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After my return from the Salem, Ore., camp-meeting in July, 1878, I was busily engaged for two days in Oakland, Cal., shipping the tent, fixtures, books, etc., to Reno, Nev., where I had agreed with the brethren in that state to hold a tent-meeting if they, on their part, would purchase a tent, and meet with their tithes the expense of the meeting.

On the morning of July 17, much wearied in my labors, I took the train in Oakland for Reno. After showing my ticket to the conductor, I lay down in my seat for a much-needed rest, but with earnest prayer to God for the work in Reno, and also for light in reference to the call for me to go to England. As yet, the matter was unsettled in my mind. I was soon in a quiet sleep that lasted for about one hour, but was awakened with a sensation as though some one had shaken me by the arm. Being thus aroused, my first thought was that the conductor wanted to see my ticket again. There was no one near me, but the thought passed through my mind as vividly as though spoken by an audible voice, "Put up your household goods for sale, and make your arrangements to go to the General Conference, and to England, if so decided by the General Conference." Although this was all contrary to the way I had been reasoning, my mind was at rest, and I decided to leave the matter for the Lord's providence to indicate our course.

I at once wrote, on the train, to Elder White, in Battle Creek, Mich., respecting his exercise of mind. Then I wrote another letter to my companion in Oakland, telling her to leave this matter to be settled by Providence in the sale of our household goods. I told her on the receipt of my letter to let it be known that our things were for sale, and we would see what would transpire. If the way opened to sell, I should take it as

evidence that it was our duty to go to the General Conference.

I went on to Reno, secured free use of a central place for a tent, lumber for seats, Brother S. K. Shannon for tent-master, and with two day's assistance of Brother Ferguson from St. Clair, we erected our tent all ready for the meetings which opened Sunday evening, July 21, and continued until August 18. During this time thirty-two discourses were given, one of which, on July 30, was given by Sister White, who, in company with two other sisters, was going East, and stopped over one day at Reno. Her earnest discourse on the new birth, from 1 John 3:1-3, made a lasting impression upon the audience. As the result of the tent effort in Reno, twenty-one persons signed the covenant, and pledged tithes amounting to \$279.56 per year. Perhaps half a dozen of these were keeping the Sabbath before the tent-meeting, but the most were newly accepting the faith.

Having secured storage for the tent and fixtures, and getting them insured against damage by fire, I returned to Oakland to make preparations for the northern and southern camp-meetings in the state, which were soon to follow.

Our readers may desire to know how the sale of our furniture came out. As soon as Mrs. Loughborough received my letter stating that I wished to sell off our things, she at once announced the fact among our people in Oakland. In a day or two thereafter, a brother who was expecting soon to be married came to her and wished to get a bill of all we had for sale. He wanted everything, and said the money would be paid as soon as he received the bill.

I made out a bill of everything, even to the table linen, canned fruit, etc. On articles that had been in use for a time, and the new (nearly all were of the latter kind), I put in the bill at cost price and discounted one-half. I said to Mrs. Loughborough, "If Mr. P— will take everything at those prices, and do his

own taking up of carpets, etc., simply leaving you to move our books and clothing over to Brother Tay's, let him have them. We will consider it a providential sale." He at once decided to buy on these terms. So in ten days from the time I left Oakland for Reno, all our household stuff was sold, the money therefore was on deposit in the office of the *Signs of the Times*, and Mrs. Loughborough was boarding with the family of Brother J. I. Tay. I could but regard it—this transaction coming from so unexpected a source—as a special leading of the Lord's providence, and that the way was surely opening for us to leave California.

When Elder James White learned how our matters were shaping here, he began at once to call, through the *Review*, for means with which to open the English mission. In prospect of further aid, Brother William Ings—English born—went from Basel, Switzerland, to Southampton, England, and spent a few weeks in Bible and tract work which resulted in several persons accepting the third angel's message. All of this tended to turn the attention of our American brethren to the importance of labor in the British field. J. N. Loughborough.

One Hundred Thousand Circulation

Would not every Seventh-day Adventist rejoice if it could be said that our good old pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, had a circulation of 100,000 copies weekly? Well, that is just what we are striving for, and we trust there will be no let up until the deed is accomplished.

And it is not such a great undertaking after all—only an average of about two copies to each church-member.

