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“Wits’ End Corner”

Are you standing at “Wits’ End Corner,”
Christian, with troubled brow?
Are you thinking of what is before you,
And all you are bearing now?
Does all the world seem against you,
And you in the battle alone?
Remember — at “Wits’ End Corner”
Is just where God’s power is shown.

Are you standing at “Wits’ End Corner,”
Blinded with wearing pain,
Feeling you can not endure it,
You can not bear the strain,
Bruised through the constant suffering,
Dizzy, and dazed, and numb?
Remember — at “Wits’ End Corner”
Is where Jesus loves to come.

Are you standing at “Wits’ End Corner,”
Your work before you spread,
All lying begun, unfinished,
And pressing on heart and head,
Longing for strength to do it,
Stretching out trembling hands?
Remember — at “Wits’ End Corner”
The Burden-bearer stands.

Are you standing at “Wits’ End Corner,”
Yearning for those you love,

Longing and praying and watching,
Pleading their cause above,
Trying to lead them to Jesus,
Wond’ring if you’ve been true?
He whispers, at “Wits’ End Corner,”
“I’ll win them, as I won you.”

Are you standing at “Wits’ End Corner”?

Then you’re just in the *very spot*
To learn the wondrous resources
Of Him who faileth not.
No doubt to a brighter pathway,
Your footsteps will soon be moved,
But only at “Wits’ End Corner”
Is “the God who is able” proved.
— Antoinette Wilson.

The Field

The Week of Prayer at Pacific Union College and Lodi Academy

I felt very grateful for the privilege of spending a portion of the week of prayer with the students at the Pacific Union College. The first Sabbath and until Thursday was spent at the college, then I went over to Lodi, and was with the students at the academy Friday evening, and met the church on the Sabbath. In each of these places the Lord greatly blessed His people.

I met with the college students each morning at the chapel hour, and these services continued from two to two and one half hours daily. Almost every student who had not formerly given his or her heart to the Lord, was led to do so at these meetings, and those who had not had a deep Christian experience of late, were led to reconsecrate themselves to God, and obtained a blessed experience in His service. It seemed as if each day the Lord came a little nearer,

and a sense of the nearness of the end and the great necessity of immediately preparing to stand before the King, took possession of the students. The sweet influence of the Lord’s Spirit was felt by all present.

I found at Lodi that the same blessed experience was enjoyed by the students in the school. It seems from the first of the week of prayer the Lord came very near to them, and Friday evening after the reading, the Lord came very manifestly into the meeting, and several who had not yet surrendered their hearts to God came forward, earnestly seeking forgiveness and the assurance of His presence in their lives.

Sabbath morning I met with the church at Lodi. The building was crowded almost to its full capacity, and a very earnest spirit was manifested among all the people. Elder J. N. Loughborough presented the reading prepared by Sister White for the occasion, and I followed with some words of instruction and exhortation, and this was succeeded by a consecration service, first of ourselves to God, and then of our substance. A good liberal offering was presented, although I can not say at this writing what the exact amount was.

I feel very grateful to God as I see so many earnest young people attending our schools, preparing themselves for labor in the Master’s vineyard. It seems to me that the young people attending our schools this year, are as a rule more devoted to God and more earnest in His service than I have ever seen before. I am glad that we have such earnest, consecrated men and women engaged on our faculties, devoting their lives to the preparation of our young people for service in the Master’s vineyard.

I sincerely wish that all our young people who are of sufficient age were now attending our schools, and preparing for labor in the closing week of this message. It seems to me that all who fail to avail themselves of these opportunities are missing so much. I hope that the parents of our young people will realize the necessity of placing their children in our schools at the earliest possible moment, and thus not only save them to this work, but save them eternally. I trust that the parents whose children are now in the public schools, or who are not attending any school, will earnestly consider this matter, and begin at once to prepare to send them to our schools another year. Do not delay this matter, for delay at this time is extremely dangerous.

E. E. Andross.

Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Suggestions for Laborers

It may be of interest to the brethren and sisters in the conference, to know of the actions of the conference committee in connection with the present work, and we herewith give them:

1. Divide your time with the churches, as may be assigned you during the week of prayer, as much as consistent, and aim for a spiritual uplift and revival for all. Give especial attention to the discouraged ones who rarely attend meeting, and arrange a program as to the time and place of meeting and encourage all to attend as far as possible.

2. During the day-time, encourage every one who has taken up the "Object Lesson" plan for the conference debt, to get out and sell books, as this is the most opportune time of the year for disposing of our relief books, in view of the holiday season. The books will sell easier now than at any other time.

3. Lay before the brethren and sisters the great call of missions, in the demand for consecrated men and means. Have the churches come up to the 15-cent-a-week a member for missions, if they have not already done so. Where there is a lack in this fund, call upon our liberal-hearted brethren and sisters, as well as all others, to make up this amount. Lay this plan before the church, and have them adopt it for the coming year. Impress this matter especially upon the church officers.

