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The Glendale Camp-Meeting

August 5-18

It is reported that Elder W. A. Spicer, of Washington, D. C., will be in attendance at the Glendale camp-meeting, which begins August 5 and continues until August 18. Elder Spicer is the secretary of the General Conference, and has recently spent six months among the conferences in foreign fields. Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference, will be present throughout the meeting, as will also Elders G. A. Irwin, E. W. Farnsworth, J. O. Corless, W. C. White, and J. N. Loughborough.

The camp is located one block west of the 4th Street Station, on the Pacific Electric line in Glendale. Already many of the tents are pitched. There will be 450 tents in all. This is without doubt to be the largest camp-meeting held in the United States this year.

At the regular conference session, which occupies the first three days of the meeting, thirty-six churches of Southern California will be represented. Two hundred delegates regularly appointed by these churches will be present.

Throughout the meeting there will be special features of general interest. On the first Sunday a large temperance rally will be held. There will be features of special interest to the young people.

No effort will be spared to make this occasion one of great spiritual help to our people in Southern California. Urgent invitation has been extended through the RECORDER, and direct by letter, to every Seventh-day Adventist family in the Southern California Conference. Many prayers are ascending to God to pour out His blessings upon this meeting, and it is earnestly hoped that all will come and join heartily in making this important meeting a grand success.

Union Summer School

Milwaukee, Ore., July 19, 1912.

A motto over the speaker's stand of the general assembly tent of the union summer school now in session at Portland is, "Wisdom is the principal thing." And this is the sentiment of the school. More than one hundred fifty are in attendance, and all are working faithfully. The course of study is broad. The students being teachers, the work is naturally along lines for the training of teachers, but much other work is given. Many of the students are working on academic and college studies, in many cases attending classes in normal training also.

To list the studies and instructors would be like printing a calendar. Science, literature, music, art, normal training, and above all, Bible studies,

are given. After a long rest, Mrs. Alma McKibbin is able to take up her work of Bible teaching. This is the cause of deep gratitude to all, and her early morning studies are well attended. Professor Gerritsen is giving his time to teaching his method of music. He conducts three classes a day, that all may be accommodated. Special training in physical culture is given by Miss Jeanette Henry. These general studies, and languages—Latin, German, Spanish—manual training, and special methods of teaching, with round table discussions and lectures, fill the daily program very full.

An excellent spirit prevails in the camp, which is in a beautiful grove about eight miles out of Portland. Between two street-car lines, it is easily reached. The tents are pitched in a circle, with the assembly tent in the center. The recitation tents are arranged throughout the grounds, among the trees. The dining tables are in the shade near the kitchen. The cafeteria plan is followed in serving. Often little groups gather in pretty spots about the grounds for their meals. Many have remarked that it is a regular picnic every day. On the Fourth of July, the Portland churches spent the day with the teachers, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Especially were Brother Haynes's famous "good taste pies" appreciated.

Regular Sabbath services are held. Prof. H. R. Salisbury has been with us with messages of help and encouragement. It has also been a great treat to many to get out into the beautiful groves about us, to listen to the voice of nature as she speaks to her children in her "various languages," teaching her lessons from brooks, and stones, and trees. It is good to be alone with God in His own

"first temples;" and this is by no means the least important of the many good things we are getting at the summer school. It is voicing the often expressed sentiment of all in attendance to say that the opportunity to attend such a school as this is very greatly appreciated, and it is the evident determination of all to profit by the opportunity, that all may be better fitted to engage more effectively in "the nicest work ever committed to human beings."

Max Hill.

The Immense Circulation of the Bible

Undoubtedly Mr. Voltaire was sincere in his belief that "the Bible is an exploded book," and Mr. Ingersoll was firm in his conviction that "in ten years the Bible will not be read." Both of these men have now joined the great majority; but what has happened to their prophecies? Here are the facts about the Bible and its circulation — facts which demonstrate that both these men were mistaken, and that their predictions have failed completely:

Twenty-three Bible societies are printing the Bible; one in the United States, three in Great Britain, and twenty-three on the European continent. *More copies of the Bible are sold annually than of any other one hundred books combined. Ten millions of Bibles in English are distributed every year.*

Every year there are printed 17,000,000 Protestant Bibles, Testaments, and portions in more than 500 languages. Of these Bibles, 10,000,000 are published by Bible societies and sold below cost. The remaining 7,000,000 are sold commercially.

The British and Foreign Bible Society was organized in London, England, on March 7, 1804, and from its foundation in that year to the end of its 102d year in March, 1907, the society has issued 203,931,769 copies of the Scriptures, complete or in part, in 390 different languages and dialects. At present it prints 5,000,000 Bibles a year, in 400 languages. The Oxford Press of England, one of the oldest Bible societies, issues 20,000 Bibles a week, 1,040,000 a year.