The Salvation Army *War Cry*, the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and other papers of that class have a circulation of from 500,000 to 1,000,000 copies. With our constituency and the important message we have to give to the world, is it too

much to expect a circulation of 100,000 copies for the *Signs*?

It has already been demonstrated that the *Signs of the Times* is the most effective agency we have for bringing people into the truth, but the publishers have been studying to see how they could make it still more efficient for general missionary work, and the volume upon which we are now entering promises to be better than ever.

Beginning about the 1st of April, there will be a series of twenty-six special numbers, covering all points of present truth. Among the subjects to be considered in this series are the following:

1. The Bible.
2. Prophecy.
3. The Coming of the Lord.
4. Our Sacrifice and Priest.
5. The Signs of the Times.
6. The Law and the Gospel.
7. Man and His Destiny.
8. Spiritual Gifts.
9. Election, Predestination, and Free Will.
10. The Great Threefold Message.
11. The Church.
12. Bible Temperance.
13. The Sabbath, the Test of the Ages.
14. The Great Federation Movement.
15. Religious Liberty.
16. The Outpouring of the Spirit.

These subjects will be supplemented by Bible readings and taken up in such a thorough, systematic, progressive way that they can not fail to interest and convince the honest in heart.

Every church and isolated member ought to take a club for general missionary work, and then an earnest effort should be put forth by them to secure yearly subscriptions. This volume will contain "a feast of good things," and our friends and neighbors should have the privilege of enjoying it.

We presume all our readers will give a hearty assent to all this, but, dear friend, let us be a little more definite, and ask you *personally*, What are you going to do to help bring about this much-to-be-desired result? Are you willing to act your part and pay for two or more papers to be used by your church in general missionary work, or to send to your friends and neighbors?

Are you willing to take a club and then sell the papers on the street or from house to house?

Are you willing to join the ranks like

a good soldier and do your part in this work?

It means hard work and self-sacrifice, but there is a blessed reward at the end.

In one of the special testimonies, it is stated that "Our missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented."

And in another place we read: "It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do."

Now in view of this, we have every reason to take courage and push the work vigorously.

The past year has been an eventful one, and 1907 promises to be even more so. Calamities are multiplying on land and sea; earthquakes continue in divers places; capital and labor are still at war; our large cities are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah; the nations are arming for the last great struggle; and everything goes to show that we are nearing the end. In the Outlook Department of the *Signs*, special attention will be given to current events, showing the fulfillment of prophecy.

Now, *just now*, is our time to work, and we appeal to you to take hold with us to help increase the circulation of our pioneer missionary paper, and in this way assist in giving the last warning message to the world.

We can not all go to foreign lands as missionaries, but we can all have a part in circulating the *Signs*, and thus have a part in giving the last message.

If you are a member of the church, talk with the elder or librarian about this matter. If the church is already taking a club, see if it can not be enlarged.

If you are alone, then write to your tract society or to the publishers direct, asking for descriptive matter and suggestions, how to use the *Signs*, etc.

Little booklets have been prepared telling what the *Signs* will contain during the coming year, what it has accomplished by those who have used it in the past, how to organize and pay for a church club, who are agents, club rates, etc. These little booklets contain full information in regard to the *Signs*, and they can be had for the asking. Address your tract society, or *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

C. H. Jones.

The Field

Experiences

It is truly encouraging to see the increased interest being taken in tract, missionary, and book work wherever one goes. Certainly this northwestern field is no exception.

Western Oregon has just secured Brother E. M. Oberg as their field agent. Western Washington has obtained Brother Davis to act as their leader in the book work. Brother Davis is well known in California, where he has had good experience selling our books.

Both of these brethren attended our bookmen's convention at College Place, which has just closed. This was a meeting of extraordinary interest and helpfulness. E. R. Palmer, Jas. Cochran, C. G. Bellah, and H. A. Hebard, from a distance, and a number of experienced canvassers and field agents from the North Pacific Union Conference were present. Definite plans were laid for advance work throughout our whole field, and we are sure excellent results will follow.

At the close of this convention we reported to the students briefly of our plans, and informed them that an institute would be held at the college, April 2 to 23. Fifty promptly expressed their desire to attend. No doubt this number will be increased to seventy-five before the institute actually begins, for the interest in missionary work is excellent.

