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The Church

Prayer and Work

Again the week of prayer, with its privileges, is before us. Surely no year ever witnessed greater need for earnest prayer and undivided consecration to service. We hope none will deprive themselves of its blessings by neglecting to seek the Lord with all the heart.

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil." Joel 2:12, 13.

One reason we should pray is that our own Christian experience may be deepened, our own lives be purified from

sin. Another reason is that others may be brought to seek the Lord for themselves. Our children and young people need a different experience. We should not rest till they obtain it. The churches to which we belong need an awakening and a great reformation.

In our praying, our institutions, the missionaries in other lands, and all that concerns the prosperity of this great, world-warning message should not be forgotten.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Elijah stood alone for God. He saw the need of his people. He prayed. That prayer locked heaven, and afterward again opened it to refreshing rains. You may be surrounded by coldness, worldliness, and indifference in your home or in the church. Then pray as Elijah prayed. Consider not your weakness and infirmity. *Pray.* "Against hope believe in hope." Stagger not as you present the promise of God.

Let this prayer week be one of work as well. Let meetings be arranged for and held every day. Be present at these gatherings yourself. Do not let work or cares prevent you from being at every meeting. Go there to help, to work for others.

Not only in the meetings, but out of them, labor and pray for any who are unconverted and backslidden. If there is alienation or difficulty between you and any of the brethren and sisters, **get together and let love and harmony be restored.**

Especial labor must be put forth for our children and young people. Arrange meetings for them. Work for them personally. Get those who have the best experience to labor for others.

Our youth need and must have a better experience than they have yet had.

As far as possible, let us lay aside our ordinary work and devote this week to seeking God for ourselves and others.

In some churches one or two days might be set apart for working with the Ingathering *Review*, and the church-members go to work in a body. Thus those who have not finished their work may do so this week.

Finally, let us all seek the Lord together, that He may pour out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it. Will you do your part?

E. W. Farnsworth.

Help! Help! Help!

We can all help in different ways, and many can help in more than one way.

This is not a cry of distress. God's cause is not in distress. He has all the wealth of the world at His command. He could leave us out entirely and carry on His work independently of us. But He has given to us the great privilege of working with Him for the salvation of men; and when the work is done, we may enter into His eternal joy.

Help by doing all you can in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We are lifting for one hundred thousand dollars for missions this year. If all will lift together, it can be done easily. Will every one help?

Help by giving freely every week and on special occasions to the cause of missions. An average of twenty cents a week per member is needed for our foreign mission operations. No assessment is made upon our churches, but we are merely working to a definite

end. Some can give much more than others. The stronger will, in this way, help the weaker members. All that God asks of us is the best that we can do. And every truly converted person is glad to do all he can. Let us work together to reach the sum of twenty cents a week for our entire membership this year. Will you help? I am sure you will.

Help by placing your money with the conference at a light rate of interest. With conditions as they are at present, we must get money from our people to meet obligations to our many note-holders as they fall due. Could not some who are blessed with a large amount of money and property, and who love God and His cause, place some of their surplus with us without interest even? And could not many let it out to the conference at a very low rate? Why should those who love God and His precious cause ask so much more interest than they can expect to get from the banks? Should we not leave some of the returns from our investment in the cause of God to come to us in the salvation of souls and a share in the eternal joy of Christ, rather than get it all in interest while here? Here is another way to help: place your money at as low a rate of interest as you possibly can. Will you help us reduce our interest payments?

Help by your prayers. We need your help in this way as much as in any other. The many problems that come to us would baffle and overwhelm us if help were not given from above. Will you reach up by faith and prayer and touch the mainspring of blessing that we together may go forward in even step until the great work is done? What a joy when we share the great reward together!

F. M. Burg.

Pres. S. Cal. Conf.

Temperance

Shall We Vote for Prohibition?

What should be our attitude in the present straight prohibition issue—the “California Dry” campaign? Perhaps the following incident, related by Elder George B. Starr, will help to determine what that attitude should be:

“At a camp-meeting of Seventh-day Adventists, held at Des Moines, Iowa, a short time before an election, the question, ‘Shall Seventh-day Adventists Vote for Prohibition?’ came up in the form of the following resolution:

“Resolved, That we support the present movement for prohibition with our influence, our voice, and our vote.”

“This resolution was quite enthusiastically discussed, for and against, until finally an amendment was introduced to strike out ‘and vote.’ Those who supported this amendment argued that Seventh-day Adventists should not vote at all on any subject, but keep out of politics and away from polls altogether. After this had been discussed for some time, and it was evident that the delegates were somewhat equally divided in their opinions, it was urged by our dear Elder James White that Sister White be sent for. She at the time was in her tent on the encampment, at some distance from the large pavilion. After the president, Elder George I. Butler, had satisfied himself that the brethren had quite freely expressed their minds, he sent for Sister White.