The American Bible Society was organized in 1816, and up to April 1, 1907, has issued 80,420,383 Bibles, Testaments, and portions, in 116 different languages.

Other Bible societies have issued between 60,000,000 and 70,000,000 Bibles, while private publishers in Great Britain

and the United States and elsewhere have increased these by scores of millions.

The following figures show that there has been a steady growth in the circulation of the Bible, and that Mr. Voltaire's "explosion" was but a ferment of his own mind, and notwithstanding Mr. Ingersoll's statement, the Bible is the most read book in the world to-day. The American Bible Society has this record of its God-given work:

In the first year	6,410 copies
In the tenth year	67,134 copies
In the twentieth year	221,694 copies
In the thirtieth year	483,873 copies
In the fortieth year	668,265 copies
In the fiftieth year	1,150,528 copies
In the sixtieth year	850,470 copies
In the seventieth year	1,437,440 copies
In the eightieth year	1,750,283 copies
In the ninetieth year	2,236,755 copies

In the first ten years, the society issued 439,580 copies; in the ninth ten years, 16,773,684.

The increase in issues of the American Society during its 96th year is 459,479 volumes over the total issues of the 95th year.

The total issues of 1911 are almost twice the issues of 1906, those of 1911 being 3,691,201 volumes.

The total issues of the society in the 96 years of its existence amount to 94,210,105 volumes, in 100 languages, including 28 European, 39 Asiatic, 9 African, 8 Oceanic, and 12 American tongues.

In 1909, 491,290 Bibles were circulated in China, 91,100 volumes in Japan, 151,230 in Korea, 102,999 in the Philippines, 117,191 in the Levant.

At present in China the circulation of the Bible has reached almost 1,000,000 volumes a year.

The American Society has now attained a Bible service that reaches almost all the world, and does so in 116 languages and dialects. The society's endowment fund now amounts to \$2,118,528.21, and yet the society gives notice that \$700,000 is needed to spend this year in the circulation of the Bible.

The grand total of receipts, from the organization of the society, is \$32,404,262.26.

The art of printing was invented by John Gutenberg, before the middle of the fifteenth century. The first book printed from moveable metal types was the Latin Bible, in two volumes, which appeared about the year 1455. Before the close of the fifteenth century one hundred and twenty-four editions of the Bible in Latin were printed in various cities of Europe,

and the total number of known editions of the Bible in this language previous to the year 1800 is more than one thousand.

John N. Quinn.

Takoma Park, D. C.

The Field

ARIZONA

Conference Notes

The offerings already received for the Mexican school work lead us to hope that this school can be opened with proper equipment next September.

Elder W. L. Sims reports an excellent interest in Prescott. The hall is not large enough to accommodate those who attend. We hope for good results. Brother W. O. James is assisting in the effort by house-to-house work.

Nearly all of the funds for our new intermediate school building in Phoenix have been collected, and the structure is well under way. The contractor has promised to complete it before the middle of August.

Sister Jessie Hawkins has recently returned to Globe, where she will engage in Bible work. She has had excellent success in winning souls to the truth in the past, and we trust that her work in Globe will be abundantly blessed of the Lord.

As before mentioned in the RECORDER, Sister Poston's resignation took effect on the first of July, and Sister Mabelle H. Kalfus took charge of our tract society office. Sister Kalfus's eight years' previous experience in office work, her being an expert stenographer, with natural talent for bookkeeping, and, with all, a love for the message, gives her an adaptation to the position which she has been invited to fill.

Some of our scattered believers have already moved to Phoenix, that their children may enjoy the benefits of our intermediate school, and others are planning to locate here before the opening of the fall term. This school for those who speak English, and the one soon to be opened at Sanchez for our Mexican people, afford the only opportunities in our conference for our people to send their children to Christian schools.

G. W. Reaser.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**News Items**

Brother C. W. Fuller will begin a tent effort this week at Oceano, near San Luis Obispo.

The Hollister company are planning to purchase a lot and build a little church. A church school building doubtless will be erected first, however.

Elder J. H. Behrens has spent a few days among the churches near the coast, and has just returned to Fresno after having spent a day in Mountain View at tending a religious liberty council.

We expect that the offerings given for foreign missions on July 27 in our churches will be liberal. It has already been announced among our churches that we shall endeavor to make no donations smaller than a dollar on that day, and many will be much larger than this. The foreign missions are entitled to an extra effort at this time.

