living here is about fifteen. At the beginning of 1906 the church was taking fifteen copies of the *Signs* each week. The club has now been increased to forty copies; the most of which are used in this local field. In addition to the regular weekly club, 500 copies of the specials have been used. We are using about twenty sets of "The Family Bible Teacher," published at Nashville, Tenn., by giving or mailing one reading each week to some one person until the twenty-eight readings are used. A personal letter is enclosed with the first reading, stating why it is sent, mentioning such points as the near approach of Christ's coming, and the necessity of being ready when He does come, and also stating that this is one of a series of Bible readings which will be forwarded from week to week, and making a request that each one be read thoughtfully. When the last reading is mailed, another letter is written, telling the person that, if interested, to let us know, and other literature will be forwarded to them, also urging them to believe in Christ's soon coming. In this way missionary work of an effective character may be carried on by those tied at home, and also by those whose work prevents them from laboring with periodicals during the day. Five cents per week for postage will keep five people warned every week for twenty-eight weeks of your interest in their salvation.

We have distributed about 1,500 tracts, besides paying for twenty-five yearly subscriptions to *Liberty*; one copy of which finds its way to each minister, principal hotel, newspaper, city and county attorney, and city and county superintendent of schools.

How does such a small company do all

this? Our *Signs* club runs for three months at a time. When it is time for a renewal, the members are asked to give five, ten, or fifteen cents per week for three months into the library fund. This amount enables us to pay for all we use in the publication line, and when the year is finished, sums up to many dollars.

The harvest is on, and during the week of prayer we began to gather in the sheaves. The Holy Spirit was present and manifested His power in converting one soul and awakening in each of us here an increased desire to hasten the Lord's coming. Every one is weeding his or her own garden, and in so doing there is unity and harmony in all our work. To our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus, be all the praise. Glory to His name. Dr. M. E. Eastman.

January 3.

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## Pacific Union College

The normal institute is growing, and a good class of young people are being qualified for church-school teachers.

The students' missionary society is doing excellent work in the circulation of our literature, and plans are on foot to greatly increase its efficiency.

Additions to the school are constantly being made. The ladies' department of the dormitory is being severely taxed to accommodate those who come.

Financially, the college is in good condition, and coming out a little ahead of its running expenses. For this we are thankful, and hope that the debt-making policy has forever ceased.

The ministerial department of the college is gradually growing, and we hope that soon this will be one of the strong departments, for the work needs well-trained young men for the ministry.

The enrolment of the Pacific Union College has reached over 115. This includes those in grades nine to sixteen. 75 have been enrolled in the training school. The total enrolment in the home has reached 74.

Already the students are planning to organize for the canvassing class. Between thirty-five and forty have signified their intention of taking up this work. We expect that additions will be made that will materially increase this number.

The first semester of the college will close January 22, the second beginning the 23rd. At this time new classes will be formed; and if there are any who are planning to attend the school during the latter part of the term, it will be well for them to enter at this time.

The music department of the college is much larger than it has been for a number of years. There are about forty taking instrumental music. Quite a number are taking voice culture, and many others are doing active work in the choral society. We are glad to see this phase of the work made strong.

The results of the week of prayer are very apparent, and an excellent spirit is manifested in the school and church. It has been remarked by a number of our brethren that they never saw the Healdsburg church in a better condition spiritually. Some twenty-three have been baptized, and about a dozen more are expecting to go forward in that ordinance in the near future.

E. D. Sharpe.

**Annual Meeting of the California Conference Association**

The eleventh annual meeting of the California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the thirty-sixth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at San Jose, Cal., Jan. 25 to 29, 1907, for the purpose of electing a board of seven directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

W. T. Knox, *President*,  
T. A. Kilgore, *Secretary*.

**Annual Meeting of the California Conference**

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at San Jose, Cal., January 25 at 2:30 P. M., at their church near the corner of Colfax and Delmas Avenues, continuing until Jan. 29, 1907.