“Before this, earlier in the meeting, Sister White had told us that she and Brother White decided not to attend the Iowa camp-meeting that year on account of Brother White’s failing health, and that they had telegraphed this decision to Elder Butler. But on Thursday morning, while at worship, the angel of the Lord stood by her side and said, ‘Go to Iowa.’ This led them to decide at once to attend the meeting, and another telegram was sent announcing their coming, which was hailed with pleasure, especially by some of us who had never met Brother and Sister White and were anxious to do so.

“Well,” remarked Sister White, ‘we are here at the Lord’s bidding, for what special purpose we do not know, but we shall doubtless know as the meeting progresses.’ When she came into the meeting at the juncture above stated, Brother Butler explained to her the situation before the conference, and inquired if she had any light for us as to whether we should or should not vote for prohibition. She replied by saying:

“When on the way from California to Michigan some months ago, I dreamed that I was in a large council meeting of representative Seventh-day Adventists, and the subject under discussion was the temperance movement. During the discussion, I saw a fine-looking man enter with a paper and pen in his hand, and looking about upon the assembly, he passed from one to the other, each one individually, inviting him to sign the paper; and each person in the room as deliberately refused to do so, shaking their heads in refusal, and arguing that as they were temperance people from principle, they needed nothing of this kind. I saw,” said Sister White, ‘that this paper was a total abstinence pledge. As the gentleman left the room, he turned and said, “God

designs to help the people in a great movement on this subject. He also designed that you, as a people, should be the head and not the tail in the movement; but now the position you have taken will place you at the tail.” This movement,’ said Sister White, ‘was carried forward throughout the United States by earnest men and societies; and great good was accomplished, but Seventh-day Adventists had but little influence or part in it.

“In contrast to the attitude of these representative men on this question,” she said, ‘I saw the example of Jesus in paying tribute. “For thee and for Me,” as He said to Peter, that His influence might be thrown definitely upon the side of the proper support of civil government.’

“Shall we vote for prohibition?” she inquired. ‘Yes, to a man, everywhere,’ she replied.

“I can testify that the effect of the relation of that dream was electrical upon the whole conference. A convincing power attended it, and I saw for the first time the unifying power of the gift of prophecy in the church.

“The one who moved the amendment to strike out ‘and vote,’ asked the privilege of withdrawing his motion, which was granted. The original motion was then put and carried unanimously. Thus the delegates from that conference, united on this subject of prohibition, returned to their homes to work for unity in all the churches, and on polling day the Seventh-day Adventists of Iowa presented a united front on this important question, as they should do in every state and commonwealth and country on earth.”

Let us read once again the word from Sister White: “The honor of God, the stability of the nation, the well-being of the community, of the home, and of the individual, demand that every possible effort be made in arousing the people to the evils of intemperance.”

Let us, by our temperate living, the wide distribution of our good temperance literature, and our straight voting, tell the people where we stand. Let us be fearless in this thing, and let us not be among the traitors. God forbid.

The proposed amendment of the constitution of the state of California, looks to prohibiting the manufacture, the sale, the giving away, and the transportation of intoxicating liquors. Thirty thousand signatures are now needed for the petition requesting the state officials to submit this question to the people of the state at the next general election. The “dry” campaign leaders are urging that these signatures be sent to the campaign headquarters before December 25.

No one can sign this petition unless

he or she is registered. This is the important thing to do—NOW. Register at once. Send to your conference office for the petition blanks, and then help by getting other registered people to sign the petition. If your conference office does not have any petition blanks, send direct to the "Dry" Campaign Headquarters, care Geo. S. Yarnall, Secretary, 1103 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, California.

Let there be no delay—no trailing.
Ernest Lloyd.

December 5.

Religious Liberty

Religious Liberty Notes

Santa Monica has defeated the proposition for the closing of the saloons on Sunday, by a vote of two thousand one hundred seventy-three to eight hundred fourteen. The issue was clearly seen to involve the question as to the sectarian preference of days, and the voters could not see any great amount of light in closing the saloons one day in the week and letting them remain open the other six days. Moreover, it was felt that this arbitrary distinction in days by Santa Monica would drive away to other towns the Sunday sources of revenue, inasmuch as elsewhere prohibition laws were inoperative.