Brother G. A. Wheeler, of Southern California, has accepted the invitation of the conference committee to fill the position vacated by S. G. White, secretary and treasurer. Brother White will leave about the first of the month, going first to Seattle, whence he and Mrs. White sail early in August to China. All checks, money-orders, and drafts sent to the office should be made payable to the Central California Conference treasurer.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA**Conference Items**

Elder D. T. Fero returned from Santa Cruz, where he has been spending a few weeks' vacation.

The conference committee met at the conference office July 15, and the school board met the day following at the Lodi Normal.

In response to the letter sent to all the churches in regard to faithfulness in tithing, we are pleased to report that quite a sum was collected in the various churches Sabbath, July 13.

Elder W. S. Holbrook and Brother W. P. Dayton are now at Pine Creek. This place is on the Oregon line, but their tent is pitched in this state. Their mail is addressed to Pine Creek, Oregon.

As the conference secretary is carrying extra duties of our departmental secretaries, due to the lack of office facilities, the school board was requested to relieve him of his work as secretary of the Lodi Normal school board.

The conference committee has released Elder J. D. Alder and Brother W. A. Johnson, that they may take up work in Utah. They have already gone to their field of labor. We very much regret giving up these faithful workers, but we know that they are needed in that field. Brethren W. S. Holbrook and W. P. Dayton will look after the work in Surprise Valley, Modoc County, where these brethren have been laboring.

In letters received by the president of the conference, the following quotations are found:

"The interest seems rather good, with an attendance running from twenty to forty, and some are very much interested in the truth. I was with the Placerville church last Sabbath, and spoke there. The following day I held a meeting at Pleasant Valley, about five miles from here, where Brother Reese has been holding meetings."—(July 12.) E. J. Urquhart, Camino.

"Brethren Baldwin and Brink report good prospects for work in Paradise Valley. Here in Winnemucca it is not so encouraging. The mosquitoes are very bad in the tent in the evening, and several attendants have dropped out on that account. There are some interested ones, however."—(July 18.) J. S. Harmon.

"A number came forward for baptism. . . . I will finish binding off the work here at Turlock this week. I expect to baptize five more souls this evening, and as it is so near the end of the week, will probably stay over Sabbath."—(July 15.) C. M. Gardner.

"I will take the stage for Gerlach, and expect to reach Salt Lake by 4 P.M. Thursday. We still feel a connection with the Northern California-Nevada Conference, and will let you hear from us once in a while."—(July 16.) J. D. Alder, Cedarville.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**Anaheim**

Anaheim is a city of about 5,000 inhabitants, located southeast from Los Angeles, on the Santa Fe Railroad. The third angel's message has been presented in this place by Bible readings and public meetings. As a result, a company of Sabbath-keepers has been meeting there for some time, worshipping the Lord upon His holy day. Sabbath, June 22, this company was organized into a church with twenty-two members. This new church is well officered, and will be a strength to our work in Anaheim. Our brethren in this place are filled with the missionary spirit. They desire to increase their numbers and in the near future erect a nice new home for worship. Elder Oscar Hill, who is looking after some of our churches in that part of the country, and the writer were present at the time of organization. Let us remember this new church at the throne of grace.

A. G. Christiansen.

**Paradise Valley Sanitarium
Sabbath-School**

We feel thankful to our heavenly Father for His blessing during the past quarter. Sabbath, June 29, we held a consecration service, as recommended at the convention at Escondido. The Holy Spirit was especially present, nearly all reconsecrating themselves to the Lord. The meeting occupied most of the time of the following public service. At the close, \$20.00 was given for the African mission. This was later increased to \$25.00.

The first quarter of the year, we used a clock to record the offerings, and set our mark at \$50.00, receiving \$82.93. This quarter we used a large card on which was marked each Sabbath, in columns, the membership, attendance, per cent of attendance, and offerings. Fearing we would not reach the standard of the last quarter, we set our mark at \$60.00, and received \$127.08. Considering that our average attendance is only forty-seven, we feel to praise the Lord for the spirit of giving among us.

We have had short missionary exercises, which were helpful.

Willis J. Morrison,
Secretary.

Hemet

An encouraging report recently came to the office from Brother L. E. Brant,

who has charge of the work in Hemet. He writes:

"I began in a quiet way by visiting each home, leaving a copy of the 'Family Bible Teacher.' In just a few words I would call attention to the fact that in these days men are departing from the word of God, that 'higher criticism' and infidelity are fast taking the place of a living faith in God's word, and that these Bible studies were intended to assist the people in studying the word of God for themselves.

"In this way I was able to find those who were interested in the study of God's word, and in many cases they would ask me about this or that subject. Thus I was given opportunities to arrange for Bible studies, and these were generally given in the evenings, when I could get a whole family together. Sometimes a subject called for would involve a testing truth. In such cases I would suggest taking up a few studies leading up to the topic, so they would better understand it. This plan met with favor. I have finished one course of studies, and hope to complete the second before camp-meeting.