I came on to Montana, where arrangements had been made for an institute in connection with the intermediate school, which is located five and one-half miles from Bozeman. Brother Bellah stayed three days with us on his way to Kansas City, and helped get the work organized. We now have twenty-five in the "Heralds" class and ten in the "Controversy" class. Several are studying "Home and Health," and will take it as soon as complete books can be secured. Perhaps not more than half the members of these classes can arrange to go out, but even that number will do a great work.

The principal of the school and his wife have had a good experience in the canvassing field themselves, and are doing everything in their power to help us. Brother F. E. Fairchild, who is attending school, and who is their field agent, will follow up the interest and

arrange for territory as soon as the workers are ready to go out. He is also finding a few persons of mature years who are taking up the book work in a permanent way.

As an indication of the interest taken in this institute by the conference officials, will say that as our supply of "Heralds" canvasses was not nearly sufficient, the secretary of the tract society and the field agent worked all night last night to set the type and print off a supply on their little foot-power press.

It was very cold, fifteen degrees below zero when I came, and colder since. Sleigh bells in every direction. No vehicles on wheels to be seen.

Bozeman, Mont. H. H. Hall.

CALIFORNIA
Santa Cruz

The little church in this city is composed almost entirely of sisters, and nearly all are poor in this world's goods. A spirit of unity and consecration, however, has come in among them, and they are taking hold to build up the cause of truth.

One of the first and most visible results of their efforts is the purchase of a beautiful corner lot in a very desirable portion of East Santa Cruz, on which it is planned to erect a house of worship. This lot has been paid for in full, and a considerable amount on the building fund has also been raised.

But the erection of a church building is not all that is comprehended in their plan to forward the work. At a meeting recently held it was definitely arranged for each and all the members to do a practical work in scattering literature and in other ways to bring the truth before the people, thus preparing the field for a public work later on. One sister will devote her entire time to leaning reading-matter, canvassing, and missionary nursing. Another has dedicated herself to the work of selling the *Signs* in harmony with the plan recommended at the last session of the conference. Others will canvass a part of the time, and some will take up tract work, etc. All have enlisted to do something. Under God's blessing they will certainly accomplish much.

Santa Cruz is already a large place, and it is rapidly growing. But it is not growing better. There are many, however, who are earnestly inquiring after

truth, and the time is ripe to search them out. Let all pray for the little handful of believers here, that they may be successful in the good work which they have undertaken.

C. L. Taylor.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

News Items

We have received from Brother Egloff \$70 which is given to support two native workers in the foreign field. This brings the number up to twenty-three of this class of offerings to support as many workers, received from members in our conference during the past few months.

Brother J. J. Wessels, recently from South Africa, is now the business manager of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Brother Wessels had a long experience in sanitarium work in Australia, and has the business qualifications to fit him for this line of work.

The writer and Prof. E. S. Ballenger returned to San Diego on the 7th inst., from a trip to Lower California. This portion of the republic of Mexico offers as favorable opportunity for missionary work as the State of Sonora, which was visited during the holidays, and the population of Lower California is now as great as Sonora. We hope very soon to have missionaries on the ground. Good land, which with proper care should make missionaries self-supporting, can be purchased at from \$10 to \$15 per acre.

Elder H. J. Hoare began a series of meetings in a hall at Fernando on the evening of the 8th inst. Certain members of the faculty at Fernando Academy are to be associated with Brother Heare in this effort. G. W. Reaser.

January 31.

BOOK WORK

Southern California

Weeks Ending January 11 and 18

Miscellaneous Books and Papers		
	Hrs.	Ords. Value
* Mrs. A. M. Althaus	73	750 \$54.90
* Elma Pennoek	1,066	60.90
Pearl Weirich	33	23 37.25
R. E. Adkins	28	18 18.00
J. H. McMillan	14	13 13.00
		\$184.05

* Three weeks.

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"Seer of Patmos"

	Ords.	Value
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The first five books are printed in colors, and all are very interesting and instructive.

Best Stories from the Best

Book, paper\$.25;	board, \$.50
		board cloth
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Christ Our Saviour50 .75
Beasts, Birds, and Reptiles		.75
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A Little Girl's Visit to Africa		1.00
My Garden Neighbors	1.00
Uncle Ben's Cobblestones	..	1.00
The House We Live In	1.00
In Africa's Forest Jungle	..	1.00
Minute Men on the Frontier		1.00

Sent post-paid at above prices. Address your state tract society.