The state bureau of labor has decided to begin at once the energetic enforcement of the "weekly day of rest" law, which has been on the statutes of California since 1907. This enactment requires that all employers of labor shall grant to their employees one day of rest in seven, but leaves to the parties in interest the day to be selected. So far as any state law could grant relief from the unjust exactions of capital, this was thought to be sufficient, and prosecutions based upon its requirements last year were so generally successful as to encourage its general application.

But, while the state undeniably has the power to prescribe rules for the government of corporations owing their existence to civil enactment, even to the extent of forcing them to grant definite hours of labor and periods of

rest to operatives, it is equally certain that the state has no right to abridge the privileges or the immunities of free-born citizens, who freely may work when they please and cease from labor when it suits their convenience. To argue otherwise would be to deny the rights of citizenship, and to reduce to slavery men whose natural rights are not subject to repeal by human agency.

While not open to the objection of laws which undertake to compel the observance of Sunday as a day of rest, even the existing law, if applied to the compulsory observance of any day of rest by the individual citizen, though the specific day be left to his own election, would be unconstitutional and in violation of guaranteed rights of citizenship. While confined to the mere protection of the employee from forced labor continuously, the law may be defended as justifiable in view of the existing state of society; but otherwise, the right of contracting one's labor for any definite period, without respect to days, can not be denied without invoking the religious consideration, and that is barred as against the state, which is supposed to deal only with civil matters.

And, were the religious consideration open to the determination of civil matters, it would be an anomalous situation which would lead the government to declare that citizens should observe some specific day as their day of rest, in implied obedience to the divine law, which allows of no variation from the very letter, expressly limited to the definite seventh day since the days of antiquity. The civil authorities will discover that they are getting into deep water whenever they attempt to control the use of time by individual citizens.

J. F. Blunt.

Wanted

A home for a little orphan boy ten years old, who needs a kind father and mother to love him, and guide him in the right way. Address Mrs. M. B. Parrett, 1700 Summit Ave., Pasadena, California.

"Whether you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for Him."

The Field

ARIZONA

Phoenix

At the request of the Arizona Conference, I came to this city to attend the camp-meeting and hold a series of meetings following.

Although our camp-meeting here was somewhat smaller than the Los Angeles meeting, the Lord was present and blessed in a marked way. I am sure our people received much spiritual blessing as the result of the meeting.

There were very few outside of the faith that attended the services, and it caused some degree of apprehension whether they would attend the after meetings.

We also experienced some difficulty in finding a suitable location for the meetings. However, our people were very anxious that meetings be held, and finally the providence of God opened the way. We were able to secure a hall quite conveniently located, with sufficient room to seat four hundred and fifty people.

Our meetings opened Sunday night, November 30. Our hearts were made glad to see over three hundred and fifty in attendance. The following evenings, the attendance has also been very good.

One thing of especial note is the number of Indians that attend the services. The last few evenings, perhaps thirty or forty have been coming. They pay very good attention, and some have taken the texts. They have also bought our literature, even more than any others that are attending.

The papers are especially liberal, and have printed all our sermons. As a result we have a very good announcement of the meetings, and the light is shining. Some come a number of miles from the country to attend the services. One man living fifteen miles away on a ranch tries to attend the meetings.

Our hearts are made glad to see how the Lord has prepared the way, and how eagerly the people listen to the truth.

Elders Reaser and Hollister have united with the effort here, and we hope to have one or two Bible workers soon.

In the report of the Los Angeles city work, which occurred in the RECORDER of November 27, the name of one of our most faithful Bible workers was overlooked, that of Mrs. Florence Merrill, who was connected with the work the full year, and was the means of bringing a number into the truth.

A. S. Booth.

CALIFORNIA

Still Working Humboldt

Reports from Humboldt County indicate that the Harvest Ingathering campaign has by no means ended. From letters recently received, these items are gleaned: Eureka has raised \$150 during its campaign, and will surely reap more than its quota per member. Sister Richardson is working Ferndale with good success.

Brother and Sister L. L. Hutchinson visited the Banner church and encouraged the brethren to spend a day in the field. Brother Wertz took a party to Scotia in an automobile, and as the result of one day's effort, the Banner church raised its quota. One member of the party collected \$12.50 during the day.

At Pepperwood the work has been taken hold of earnestly. In McKinleyville the church responded nobly. Three members agreed to collect \$5.00 each. Brother and Sister Hutchinson encouraged the brethren in labor by pledging \$5.00 each to the McKinleyville church. Others took papers, and Brother Hutchinson concludes his statement concerning their work by saying, "We expect to send word soon to the effect that Humboldt has raised its entire quota."