4. While laboring with the families of our people, see to it that the *Review and*

Herald is in every English-speaking home; and if they are not subscribers, have them place their order with the librarian, and begin the New Year with the good old *Review*.

5. While visiting the churches, make a personal effort to call upon the ministers of other denominations, and place before them a copy of the *Protestant Magazine*. Call especial attention to the bold, aggressive movements of Rome, and, if possible, secure their subscription for the magazine.

6. Have your eyes open while laboring among the churches, for those who give promise of entering the canvassing work, as doubtless by this time, quite a number have been successful in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry;" and it will take but little persuasion to convince them that if they can sell these books, with the meager preparation they have had, they can sell other books, and that their time is far better spent in scattering the printed page than in other employments. By this, it is not to be understood that other walks of life are to be discouraged; but we should certainly, as a result of this campaign, see quite a number of workers. Be particular to get every name thus secured, and send it to the office, addressing it to C. L. Davis, our field canvassing director. If an interest has been awakened by the church, in canvassing with the relief books, and an opportunity presents itself for a series of meetings, please make a note of this, giving detailed experiences, and send the same to the secretary, G. A. Wheeler, Box 1304, Fresno, California.

7. Make a personal canvass of the church at as early a date as possible, and ascertain which of the four plans each member will adopt, and be particular to send word to the office as to how many relief books are wanted; for as these must be ordered from Washington, and considerable time will elapse before their arrival, we should have this information in hand at once.

8. Lay before the church the advisability of lifting their share of the conference school debt during the month of December, 1912, or the following month of January, 1913, so as to have this burden disposed of at an early date, that we may be ready for other aggressive movements.

9. We would suggest that the chart of conference finances be posted in our churches, and urge the church treasurers

to keep this chart posted during the year of 1913, giving them such instruction as may be needful. Explain the chart to them if they are not acquainted with its detailed outline. Call attention to the tithes, and lay before the brethren the fact of starting the new year with a clear record, in having all tithes for 1912 paid to the church treasurer.

10. Seek the cooperation of the church officers in these plans, and call a council, laying before them these suggestions, and secure their hearty cooperation; as upon them will depend very much either the success or failure of anything undertaken in the way of aggressive movements.

J. H. Behrens.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA Lodi Normal Institute

The pupils in the grammar grades have also been having some very interesting meetings, and several are desirous of baptism.

Prof. J. W. Rich was very much surprised the other day, when upon returning home, he found his brother and sister-in-law awaiting him.

During the week of prayer, there have been many good meetings held in chapel, both mornings and evenings. Elder Gardner met with the school on most of these occasions. The week of prayer readings were read in chapel each morning. Special prayer and social meetings were held after the evening services, some of them lasting as late as ten o'clock. Thursday morning the chapel hour was given to a social meeting, and ninety-one testimonies were listened to. Many of those who bore testimonies had just taken their first stand on the side of truth.

Hazel Mack.

Conference Items

Elder N. W. Kauble spent part of the week of prayer with the church at Galt.

A report given by one of our magazine workers shows a sale of 1,128 *Signs Magazine* in 39 hours.

Following the usual Sabbath service, December 7, at Lodi, four persons were buried with their Lord in baptism.