Each church should at once elect their delegates at the ratio of one delegate for the church and an additional one for every twenty members.

A full delegation at this session is earnestly desired.

W. T. Knox, *President*,  
E. A. Chapman, *Secretary*.

**Church-School Items**

Reports show a steady increase.

Teachers are beginning to plan for their school gardens.

Miss Daisy Næsten of Ukiah has a well-ordered school.

The Healdsburg school raised \$24.55 for the \$150,000 fund.

The school at Mountain View has an overflow in attendance. The children enjoy their missionary exercises.

We were much pleased to look upon a copy of "True Education Reader Series." Book Number Two is now ready. These readers have our confidence and commendation because they are truth-telling and serviceable.

You sometimes have to drill an entrance for the truth. Steady, faithful drilling, with an occasional drop of the oil of kindness and love will surely succeed.

I. C. Coleord.

January 9.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**News Items**

Dr. E. H. Thompson, of Burbank, Cal., recently gave \$25 to use in the support of the Chinese school conducted by Sister Thompson at Canton, China, and a like amount for a mission school under Brother Anderson's supervision in Canton. Brother Thompson is the active leader of our company of believers at Burbank.

We are pleased to call the attention of those interested in the progress of the message by the circulation of our literature, to the following report of sales of subscription books for each year in the history of the Southern California Conference:

1901 .....	\$ 824.20
1902 .....	1,580.35
1903 .....	3,254.38
1904 .....	1,465.95
1905 .....	1,078.70
1906 .....	6,611.65

In addition to the subscription books sold, \$715.70 was received from the sale of trade books, and \$335.55 from the sale of tracts, making a grand total of \$7,662.90. This does not include Bible sales or other miscellaneous sales from the tract society office.

Sister Stevens reports two new Sabbath-keepers at San Bernardino, and

Brother Rawson writes that two persons who have lately come to a knowledge of the truth have been added to the church at Long Beach.

Elder W. C. White is making a visit to our conference, especially in the interests of our medical institutions. Brother John Wessels, recently from South Africa, came with Brother White on his tour through Southern California.

The writer returned on the evening of the 7th inst. from a two weeks' journey made for the purpose of establishing missionary work in the republic of Mexico. A number of cities were visited in the state of Sonora which borders on the Gulf of California. Never did any field appeal more strongly to our people for missionary work than does Mexico. When we stop to consider, how strange it is that while we have a constituency of more than 6,000 in the two California conferences, yet we have never sent a single worker to the Pacific Coast of Mexico or Central America. This statement seems hardly consistent with full belief that we are living in the last generation, and that this denomination has the last message of mercy to give to "every nation, kindred, and tongue, and people."

What will it require to cause our people to scatter from the centers and engage in missionary work? It seemed to require persecution in the early church to cause them to scatter out through the world and preach the gospel. Will it require bitter persecution to cause the remnant church to scatter abroad and fulfill their heaven-appointed mission?

We have a large number of individuals who could do acceptable work as missionary teachers among the people of Mexico, and no doubt there are a large number longing to engage in this line of work. Perhaps the great majority have been waiting for some conference to set them to work. If any who should read this notice would like to consider entering Mexico as missionary workers on a self-supporting basis, the writer will be glad to hear from them, and receive from such, recommendations from their local church elders, also a statement of resources available to be used in securing a home where missionary teaching could be carried on.

G. W. Reaser.

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## Editorial Committee

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1907.

The California Conference Committee held a meeting at the conference office building at Mountain View, last Sunday, the 13th, to lay plans for the coming conference at San Jose.

Brethren C. E. Olcott, treasurer of the California Tract Society, W. H. Covell, and J. J. Ireland, made a trip to Healdsburg the latter part of last week in the interests of the Tract Society work. They returned Monday morning.

Brother H. H. Hall left Mountain View last Thursday evening for College Place, Wash., to attend the state agents' canvassing convention to be held there the latter part of this month. Brother Robert Leo, a stenographer from the Pacific Press, preceded him a week to Portland, where he assisted Brother W. V. Sample in the office until time for the convention.