As we near the close of the year, we suggest that a general rally be made to finish the work. We hear good reports from the churches of progress made and of blessings received. Let us press onward with faith and courage.

E. W. Farnsworth.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Sister Georgia Burgess underwent a heavy operation on Monday, a large tumor, which was really threatening her life, being removed. All will be glad to know that she is rallying from the operation and is doing well.

Prof. M. E. Cady, of Walla Walla, spoke to patients and helpers on Thursday evening. The address was an impressive one, the subject being "The Greatest Science of All Sciences."

The following brethren have been in attendance at board meetings at the sanitarium this week: E. E. Andross, J. W. McCord, W. E. Whalin, J. H. Behrens, C. H. Jones, J. J. Ireland, A. G. Christiansen, G. W. Reaser, C. L. Taggart, F. M. Burg, E. W. Farnsworth, H. G. Lucas, W. M. Adams, Claude Conard, and E. E. Parlin. On Tuesday evening, a public meeting was held in the sanitarium chapel, and several of the visiting brethren spoke. A number of vocal numbers were rendered by the church school students and others.

December 5.

M. B. H.

California Conference Teachers' Institute

"In union there is strength; in association there is inspiration. In the teacher's work, inspiration contributes as much to success, perhaps, as do the more common qualifications of technical or literary training.

"Time is precious, and because it is precious no day should be allowed to pass without adding something to the teacher's equipment."

Realizing the truthfulness of the above statements, the California Conference committee at a recent meeting showed their interest in the church schools and the church school teachers by a hearty vote for a mid-winter institute, to be held at Pacific Union College.

Accordingly, plans are made for the teachers to arrive at the college on Friday, December 19. The first meeting will be held on Sabbath afternoon. The topic will be, "The Spiritual Responsibility of the Teacher." The following days and evenings will be filled to the brim with the finest of educational wheat. On Wednesday afternoon and evening, the teachers may depart for their homes, if they so desire.

In a few days, detailed programs will be sent to the teachers; also information in regard to reaching the college, what to bring, what not to bring, etc.

G. F. Wolfkill,

Ed. Supt. Cal. Conf.

Sebastopol

Our Harvest Ingathering service was held November 9. An excellent missionary program was given by the children and young people of the Sabbath-school.

Thirty-two dollars and sixty cents was given to help in supplying comforts to Sisters Burroway and Scott in Korea; also 275 pounds of choice dried fruit was given for India.

Mrs. H. A. Chinnock.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Conference Items

Elder C. L. Taggart spent most of last week at the college and the St. Helena Sanitarium, in union conference committee and sanitarium board meetings.

Prof. H. G. Lucas, educational secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, spent Sabbath, December 6, with the Lodi Normal and the Lodi church.

The Harvest Ingathering work is being continued throughout the field. We hope it will be quite vigorously carried on during the week of prayer. As we meet together from day to day, how fitting that we should spend some time in actual service!

We are anxious to forward the Harvest Ingathering funds for foreign missions; consequently we hope our people will continue to send in their money to the office as early as possible.

The committee which met Monday, December 8, divided the time of the ministers among the churches for the week of prayer. We hope that day by day the readings will be held in all our churches. Where there are a few isolated brethren and sisters who can come together, we believe they should have their meetings regularly. It would be an excellent plan for individual families to have a set hour each day to have the readings, the same as in the churches. Where there are those who are sick, or aged, we believe some one should be appointed to call on them and read to them. Let us not leave anything undone that we might do that will add to our spirituality and that will be a blessing to others.

Office.

Missionary Work

North Pacific Items

Yesterday, while riding north from Seattle with Brethren S. N. Rittenhouse and W. R. Beatty, the conversation turned to that topic so dear to every bookman's heart,—the results appearing from the circulation of our books. Let me tell you of some of them.

The vice-president of the Epworth League of Montana, and local elder of the Butte Methodist Church, found a copy of "Great Controversy" in his father's library. It had been there over a year, but he had not seen it before, and none of the family had read it. A few pages convinced him that it contained truth, and noticing the name of the publishers in the back, he wrote to the Pacific Press for several tracts. These came in due time, together with a kind letter thanking him for the order and suggesting that he could secure other literature from the tract society at Bozeman. He did so, but kept reading "Controversy," until one Sabbath morning he came down-stairs and informed his astonished father that he was going to keep the day.

Monday morning he went to his employer, the owner of a large wholesale grocery, and told him of his decision and the reason for it. After listening closely, the owner told him he had never discharged a man because of his religious convictions, and was not going to begin with him. Three weeks after this experience, Brethren Beatty and Armstrong found him ready for re-baptism—he had been baptized on entering his former church. He hopes to attend one of our colleges and complete his preparation for the ministry, begun in his former church.