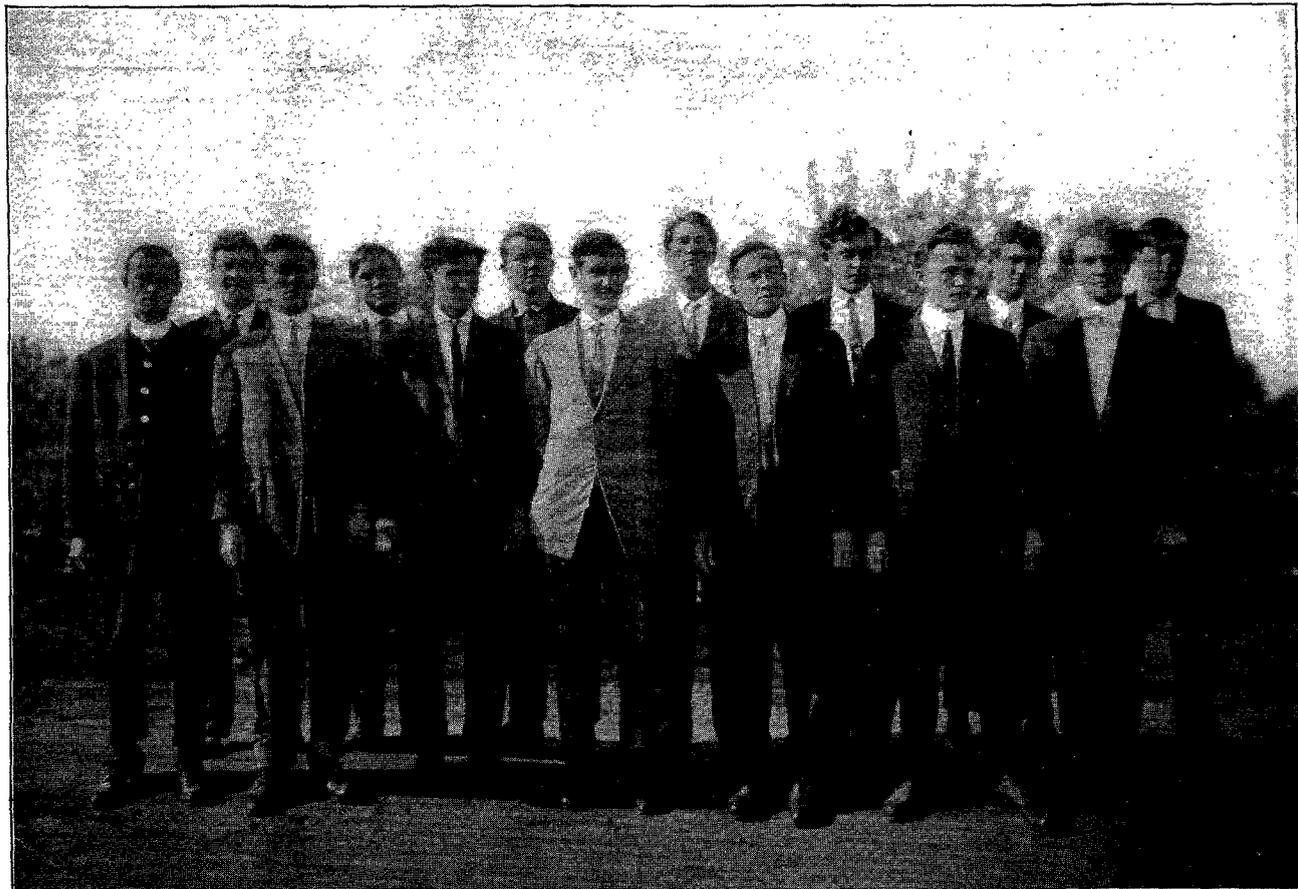
Elder E. E. Andross met with the brethren and sisters of the Lodi church Sabbath, December 14.

Elder D. T. Fero writes us that an audience of seventy persons awaited him upon his return to Dos Palos, where he has been holding a short series of meetings. Quite an interest has been awakened at that place.

delightful, the water pure and cold, and the scenery grand. Goose Lake, or Sunset Lake, as it is now called, is a beautiful body of water about nine miles wide and forty miles long. The valley is narrow, but very productive.

"We arrived here on the 3d day of July, and our nation's birthday was spent in finding a location and planning for pitching the tents. We pitched on the

vited into the Christian church, where things went smoothly until a Methodist preacher arrived, and then trouble began to brew, as the Christian church had been used by the Methodists for some time, and the 'Union Sunday-school' is held there. The second Sunday night this minister preached. His sermon was an attack on Adventists, dealing with the Sabbath question principally. At the



Fourteen boys attending Lodi Normal Institute. Not one of them is under six feet tall.

Two meetings each day were held in the Lodi church during the week of prayer, one in the afternoon for those who could not attend the evening service, and one in the evening. Both services were well attended, and the Lord came very near His people at that time.

We received the following from Elder and Mrs. W. S. Holbrook and Brother and Sister W. P. Dayton, who are laboring at New Pine Creek, Modoc County:

"A beautiful valley is this, away up in the mountains of Modoc County, with an elevation of 4,600 feet. The climate is

California side of the town, just facing the Oregon line. After advertising the work thoroughly, our first meeting was held Sunday night, July 14, with about 75 present. A good interest was shown, although our audience varied in size from night to night, of course dropping down after the testing truths were presented. The Baptists were very hostile, warning their flock to stay away from us, and at one time getting up a petition to run us out of town, which they tried to get signed by the business men, who only laughed at them.

"When the nights began to get uncomfortably cold in the tent, we were in-

close a review was announced for the next Sunday night. The next day the minister and the superintendent of the Sunday-school were very busy, and that evening the trustee of the church informed us that the minister said he had endured that element as long as he could (referring to us), and the superintendent of the Sunday-school stated that she would resign if we remained in the building, therefore we could use the church no longer. We asked permission to review the minister in the church, and were refused. Then we asked if we could use the building for Sabbath-school, and this also was refused. Things looked dis-

couraging at first, yet we knew that all things work together for good to them that love God, and so it was, for within twenty-four hours nearly all the lumber and all the work was donated for a building of our own, and in forty-eight hours work was actually begun. Now it is said we have the neatest little chapel in Modoc County, and free from debt."

Merl Horton.

CALIFORNIA

Notes from the Pacific Press

Brother W. H. Covell, having completed his contract to sell \$1,000 worth of books in British Columbia, has come across the line into Western Washington. He is nicely settled in Aberdeen, and has already begun work there, with good success.