Elder J. O. Corliss was in Mountain View the first of the week attending the conference committee meeting. He returned to Sacramento Monday morning to watch developments in the Sunday-closing movement in the Legislature. Elder Corliss reports a number of interesting talks with Assemblymen, many of whom seem to be opposed to any steps tending toward Sunday legislation in the state.

A copy of *Good Tidings of the Messiah* has just come to our desk. This is a neat, eight-page monthly, published at 105-107 Staniford St., Boston, Mass., in the interest of gospel work among the Jews. Elder F. C. Gilbert is the editor. We believe that this paper has a distinct mission in the world, and

should be widely circulated among that nationality in this country. Have you neighbors or acquaintances who are Jews? Why not interest them in reading this paper that is published especially for them. The subscription price is twenty-five cents a year. Order as above.

Word has reached us of the burning, on New Year's Day, of the boiler-room and main building of the Bethel Academy, at Bethel, Wis. The fire started at about 3:30 in the morning in the boiler-room, just how, it is not known. Although the fire burned very slowly, nothing could be done to stop it, as the water supply was cut off, the pumping plant being in the boiler-room. No one was hurt, and nearly everything of value in the way of school supplies, clothing, furniture, etc., was carried from the buildings before they were consumed. The boys' dormitory remains, and the girls have been provided for in the homes of the people who reside near the Academy. School work will be continued.

Mrs. Andrew Speedie, formerly a Bible worker and nurse in San Francisco, writes from Conceully, Wash., where she is now living: "We have no church here, and only a few members who are able to meet regularly for Sabbath-school, which was organized last April. We were not able to meet during the week of prayer except on the Sabbath; but the most of us had the readings. As a result we have been blessed, and made to feel our need of doing more for the message here. We decided to have a club of *Signs*. At first we thought of taking five copies, but now have thirteen, and I am hoping to get two more before mailing the order. I am doing what medical missionary work I am able to do, and am making an effort to get a physician located here."

## Notice

Wanted, help.—Six young or middle-aged women for pantry work, chamber maids, laundry work, etc. One boy from sixteen to twenty, to learn steam laundry business. Two boys from fifteen to eighteen for call service. Only good, reliable persons who can furnish recommendations need apply. For full information address L. M. Bowen, Sanitarium (Napa County), California.

## Young People's Day

To the conference officers, department secretaries, managers of institutions, ministers, workers, church officers, officers of young people's societies, and to every Seventh-day Adventist, in behalf of the young people of the California Conference, the following notice is addressed:

With the approval, and under the direction of the General Conference Committee, the Sabbath-school and Young People's Department have set apart January 26, 1907, for Young People's Day, to be observed in all the churches in America. On account of the annual session of the California Conference convening on that date, it has been decided to postpone Young People's Day for this conference until February 9, 1907. You will remember that at the last session of the educational convention held in College View, Neb., June 29, 1906, a missionary movement was inaugurated in behalf of the young people of this denomination to the end that all the youth might be enlisted in the great army of workers that are to give the last message of mercy to the world in this generation. The appointment of Young People's Day is one link in the chain of effort that is being put forth to place the youth on vantage ground by filling them with the spirit of this great movement.

A program has been prepared by the General Conference, together with plans and suggestions, which we are sending to all of our workers and church officers. It is our aim to get every church, every member, and especially every young person enthused with this move in order that all shall be led to qualify for efficient work in the Master's service. We hope that everybody will labor most earnestly and zealously to make Young People's Day an occasion long to be remembered, and one that will add its mite to recruiting the army of youth among us, who can do much if properly trained and organized. To this end let us all labor and pray.

E. D. Sharpe,  
Superintendent Young People's Work.  
Mrs. Carrie R. King,  
Secretary.

If it be true that "the voice of the people is the voice of God," there is no escape from the conclusion that the Lord frequently changes His mind.