"Six honest souls have joined the little church here at Hemet, and two others elsewhere. Seven others are keeping the Sabbath, but have not yet joined the church. There are eight others under conviction, but I feel confident that these will take their stand with us."

Some of our Volunteers are calling for free literature to use in their house-to-house work in Los Angeles. Tracts are especially desired. Kindly send to the undersigned at 417 West 5th Street, Los Angeles.
Ernest Lloyd.

Wanted

By the Paradise Valley Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses, twenty consecrated young men and women who are willing to devote their lives to the Master's service.

This school affords a most thorough and up-to-date training in all departments. Its location is ideal. Its climate is the very best, warm and sunny in winter, and cool in summer. New commodious home for nurses just completed. Class begins October 1, 1912. Write at once for illustrated booklet.

Superintendent of Training School,
Paradise Valley Sanitarium,
National City, California.

CALIFORNIA

Conference Current

Elder Nelson and Brother Fries send word from Concord that they are opening meetings in their tent Friday night of this week.

Word from Portland states that nearly two hundred teachers are present at the union summer school and institute. Those in attendance report a very profitable time.

Elder J. A. Stevens and family and Brother L. L. Hutchinson left on Tuesday, the 16th, for Eureka. Elder Stevens takes Elder Hare's place for a time in Humboldt County.

Brother H. H. Hall left last Tuesday evening for Portland and the North in the interests of the publishing work. Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth went on the same train to work for *Our Little Friend* at the teachers' institute.

The company at Los Gatos have opened meetings with a good interest. There were sixty-two in attendance the first night, and very little advertising had been done. Merritt C. Warren, of Pacific Union College, has joined the workers there.

A Sabbath-school of about forty members has been organized at Elmhurst, where Elder Beddoe and Brother Fries worked for some weeks before the Santa Rosa camp-meeting. A number of those in attendance at the school are members of the Melrose church who live in Elmhurst.
Claude Conard.

July 19.

The Midsummer Offering

Once more we wish to remind the readers of the RECORDER that next Sabbath, July the 27th, is the day set apart for the midsummer offering. This offering is for foreign missions. It is credited to us on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund, and all that is given next Sabbath will help that much on that fund.

Are there not many who will bring ten, five, and one-dollar offerings for this day? We must make our offerings more liberal for the rest of the year than we have the last six months or we shall come out far short of what has been asked of us. Let all plan to do their very best on this occasion.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Missionary Work

Suggestions for Magazine Workers

Make Bible study and prayer a part of each day's work. Get your rest at night. When away from the selling, rest, and read or study something that will help you.

Don't work too many hours together to get all tired out; it is better to work at high pressure for a while, then stop. While in the work attend *strictly* to business. Don't let people waste your time with foolish questions or arguments. Move right along and find another customer.

Remember that the Lord promises that angels will accompany you. Let your work be so earnestly done that no one can doubt the motive you have in the effort and sacrifice it takes to place the magazines.

Take these promises with you:

"The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."—*Volume 9, page 61.*

"Let the canvasser remember that he has an opportunity to sow beside all waters. He is doing the work of God, and every talent is to be used to the glory of His name."—*Canvasser's Manual, page 7.*

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people."—*Manual, page 8.*

"The workers should keep the soul constantly uplifted to God in prayer. They are *never* alone. If they have faith in God, if they realize that to them is committed the work of giving to the people light on Bible subjects, they constantly enjoy the companionship of Christ."

"The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them, is the *chief worker*. If we recognize Christ as the One who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the lines needed."—*Manual, page 40.*

Along the Firing Line in the Cities

There are about seven steady magazine workers in the cities now, and you can see by their reports that the angel of the Lord has gone before and blessed in the efforts.

The Lord is waiting anxiously to bless any one who will cooperate with Him in giving this wonderful light and truth to those in darkness. Those who are working are having good experiences every day, which encourages them to press on in the work, also it shows their work is appreciated.

We earnestly seek the prayers of God's people in behalf of these earnest laborers in these hard, trying fields at this time.