The majority of the conferences west of the Mississippi, have decided to send their field agents and tract society and missionary secretaries to the convention to be held in Mountain View, January 13-23, 1913. This will bring together between forty and fifty men and women, who are engaged exclusively in directing the circulation of our books, papers, and tracts in these twenty-four conferences. A strong program is being outlined, and we believe this convention will result in greatly stimulating missionary activities among our people generally, as well as increasing the sale of subscription books in the territory represented.

Our subscription book sales to foreign countries during the past eleven months were almost \$52,000, which is a gain of \$12,000 over the same period of 1911. Most of these books are in Spanish.

Our trade book sales for the same period—eleven months—are \$33,000, showing a gain of \$11,000. Our educational books have had the best circulation in their history, almost \$11,000 worth having been called for during these eleven months. Tract sales have steadily increased, showing a sale of a little over \$1,000 a month.

The grand total of our sales of books and tracts amounts to \$287,058.09. This is a gain of almost \$57,000 over the same time last year. The comparative weights of these shipments are as follows:

Eleven months, 1911—146½ tons;
Eleven months, 1912—183 tons.

These are certainly very encouraging indications of the interest our people are taking in the circulation of the printed page.
H. H. Hall.

Mountain View

For several weeks past, there has been marked evidence that the Spirit of God was moving upon hearts here in Mountain View. This was first manifested in the Bible class of the Pacific Press evening school, which has a very large attendance; and several had already given their hearts to God for the first time, and requested baptism, before the week of prayer began.

The Lord came especially near on the first Sabbath of the week of prayer; and in a consecration service, which was conducted by Elder M. C. Wilcox, a large number gave their hearts to God—many for the first time—and came forward for prayer. It was one of the most impressive meetings ever held in this church. There was no excitement or spasmodic effort, but the deep movings of the Spirit of God was felt by all. The same spirit that pervaded the first meeting, has been with us during the week; and we have realized the Lord's presence both at our meetings at the church and in our morning meetings at the Pacific Press, where nearly every one gladly consecrated himself anew to God. Many determined to put away their idols, and jewelry and other foolish adornments were laid upon the altar. Some refrained from eating pastry and other hurtful foods, and gave the money thus saved to foreign missions. Last Sabbath seven dear souls were buried with the Lord in baptism, and others have expressed a desire to be baptized later on. The offerings for foreign missions amount to \$415.30 to date, but there is more coming.

There is every indication that the good work will continue, and that the Mountain View church is on the forward march, and getting ready to meet the King at His coming.

B. M. Shull.

Obituaries

RINE.—Florence Ella Rine, née Butcher, was born January 20, 1866, at Vacaville, California, and died of pulmonary tuberculosis November 27, 1912, at St. Helena, California, being 46 years, 10 months, and 7 days of age. She was mar-

ried to Prof. George W. Rine September 4, 1890, at Healdsburg, California. For a number of years they resided in Healdsburg, where Professor Rine was connected with the faculty of the Healdsburg College. At the time of her death, Professor Rine was a member of the faculty of Pacific Union College.

At the age of fourteen years, she was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and from that time until her death, lived a devoted, godly life. Her family and the church, as well as the community, sustain a great loss in the death of Sister Rine.

A few days before her death, the writer engaged in prayer with her and her husband, for her recovery, if it was the Lord's will. The Lord greatly blessed in this season of prayer, and she said that while we were praying she was very conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit, but yet was not sure that it was the Lord's will to heal her. She was perfectly resigned to whatever might be His will. If it was His pleasure that she should sleep until the resurrection morning, she was willing that this be so, but very much regretted the necessity of separation from her children, to whom her life was sacredly devoted. Her last words were, "Meet me in heaven."

She leaves her husband and five children, a mother, three brothers, and four sisters, in her immediate family, to mourn. The funeral was held at Healdsburg, conducted by the writer. The text used was John 11:23.

E. E. Andross.

MARTIN.—Died at her home in Berkeley, California, September 26, 1912, Helen Turpin Martin, aged 19 years, 7 months, and 6 days. The news of her death came very suddenly to her friends, but was not unexpected by those who knew her condition, as she had been suffering for the last two years, from a chronic disease, which had seriously undermined her health. Much of the time she appeared very well. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of twelve, and lived a consistent Christian life to the day of her death. Helen was a quiet, unassuming girl, but had a deeper devotion and spiritual experience than appeared outwardly. She was a very efficient church organist, and as a rule kept faithfully to her duty, taking part in the

service the Sabbath before she died. She leaves a mother, Helen W. Martin, and a brother, Edward J. Martin. The funeral services were conducted by Elder J. O. Corliss in the presence of a large circle of sorrowing friends.