St. Helena Sanitarium Training School

The next class for training missionary nurses begins April 1, 1907, and offers a very thorough course in this line of work, and extraordinary advantages in the way of practical experience. We shall be pleased to correspond with all interested persons who desire to devote their lives to this branch of the Master's work. For circulars and full information, address, St. Helena Sanitarium, or H. F. Rand, Sanitarium (Napa Co.), Cal.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1907.

Word received last week from Arizona brings the sad news of the drowning of Elder A. G. Bodwell, on January 31, while he was crossing a swollen river near Sanchez. No further particulars have yet been received. Elder Bodwell and wife had only recently gone to Arizona to labor.

Elder J. O. Corliss, our religious liberty secretary, again went to Sacramento the first of the week to watch conditions which have developed since the hearing on the proposed Sunday Amendment to the Constitution. We hope to be able to state what decision has been reached regarding this measure in an early issue.

The effort of our Sabbath-schools to raise \$1,000 a week for missions during 1906 has proved a reality for at least that part of the year ending September 30, which is as far as reports have yet been received. The general Sabbath-school secretary's report shows that during the thirty-nine weeks of 1906, ending September 30, \$42,391 had been received from the schools for mission work. We have no doubt but that our hopes for the year will be realized when full returns have been received.

Elder Chas. T. Everson reports from Rome, Italy, that they have just opened up a school in that city from funds sent them by the young people of Southern California, which bids fair to be a strong factor in building up the work there. The day-school has not yet begun, but twenty-nine are in attendance at the evening-school, and others are being added constantly. The work is progressing

slowly but surely in that dark and difficult field. Let us all pray God's blessing upon the laborers there.

For lack of space, we were obliged to omit Elder Loughborough's article on "Present Truth on the Pacific Coast," from our last issue. We publish it this week, but are sorry to have to announce that this interesting series will close with the next number. For over a year these articles have continued almost every week, and we know that many of our readers have followed them with interest and pleasure. We know that our patrons will join us in thanking Elder Loughborough for the vivid descriptions he has given us of the early life and missionary effort in this western country. Let us hope that he may favor us sometime in the future with other matter on the rise and progress of this glorious message.

We take the following paragraphs from a letter from Elder C. D. M. Williams, dated Honolulu, H. I., Jan. 15, 1907:

"We have just secured our lot for the church. It is very nicely located in the center of the residence portion of the town among the white people, and well up on high ground. We got it at a bargain, having to pay only \$725, which is nearly three hundred dollars less than we expected to pay, and much below anything within many blocks of it. Every one is satisfied with both location and price.

"Two more have just been baptized and joined the church, and two others have commenced to keep the Sabbath. We feel to thank the Lord for what He is doing here.

"The volcano on Hawaii is again running over. We have had an exceedingly stormy winter. The oldest inhabitants seem to think it equal to, or beyond, anything they have ever seen. To-day the business part of the town is so flooded that they put sacks on the sidewalks in front of the doors to keep out the water. One of our mountains has started out on a journey, and no one knows where it will land."

"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him; for he refresheth the soul of his masters."

Annual Meeting Notice

The tenth annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, for the purpose of electing four or more members of the Board of Directors, and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal., on Wednesday, March 13, 1907, at 12 o'clock m.

L. M. Bowen, *President*,
E. E. Parlin, *Secretary*.

Sanitarium Food Company

The fifth annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company, for the purpose of electing directors, and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal., on Thursday, March 14, 1907, at 12 o'clock m.

L. M. Bowen, *President*,
E. E. Parlin, *Secretary*.

Notice

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

Help Wanted

Wanted at once for the summer rush at the Vegetarian Cafe, Los Angeles, Cal., eleven good, young or middle-aged women for dining-room work; two cooks; one pantry boy; one pantry woman. Good wages; good home; steady work. Write at once to G. H. Scott, Manager, 259 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal.

If you want the beauty of holiness, first perform the duty of holiness.

If you wish your neighbors to see what God is like, let them see what He can make you like. Nothing is so infectious as example.—Charles Kingsley.