Magazine Work in Bay Cities — June and July

	Hours	Copies	Value		Magazine
Mrs. C. Arganbright	179	2,297	\$251.90	7 weeks	<i>Signs, Liberty</i>
Mrs. F. Graves		1,000	100.00	4 weeks	<i>Life and Health</i>
Miss Edna Johnson	72	824	84.15	3 weeks	<i>Watchman</i>
Miss Florence Morser	80	826	82.90	3 weeks	<i>Signs</i>
Miss Myrta Hart	32	447	48.75	9 days	<i>Signs</i>
					<i>Liberty,</i>
					<i>Life and Health</i>
Miss Ethyl Greer	27	451	47.85	9 days	
Mr. H. McCoon		300	30.00		<i>Life and Health</i>
7 Agents		6,145	\$645.55		
Miscellaneous		250	25.00		
		6,395	670.55		
Catholic lady		600	60.00		<i>Signs</i>
8 Agents		6,995	\$730.55		

W. D. Fleming,
Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

Work in Peru

Our interests deepen in the work of carrying the gospel to the people in the fields beyond, as we know something of the conditions under which our men are laboring. The following is from a personal letter recently received from Brother Max Trummer, who has charge of the work with our literature in South America. It not only reveals some of the hardships, but shows the loyalty with which the men out on the front are pressing forward. Let us support these men by our prayers, and give liberally of our means to hasten the gospel to earth's remotest bounds. Much depends on the midsummer offering. Brother Trummer writes from Frujillo, Peru, under date of May 12:

"I wish to write to you to-night to give you an idea of Peruvian life. A week ago I returned from a three days' trip in the mountains. Some of our canvassers had left some books in small towns, and as I moved the workers further north, I urged that we go and gather up these books and take the steamer for our new field as quick as possible. We started from a little port of real Peru style, where we were fortunate enough to receive an ox cart to take us to the next town. That night we slept on the floor at the home of one of our Sabbath-keepers. The common people don't know what real beds are; they sleep on sticks laid over some poles with a thin quilt over all. Well, they brought us a cane mat and a pillow that seemed to be their 'spare bed.' We could have slept some, had it not been that the mosquitoes kept us from enjoying a little sleep. The next morning we secured three mules and a guide to take us through the hills to our next stopping-place. After leaving the

vegetation in the valley, we passed for five solid hours through sand and over hillsides, arriving in a little village in the next valley. The houses are made mostly of cane, which is stood upright and tied to some thin poles. The people know hardly what rain is in this country, so roofs and windows do not bother their mind. The nicer houses are of a raw brick with cane and mud plaster for a roof, all flat.

"From this place we started at 5 P.M. on burrows, because it was impossible to secure horses or mules at once. At nine we made the next town inland, where we had our bed again on the floor. Not being able to sleep there, and having so much of our trip before us, we started at 3 A.M. At daylight we fed the animals and started out again, and at 12 M. had made our last town. I was too tired to eat, but we managed to refresh ourselves some in a Japanese restaurant. This was Friday afternoon, and the steamers only pass once a week, and always on the Sabbath in this section of the country. It would have been fine to stay there over the Sabbath, as we have some brethren there, but we ought to make the next boat, to make connections with other canvassers for the same field, and there we were ten leagues from the coast and had only burrows at that. As there was no other way, we started toward the ocean at 5 P.M. . . .

"While passing through rich vegetation in the valley and nearing the mountains, I saw beautiful sights such as only can be seen in the mountains. How grand and solemnly the Sabbath began, the setting sun gilding the clouds upon the mountain tops. I remembered how many of God's people in that hour were praying for the work of the third angel's

message, and we, too, had our usual Sabbath prayer, committing us to God's care for the night. Then through a narrow passage and many stones we climbed the mountain which would bring us into a valley, first of sand, but later of fields of cane, cotton, and here and there a field of rice and banana orchards. At 8:30 we stopped in a sugar plantation camp and got some supper, after which we wound our way slowly toward the ocean. At 11 P.M. we were so sleepy and chilly that we decided to camp for a couple of hours. This rested us quite a little, and at 2 A.M. we started out again. At 5 o'clock in the morning we reached the home of a relative of the canvasser with whom I traveled, and the good housewife gave us something to refresh us. From there we had our last "stretch." I can tell you that I was glad when I saw the old Pacific again between the mountains, and we arrived there just a little ahead of the steamer. I got ready for Sabbath, and was soon on board. How good it seemed to have a bed again, the first time for four nights! The little cabin seemed like a palace.

"I am glad to tell you that the Lord's business prospers with us. Argentina, Paraguay, Chile, and Peru have good reports again. Ecuador will soon have a steady showing. Here a new man took 129 orders for 'Rey' ['Coming King'] in two weeks. Another took 33 in two and one half days. The Lord shall have all the glory. We have a great work before us, but we are here to do our very best. Our God is our comfort and strength.

"M. Trummer."

"He gives nothing who gives none of himself."