The Church

How to Begin the Work with the Lost Sheep of Israel — No. 2

There is one thing which our readers should remember,—the Jewish people as a rule know their Bibles. When we speak of the Jews knowing their Bibles, we mean especially the Old Testament. Perhaps many are not aware of the fact that there lives to-day a number of Jews, both in this country as well as in Europe, who could probably repeat the largest part of the Old Testament in the Hebrew from memory, if they could not repeat the whole of it. It is remarkable how these Jewish children of Abraham are trained to memorize the words of Scripture as well as the words of the rabbis.

But while they have learned to repeat the words of the Sacred Oracles, they are strangers to the meaning of these truths of God. There are various reasons for this, and we will not take the time to discuss it. The rabbis have taught that any *verse* in the Bible may be interpreted in a number of ways. For instance: One rabbi taught that you could interpret any text of Scripture in four ways. Another rabbi, the great Hillel, who lived about the time of Christ, taught that you could interpret any verse of Scripture in seven ways. Rabbi Samuel taught that you may interpret any verse of the Bible in thirteen ways. This method is known as the "thirteen ways of interpretation." Then Rabbi Judah, known as "the Prince," claimed that you are allowed to take any verse of the Bible, and explain it in any one of thirty-two different ways. His method is known among the Jews as "the thirty-two rules of interpretation."

The reader will recognize that it is difficult to get the Jews to see that certain scriptures mean one thing, and that one only. That is one reason why, in talking with the Jews, it is found so difficult to teach them that the Old Testament instructs us of Christ. But this difficulty in working among the Jews,

has in a measure been overcome, in the preparation of reading-matter for them. The Bible says that to the Jews have been committed the oracles of God. Rom. 3:1, 2. There is a certain Jewish background to the Scripture that, if rightly represented, will appeal to the Jews. This we have tried to do, in preparing literature for that people.

The best way to begin work among the Jewish people is not to start in with an argument about the Old Testament prophecies; neither is it advisable to talk much with them about the prophecy of Daniel. While it is not generally known, the Jewish teachers do not allow their pupils to have anything to do with the book of Daniel. In fact, the rabbis have taken that book out from among the prophets, and have placed it among the sacred writings known as, "*the Kethubim*," the Scriptures. We should remember that the rabbis have given to the people the idea that there are three kinds of inspiration, as follows: The Law. This refers to the Pentateuch, the five books of Moses. To the believers in the Old Testament, the five books of Moses are really and truly the words of God. To them this is true in the absolute.

The second kind of inspiration is the Prophets. These writings are inspired, but not quite as much as are the writings of Moses.

The third kind of inspiration is the Scriptures. These include the Psalms, Ezra, Nehemiah, Job, Proverbs, and so forth. But among these books they have slipped in the book of Daniel. We know they try to make an explanation why this was done, but to the close student of Talmudic teachings and New Testament writings, it is known that it is done to do away with the time prophecy of Daniel 9. Therefore the Jews are not as interested in the book of Daniel as they are in some other parts of the Old Testament.

We are adapting the literature to the people, so that they will want to read what is presented to them. At the same time, we are endeavoring to furnish this background of Scripture to appeal to them, concerning the Messiah, in a way that they will see it is in harmony with the word of God itself. Then the way to start is to give them something that will show them that Christ is the Messiah, and why He is the Messiah. The more this can be done from Moses and the stronger prophets, the more confidence the Jews will have in the teaching.

The Yiddish-English tract, "Israel's

Deliverer," has been written with this idea in view; and we are glad to say that over one hundred thousand copies of this tract have already been circulated. Write to your state tract society and secure a supply of this tract first. We believe that, with the blessing of the Lord, it will arouse an interest among your Jewish friends and neighbors.

In our next article we will call attention as to how to proceed with other literature.

F. C. Gilbert.

Religious Liberty

"Sunday Laws"

Word comes—but with what authority is not known—that an attempt will be made again at the forthcoming session of the state legislature to secure the enactment of a Sunday closing law. The course of legislation will be carefully observed, and should necessity occur, effective means will be invoked to curb the demand for such restrictions in this state.

A change in the management of the coast department of the organization, which has been most active in the advocacy of Sunday laws, may lead to a change in methods; but an appeal to the legislature for an enactment, which failed of presentation to a direct vote of the people so recently, would scarcely result in favorable action at the hands of that body.

Legislators elect from Southern California will be in session at the Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles, from December 19 to 21, to give individuals an opportunity to be heard regarding desired changes in state laws. This meeting will also afford a chance to protest against any proposed enactment prejudicial to public welfare, or opposed to civil and religious liberty. Happily, the sentiment regarding Sunday legislation is distinctly unfavorable in California.

Harry Ellington Brook, for many years editorial writer on the Los Angeles Times, but now engaged in the publication of a monthly magazine in Los Angeles, known as *Brain and Brawn*, lately printed the following unsolicited article in opposition to Sunday enforcement. Coming from an entirely disinterested quarter, in no way affected by denominational views, this article, editorially

presented, emphasizes the fact that many liberal minded persons in California are opposed to bigotry, and in favor of maintaining the equality before the law of all citizens, irrespective of creed. The influence of such expressions upon the public mind is distinctly felt.