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 12, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Southern California						
J. N. Andrews	P. G.	42	14		\$59.00	
Reathel Jenkins	Heralds	40	14		36.50	\$10.00
Luella Ashbaugh	Heralds	28½	12		35.00	
Harry McWhinney	D. & R.	35	11	\$8.55	36.55	
Edgar Brigham	P. G.	25	7		32.50	
E. J. Crawford	P. G.	27½	5		21.50	
Lucile Vlair	C. O. L.		11		13.75	
7 Agents			74	\$8.55	\$234.80	\$10.00
California						
H. Bonde	P. G.	41	19		\$71.00	
Harold Lewis	P. G.	44	13	\$1.50	51.00	
George Greer	Heralds	34	13		38.00	
Mrs. H. Bonde	P. G.	37	8	3.00	35.00	
George R. Bailey	Heralds	27	17		34.00	
O. H. Shrewsbury	G. C.	40	10		33.00	
Byron E. Rice	G. C.	36	7		27.00	
Leslie D. Trott	P. G.	26	7		26.50	
Chas. Brooks	Heralds	29	9		24.00	
Harry C. Bond	Heralds	29	7		17.00	
R. W. Paul	P. G.	33	1		3.50	
G. A. Ferry	Heralds		3		6.00	
12 Agents			114	\$4.50	\$366.00	
Central California						
Tressa Belvail	Heralds					
	G. C.	42	60	\$5.00	\$152.00	
Milton Dymot	P. P. F.	24	22		54.75	\$12.25
Clyde Gregory	G. C.	34	10		34.00	
Ethel Walder	C. O. L.	7	2		2.50	
4 Agents		107	94	\$5.00	\$243.25	\$12.25
Northern California-Nevada						
G. B. Morrison	P. G.	34	23		\$99.50	
Fletcher Morrison	Heralds	21	3		6.00	
M. A. Reese	G. C.	45¼	15		47.00	
W. S. Brown	G. C.	40	10		37.00	
H. R. Miller and W. R. Nelson	P. G.	56	24		92.50	
6 Agents		196¼	75		\$282.00	

A Fourth of July Victory

The help of Brother C. G. Bellah, field canvassing agent of the Central Union Conference, has been appreciated in several of our Western bookmen's conventions. Many in California have thus become acquainted with him, and all will enjoy reading how he spent the Fourth of July.

"We landed in Hanna, Wyoming, with Brother Rockwell, a new canvasser, July Fourth, at eight o'clock A.M. Found the city nearly gone wild over a big celebration, the first in town for nine years. There were the usual foot-races, horse-races, ball games, gambling, drinking, etc., that are common on this national holiday.

"The devil told us we absolutely could not sell books that day, and from a hu-

man standpoint it looked true. But we knew better. We did not propose to let him run the whole show. In less than five minutes from the time we stepped off the train, we booked the first order. Once before we had sold \$48.00 worth of 'Great Controversy' on the Fourth of July, so we knew this would be a splendid day for us.

"Next he tried to interfere by getting us, as well as all the people, down in the valley to see the games. But we determined to remain in town with God, if every individual in every house left us. By ten o'clock, ninety-five per cent of the population were at the park. But we didn't care. We asked God to help us take the rest by storm.

"Then he tried to stop us by having it rain heavy showers both in the fore-

noon and afternoon. But we knew the Lord loved people as much while it was raining as at any other time, so we looked up to Him and went on. More than once it would pour down while we were indoors selling books, and then stop while we were going from one house to another.

"We found but very few of the people at home, yet God wonderfully blessed our feeble efforts. The vintage was down at the park, and only the gleanings left for us. But we found 'the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer.' I never saw people more hungry for the truth than those we met that day. More than once it seemed as if we could almost see the heavenly angels by our sides. God was very near to us, but the devil and his crowd were celebrating the Fourth. The first eight exhibitions, we secured six orders, four of them in the full leather.

"Perhaps the enemy thought he had better look after the two or three thousand at the park, rather than those two tired canvassers, plodding along from house to house with literature. But this was another time when the Lord helped us steal a splendid march on his satanic majesty.

"We worked right through the day, scarcely stopping for meals, till eight o'clock that night, when we thought it time to turn in. We had made sales for 'Patriarchs and Prophets' in about two thirds of the homes visited, seventy per cent being in the leather bindings. That night we went to bed very tired, but so happy we could scarcely sleep. Our total sales for the day were \$62.25.

"The next morning the enemy tried to convince us that we simply could not sell books the day after the Fourth, but we knew in whom we trusted. We had only a half day to work, for we must take an early train for headquarters. In five hours we sold \$42.50. All together we had put in fifteen hours, and sold \$104.75.

"This was not picked territory, but simply where our work lay on that day. We are thankful to be connected with a message that can not be stopped by holidays, droughts, floods, panics, or anything else, but will march gloriously on to final and complete victory.

"C. G. Bellah."

"The thing that goes the furthest
Toward making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most,
Is just a pleasant smile."