"From time to time attempts are made to enforce Sunday laws in California, about the only state still free from such sumptuary legislation. These efforts should be strongly opposed and repressed, for Sunday laws are illogical, are unjust, and infringe on the liberties of the people.

"Such attempts always originate with those who take the Bible as a guide. Yet, in the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, there is not a single passage commanding or authorizing the keeping holy of the first day of the week. It was the Emperor Constantine, a sort of hermaphrodite Christian, who, in 321 A.D. enacted a law that 'all courts of justice, inhabitants in towns and workshops were to be at rest on Sunday,' with the exception in favor of those engaged in agricultural labor.

"These Sunday laws are unjust to our Jewish fellow citizens, of whom there are millions, and to the Seventh-day Adventists, of whom there are hundreds of thousands, as well as to the large number of people who do not believe in keeping any day of the week as a holy day.

"If Sabbatarians complied with the law of Moses, they would not travel over three miles on what they call the 'Sabbath,' or light a fire on that day.

"The Catholic and Lutheran churches are more liberal in this respect than are these narrow-minded sectarians. In Europe, you may see the priest, Catholic or Lutheran, after celebrating mass in the morning, umpiring a ball game on the village green, and later smoking a pipe and drinking a stein of beer at the inn with the village officials.

"These cold-blooded reformers, who seem to believe that anything pleasing is wicked, remind one of what Macaulay said about the Puritans: 'They objected to bear baiting, not because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.'

"American parsons do not object to Sunday papers because their production necessitates 'breaking the Sabbath,' for seven eighths of the work on a Sunday paper is done before midnight on Saturday. What annoys the preachers is that so many people find it much more inter-

esting and edifying to lie in a hammock on a Sunday and read the paper than to sit in a stuffy church and listen to a man in a pulpit ladling out platitudes

that may or may not have been bought for three dollars or less from a New York sermon bureau."

E. W. F.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
H. R. Miller	Heralds	60	26	\$1.00	\$80.00	
W. R. Nelson	Heralds	40	12	5.65	40.65	
M. A. Reese	G. C.	30	6		18.00	
L. B. Ward	Heralds	42	9		28.50	
4 Agents		172	53	\$6.65	\$167.15	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6, 1912

Arizona						
Walter Harper*					\$210.00	
J. A. Kindsman	B. R.	8			14.00	\$6.00
Ralph Higgins	Heralds	27			13.50	
3 Agents		35			\$237.50	\$6.00
* One week's work. Besides the books reported \$27.00 worth of "Ministry of Healing" were sold.						

Southern California

C. E. Hutchins	P. G.	27½	15		\$55.75	
W. B. Findley	P. G.	30	6		25.00	
T. Martin	P. G.	10½	6		26.00	
T. E. Williams	D. & R.	8	3		9.00	\$8.00
Chas. Carpenter	D. & R.	13	8		33.00	
Ernest Morrow	H. W.	16	23		14.30	
Mrs. H. C. Williams	H. W.	49	24		5.45	
Mae M. Neild	H. W.	8	24		16.25	
E. C. Crawford	H. W.	28	22		12.95	
Mrs. F. Swinson	H. W.	8	19		12.00	
J. A. Starr	H. W.		11		9.75	
* Mrs. Sebe Ellyson	H. W.		53		41.25	
Elizabeth Chase	H. W.	20	23		20.75	
Mrs. C. E. Sederlof	H. W.		5		3.00	
14 Agents			242		\$284.45	\$8.00
* 14 of these are "Seer of Patmos."						

Field Notes from Southern California and Arizona

Brother Walter Higgins, located at Glendale, Arizona, writes: "I know you will be glad to get my first report, if it is small, and others will follow. I am in the work to stay." Let us pray especially for these brethren who are just beginning in the work.

Brother Ralph Higgins writes from Arizona, where he has just begun the canvassing work: "The Lord has certainly blessed me, and I love the work, and look forward to the *book work* as my life-work. I would not take the best ranch in Arizona for my experiences."

A letter just received from Brother

Walter Harper brings us the good news that he is in the field again in Arizona. There are two things principally which aid in Brother Harper's success: He spends lots of time in prayer, and lots of time in the field canvassing—a good example for all of us.

We are glad to note that our faithful canvassers are still meeting with success; and from the letters we are receiving, they seem to be of good courage. The reports prove that "books can be sold, if it is about holiday season." The writer has spent some time in the field this week with the Home Workers' prospectus, and in about 27 hours took 64 orders. One lady said: "Those are the first books I have seen that are within

our reach." Certainly our books are cheap, considering the real value of them. Two of the 64 books were ordered by a Baptist minister. He said he had read "Desire of Ages," and thought it was the most wonderful book he ever read. He said there was no question but that the author was inspired.

C. C. Morlan,
Field Agent S. Cal.

Work Among the Spanish People

At the first house I called, on taking up work in Arizona again, I was granted an order for Spanish "Home and Health" and a "New Testament Primer." I sought the Master's help by prayer for His opening providences in this field. I see many tokens of God's love and care, and remarkable answers to prayer. Ps. 28:6, 7; 102:17.

It is clear to me that now is the special call—"the day of visitation"—of the Spanish-speaking people the world over. It is a marvel how these Mexican people buy our books,—"Home and Health," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Coming King," Spanish primers, etc., in fact, any of our books in their language. Some who can read English buy "Daniel and the Revelation." Each one pleased becomes your friend, and helps to advertise your work. After having purchased one, many will buy other books. Last week the Lord gave me over \$210 worth of orders for books, helps, etc. Besides this I sold \$27 worth of "Ministry of Healing," and a few of the small books like "New Testament Primer" in addition to all these. Thanksgiving day I was especially blessed in getting over \$82 worth of orders, books, outside helps, etc., in a little over five hours. Nearly \$40 worth of these orders were taken in one cabin.

Last week was a continuation of the flood-tide of God's great goodness. In six short days' work, I secured over \$180 of orders for books, helps, etc., besides some \$25 for "Ministry of Healing." Last week I came across a colored settlement. It seemed as if almost to a man, they gave an order for "Daniel and the Revelation," or "Ministry of Healing," or both. The way seems open to reach this poor, despised, downtrodden race.

When we learn our weakness, and lean heavily on "the everlasting arms," and realize if left to ourselves all will fail, we can expect God to open a wide door

ahead of us. In it all I can only give God all the glory. Pray for me; I need your prayers. Walter Harper.

Winkelman, Arizona,
December 5, 1912.

Periodical Sales for California Conference

For Month Ending Nov. 30, 1912

<i>Life and Health</i>		Copies	Value
Mrs. S. Graves		600	\$60.00
G. H. McCoon		350	35.00
Miss Ruth Crane		235	23.50
Charles Klemp		25	2.50
Office Sales		221	22.10
<i>Signs Magazine</i>			
Miss Amy Rawlinson		100	10.00
Miss Ruth Crane		20	2.00
S. F. Missionary Society		75	7.50
Office Sales		150	15.00
<i>Chinese Signs</i>			
Miss Ruth Crane		34	3.40
Miss Amy Rawlinson		10	1.00
<i>Watchman</i>			
Mrs. S. Graves		200	20.00
<i>Liberty</i>			
Miss Ruth Crane		25	2.50
<i>Temperance Instructor</i>			
Mrs. W. T. Vaughn		100	10.00
Miss Ruth Crane		75	7.50
<i>Miscellaneous</i>			
Office Sales		1,400	308.95

Totals 3,620 \$530.95
This report is a gain over October sales of \$56.50.

Watch the December report.
H. B. Thomas,
Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

January "Signs Magazine"

"The Eastern Question." Prophetic light upon the great movements of history, the marshaling of nations, the battle of Armageddon, and the end of the world. This article shows what events must yet take place before the second coming of Christ. It gives clearly, by relation of events, when the battle of Armageddon will take place. It also shows, by similar relation, when Turkey will cease to exist as a nation. This is an important article, and one that should have a wide circulation, as thousands of people are interested in the conditions and events of the East, now the seat of war. Thoroughly illustrated.

"Restraint of War," by A. O. Tait, showing why no great wars embroil the world at the present time, how the spirit of war is restrained, and why.

"Lawlessness — Its Cause and the Remedy," by M. C. Wilcox, outlines the terrible condition in the world to-day,

what has brought it about, and how it might be remedied. This condition is a sign of the times, and is clearly pointed out as such. The article should have the widest reading.

"Reform or Revolution." What great men in touch with world conditions say of the times in which we live. It is an article that will grip the attention, and almost startle one with the portentous significance that it gives to the future of certain movements in this country.

"Synthetic Chemistry," and what it is doing for the world commercially, how we are not keeping pace morally with our advancement physically and financially.

"Drifting Toward Sodom," by A. O. Tait, cites the conditions in New York, Chicago, and other cities, and gives the reason why these cities are becoming thus corrupted, and points to the whole as a sign of the times in which we live.

"Chinese Bridges" continues the articles by F. E. Stafford on that wonderful country, now awakening to new life. The pictures and descriptive matter give one a clear idea of these phases of China.

"The Movement with Which Seventh-day Adventists Are Identified as Outlined in Prophecy," by T. E. Bowen. This is one of a series which begins with this number of the magazine. It is a live topic, and of interest to every reader, and one that we hope will receive a large circulation.

These are only a few of the features of the January number. It will contain a Bible reading, and other articles, among which may be mentioned "A Great Religious Awakening," by Mrs. E. G. White; articles on the subject of "Science and the Bible;" and the new department with its religious counsel and admonition, entitled "Light on Life's Path." Editorial Comment, poetry, and a large number of illustrations, make the magazine one of the workers' strongest pieces of ammunition in the great warfare between truth and error.