The Magazine Work

The work with our ten-cent magazines is going steadily forward. In the aggregate the sales month by month are larger than last year. The 53,000-copy edition of the *Signs of the Times Magazine* for July has all been sold; and 27,000 copies of the August number have been ordered up to July 22.

Word from the Review and Herald says that 36,000 copies of the August *Life and Health* have been ordered. Referring to the sales of individuals handling *Life and Health*, the circulation manager says:

"Here are twenty fine sales records just selected from our agents' directory: Mrs. Swartout, 7,000 copies since March 31; Mrs. Graves, 5,600 since January 1; Miss Ogden, 2,800 since May 16; C. Gerald, 2,150 since June 3; Miss Hamer, 1,850 since May 5; E. Gerald, 1,175 since June 3; Miss Robbins, 1,500 since April 21; Mr. Jarvis, 1,600 since April 14; F. L. Smith, 1,600 since April 22; Miss Vanderbilt, 1,550 since June 27; Miss French, 1,125 since May 5; Miss Jensen, 1,700 since June 30; Mr. Butler, 2,700 since February 1; Miss Newman, 1,600 since March 15; Miss Christenson, 1,400 since June 15; Miss Krum, 1,200 since May 30; Miss Burch, 1,100 since April 30; Mrs. Richardson, 1,850 since March 1; Mr. Hewett, 1,600 since January 1; Mrs. Phillips, 1,450 since February 1. There are, of course, scores of other faithful agents whose records, hour for hour, are about equal to these."

Orders for books continue to come pouring into the Pacific Press. Already this month over twenty tons of literature have been shipped out, bound for all parts of the world.

Strange Gods

The rapid growth of the teaching of Hinduism in this country is looked upon with alarm by leading Christian papers, according to an article in a recent number of the *Literary Digest*. It says, "The tinkling temple bells of heathendom ring out with a derisive jarring sound, not only in the Far East, but in many sections of Christian America." Quoting further: "The core of Hinduism that is studied in this country, says Mr. Robert E. Speer, . . . 'is the Vedanta philosophy, the old pantheism of India read full of new meaning through contact with Western thought and Christianity.' 'There is always generous room in its

pantheon for any new god not already listed. . . . There have been so many interpolations and modifications to suit the peoples of all sections and countries that there is the widest range of thought possible, and no divinity objectionable to Western sensibilities is forced on one.'"

"The teachings and practises of sun-worship, under the god Salaam Aleikum, the supreme lord of the Zend-Avesta, of whom Zoroaster was the great prophet," are practised in many cities of the United States, says this report. One writer says:

"At least fourteen thousand Americans are joining daily in this worship of the lord Mazda and the daily adoration of the sun. There are Mazdaznan centers in thirty cities of the United States, as well as in Canada, South America, England, Germany, and Switzerland, and they are all the remarkable growth of the past ten years."

Concerning still other branches of Hinduism being introduced, Mrs. Alexander, in a recent article, refers to "the tautras" as representing the "climax of Eastern abominations," and "Hindu idolatry in its vilest stage." She says:

"Its rites are much in common with the worship of Baal and Moloch by the ancient Assyrians. Thus it is the Hinduism that reaches, in its myriad ramifications and wide span, from the heights of the Bhagavad Gita to the lowest and most revolting heathen idolatry that has brought to America the Yoga philosophy, with its strange and unaccountable charms for a certain class of educated women. The devotees of this cult are by no means confined to the extreme East or West. Branch societies, with swamis in charge, are maintained in Pittsburg, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, and San Francisco, to say nothing of the many circles and clubs in smaller places. Is it any wonder that missionaries on the foreign field, hearing of these strange facts, are sending to their home offices in New York and Boston the peremptory inquiry, 'What do women of Christian America mean?'"

With a knowledge of such conditions, which come as a result of rejecting the word of God, how precious should that word become to those who profess to believe and teach it! And how earnest and active should be the believers in that message which is now to go to all the world and turn men and women to the word of God and fit them for His coming!

J. R. F.

Religious Liberty

Campaign of Education

Soon the result of the canvass for signatures to the Sunday closing proposition will be known. Petitions filed with the county clerks in the various counties are being examined carefully, to ascertain how many qualified voters in the state have asked for the submission of the issue to a vote in November, and not until these verifications are completed and the net results in all the counties can be added will it be positively known whether the necessary 8 per cent of the total vote for governor at the last general election has been made up in the final footings.

Anticipating that enough will have been secured to compel the submission of the question to a vote of the people, various newspapers already are declaring that the Sunday issue will be one of those to come up on the initiative at the presidential election. It is certain that in some quarters many names have been obtained. The cooperation of the labor element has not been secured, however, and whatever the result, the aggregate will represent the work of the churches favorable to the enactment on religious grounds. It can not be represented truthfully as a demand for civil action, coming from the trade-unions, or from the labor element not bound together in organized bodies.