It is ready for mailing. It is an unusually good one for our agents. Send all orders to the tract society.

"We need not go to heathen lands, or even leave the narrow circle of the home; if it is there that our duty lies, in order to work for Christ. We can do this in the home circle, in the church, among those with whom we associate, and with whom we do business."

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1912

Mr. L. R. Ackerman has been officially appointed as field missionary for the Utah Conference, and is now hard at work in his new field.

H. L. Waters, of Long Island, Alabama, requests the address of M. V. Downing. Any one knowing of the individual, kindly notify the inquirer, H. L. Waters.

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1913 is now ready. It contains 365 precious Bible promises, blanks for reporting missionary work, and a Friday sunset table. Price 5 cents.

An interesting magazine just received is the January *Life and Health*. The first article—"The Divorce Problem; How Solved"—by Dr. D. H. Kress, is worth the price of the paper. The other articles are equally good. How many can you use?

We have just received a sample set of the Sabbath School Memory Verse Cards for the first quarter, 1913, illustrating beautifully and appropriately Old Testament history, beginning at creation. They are excellent this quarter. All schools should not only have them, but should order in time to begin with the first card on the first Sabbath of the quarter. Send your orders at once through the conference tract society.

Brother George H. McCoon, of Berkeley, California, a Grand Army veteran eighty-four and one half years old, has sold, during 1912, 3,400 copies of the ten-cent magazines. The greater part of these were *Life and Health*, the remainder, *Signs of the Times Magazine*.

During the time he has worked, Brother McCoon has averaged two and a half or three hours a day, usually selling in that period about twenty-five papers.

Elder M. Serna, of the Arizona Conference, writes from Phoenix as follows: "In my visit to the state penitentiary I baptized three dear souls, and organized a Sabbath-school with eight persons, who keep Sabbath right there. Afterward I went to Ray, Pinal County, Arizona, and baptized four persons, and seven more will be baptized very soon; also organized a Sabbath-school with eighteen members and their officers. Thank the Lord for His good blessings to us."

To the Church Elders in the California Conference

At the last meeting of the California Conference Committee, one matter that particularly occupied the attention of the brethren in counsel with Elder Andross and others, was the obligation resting upon the conference on account of our educational work. After due consideration, it was thought best to call a council of the elders of our churches, in connection with those employed by the conference, to plan together for future work. A meeting of the elders and workers in the conference (Humboldt County excepted) has therefore been called, to convene at the Oakland church on Twenty-fifth Street, near Telegraph Avenue, on Sabbath and Sunday, January 4, 5, 1913.

We feel very anxious that all these brethren designated shall be here. We greatly need to study the question of finances together. We all need the help that such a meeting may be to us. Something definite must soon be done, and we need all the wisdom and assistance that such a council can give.

As an inducement to the elders to come, the conference will pay traveling expenses to the meeting and return, and we think we can provide them free entertainment while attending the meeting. We hope nothing will hinder all the elders from coming, as this will be a very important meeting.

In behalf of the conference committee,
E. W. Farnsworth.

An Appeal to Church Officers

As your church-members turn from this week of prayer to live nearer to God, while facing the problems of a new year,

they need every help possible. All our hearts have been stirred this week, and everywhere our people have consecrated themselves to God and His service. Possibly some of those in your church have not the *Review and Herald* to help them in their spiritual life, and to keep them in touch with the onward progress of the message. Every family should have it. Some will feel this need, and provide themselves with the paper. Others will neglect it, and some may feel they can not afford to have it. In our recent institutes, in churches where you would think every family would surely have the *Review*, when it was brought to attention, in some cases as many as ten subscriptions would be given. This is not only an evidence that all our people do not have the *Review*, but that a little personal work will influence them to take it. With a little systematic, personal effort, our church officers could right now make a canvass of their respective churches, and get the *Review* into every home for the coming year. Can you think of an effort that might be more far-reaching in results just now? Get all our people to reading the *Review* and its stirring reports of progress, and will not all lines of church work go forward more easily?

Will not you, Brother Church Elder, accept this little labor of love, and at once arrange with the librarian and others so that a personal canvass of each family in your church may be made? If you find families who are not able to take the paper, we believe you can make some arrangement with others in the church, whereby they too may have its help. May the Lord bless you in placing the paper in every home in your church for 1913. The price is now \$2.00 a year. Send all subscriptions to your tract society.

J. R. Ferren,

Miss. Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

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A good broom maker. Must be a Seventh-day Adventist. Write to D. C. Starrett, Lemoore, California.

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Six-room modern bungalow, with bungalow barn, well, windmill, berries, flowers, lawn, etc. Nearly new, and in first-class order. One half mile from the Lodi Normal Institute, Lodi, California. For price and terms, address owner, C. P. Moon, 1241 Third Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.