Should the petitions, after official sifting, still show enough signatures to compel the presentation of the question at the polls the necessity for a state-wide campaign of the most vigorous nature, to be compressed into the next three months, will be apparent to all who value civil and religious liberty. In this effort, there would be need of the cooperation of every one capable of contributing in any manner to the promulgation of truth. All accustomed to platform work should be kept fully occupied; but house-to-house work, by humble workers, probably would be quite as effective in turning the tide against the measure. In whatever way the truth should be proclaimed, the results would justify the effort.

J. F. Blunt.

"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

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THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1912

Elder W. M. Healey and Brother J. F. Blunt reached Mountain View Monday to be in attendance at important councils with reference to the religious liberty work in California.

In our issue of July 4, in giving the names of the newly elected officers of the California Conference, that of the auditor was omitted. The Pacific Union Conference auditor was chosen as auditor for the California Conference.

The press work on the 400,000-copy edition of the 64-page Missions Number of the *Signs of the Times Magazine* to be used in the Ingathering for Missions work in the early fall has begun. For convenience, one car-load of paper that goes into this edition has been unloaded right at the door of the pressroom.

Student Instructs Baptist Minister

In the midst of a large delivery of "Patriarchs and Prophets," Brother Floyd Ashbaugh, formerly a Fernando Academy student, and now in the book work in the Philippines, writes:

"A few evenings ago a man came to my room and wanted to know what the Adventists believe. He is the man who translated the New Testament into the Visayan dialect. I sat up until twelve o'clock and made out studies on the Sabbath, the state of the dead, the new birth, law of God, etc. He came back the next morning and got these. To-night he came again. 'What do you think of the law and the Sabbath?' I asked. 'The law is perfect, and never changed,' he said. 'We do not have a reason for Sunday keeping.' The man is a Baptist preacher. I hope he will accept the truth."

LEGAL MEETINGS

Notice

The thirteenth annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp ground at Glendale, California, August 5 to 18. Commencing with the evening of the 5th, at 7:30, and daily until the evening of the 8th, these meetings will be devoted entirely to the transaction of conference business. The session is called for the purpose of electing the officers of the conference for the ensuing year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

All churches in this conference are entitled to a delegate representation at this session on the following basis: one delegate to represent the church organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

The camp-meeting proper will commence August 8, at 7:30 P.M.

E. E. Andross, *President*.

Frank Lane, *Secretary*.

Notice

The thirteenth annual session of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp ground at Glendale, California, August 5 to 10, in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The first meeting of the session will convene August 5, at 7:30 P.M. At this time officers will be elected, and all other business pertaining to the annual session will be transacted.

E. E. Andross, *President*.

Frank Lane, *Secretary*.

Notice

The fifth annual session of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California will be held in connection with the annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Glendale, California, for the purpose of electing the officers of the corporation, and transacting such other business as may come before the body. The first meeting will be held at 10 A.M. Tuesday, August 6, 1912.

E. E. Andross, *President*.

Frank Lane, *Secretary*.

Southern California Camp-Meeting

All our people will be glad to learn that Elder W. A. Spicer, secretary of the General Conference, is to be with us at our camp-meeting to assist throughout the meeting, if the Lord wills. This will be in addition to the other help that we will have from our own union conference. I feel very anxious that our people should embrace this opportunity of spiritual help that will be given to all who attend this meeting. I fear that some will not put forth a special effort to attend who would if they realized the full significance of such a meeting. I wish you would read from volume 6, pages 31 to 46, of the "Testimonies," and after carefully considering this, although you had formerly thought it impossible to attend, take the matter to the Lord and then see if some way is not opened for you to attend this meeting.

The times in which we are living demand more of us than we have ever been able to give in the past, and we certainly now ought to improve every opportunity that is offered, not only to prepare for the Judgment ourselves, but also to fit ourselves for greater efficiency in helping to finish the work of the Lord in the earth. There can be no question but that such opportunities as will be offered us in this camp-meeting will be very few in the future. We are rapidly approaching the end, and what we do must be done quickly.

I trust that all our people will pray earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain at this time. Pray for the blessing of God for those who administer the Word to the people, that the Lord will baptize His servants with power from on high.

Do not forget the date of the meeting. The business session is to begin Monday evening, August 5, and we hope to have the business all closed up by Thursday evening, when the camp-meeting proper will begin.

All the churches should send their delegates' credentials in to the conference secretary at once, and all delegates should be in attendance from the first of the business session. The entire meeting will be held from August 5 to 18 at Glendale, between Central and Orange avenues, and 3d and 6th streets.

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