An incident in southern Oregon illustrating the influence of an earnest presentation of our books even where a sale was not made, is as follows: Some two or three weeks ago Brethren Beatty and Hamilton were looking up those who might be interested in home workers' books, and were directed to a lady who had recently accepted the truth. She immediately recognized Brother Hamilton as the one who in

company with a young man he was training had canvassed her for "Past, Present, and Future" a few months before. Although not purchasing, she had been so impressed with his conversation that she had taken readings from a Bible worker to whom Brother Hamilton had given her name, and is now rejoicing in the truth. Of course she took a prospectus for the home workers' books, and is spreading the truth that was so recently brought to her. Verily we know "not whether shall prosper, either this or that"; but we do know that God watches the seed we sow.

Another incident which occurred recently in Portland, and which illustrates the same point, was told by Brother Oberg. One of his resident canvassers presented his book to a policeman who unceremoniously refused it, stating that he had no interest in such subjects. But the talk was not forgotten, and a short time after, he crossed the city to the section where he understood the canvasser lived, and began a house-to-house search for him without even knowing his name. He finally found the canvasser's wife, who was not a little startled to find a burly policeman asking for her husband. But he soon put her at ease by stating that he wanted "one of those Bible books," which he is now eagerly reading. Let us hope that his interest may deepen until he becomes an officer in the army of the Lord.

Another result of seed sowing in the North Pacific Union has just come to light. Less than two years ago Brother Beatty and one of his field agents went into a small town to put in a part of their two weeks' field work. They had their accustomed experiences and talks with the people, delivered their books and went on their way, but Providence was watching the seed. A few months ago a tent was pitched there and a company raised up. On inquiry it was found that without a single exception those who had responded to the message had purchased books at that time.

The home workers' campaign is succeeding wonderfully up here. Our branch office can hardly keep a stock either of the prospectus or of the books themselves. Brother Loop, field agent of Upper Columbia, told me that some of the young people's societies were adding to their funds through the sale

of these books, that some children were paying their tuition through school by the same means, and in one place they are planning on painting a church by dedicating their profits to that end.

The sale of all classes of publications, exclusive of periodicals and magazines, has already reached \$43,000 in this union, and it may reach \$50,000 before the end of the year. When we think of the house-to-house visits, the earnest talks with and prayers for the people, and the toil of all concerned in making up this total, we gather a new conception of the extent and influence of this department of our work.

H. H. Hall.

*En route Portland to Calgary,
November 22.*

Quarterly Missionary Reports

The missionary secretaries of the California (Coast) Conference and the Southern California Conference have been able to pass on most interesting summaries of the missionary activities in their churches for the quarter ending September 30, 1913. I am sure all will be glad to see these reports in full, and trust that their influence may encourage every one to do more personally to reach others with the truth. These would be larger if reports could be secured from all the churches. Shall we not improve on this during the present quarter?

Missionary Report of the California Conference

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| Number of churches and companies | ..37 |
| Membership of churches |2,710 |
| Number of persons reporting work or donations, members or not, all ages | about 300 |
| How many churches hold missionary meetings during the week? |4 |
| How many churches hold the fourth Sabbath missionary service? |6 |
| Membership of conference church and isolated members, including Missionary Volunteer isolated members |2,800 |
| Letters written |254 |
| Letters received |99 |
| Missionary visits (personal work) | ..734 |
| Bible readings or cottage meetings held |335 |
| Subscriptions taken for periodicals | 807 |
| Papers sold |2,681 |
| Papers mailed, lent, or given away |19,343 |
| Books sold |206 |
| Books lent or given away |101 |
| Tracts sold |576 |
| Tracts lent or given away |22,370 |
| Hours of Christian help work |293 |

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| Articles of clothing given away | 144 |
| Number of meals provided | 298 |
| Treatments given | 13 |
| Offerings for home missionary work | \$129.43 |
| Number of conversions | 11 |
| Other work done—Our 15 or 20 reading racks have been filled 175 times during the quarter. | |

H. B. Thomas,
Missionary Secretary.

Missionary Report of Southern California

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| Number of missionary visits | 1,076 |
| Hours spent in Christian help work | 1,381 |
| Number of sick persons assisted | 48 |
| Number of treatments given | 242 |
| Number of meals provided | 230 |
| Articles of clothing given away | 484 |
| Signatures obtained to the temperance pledge | 32 |
| Number of tracts lent or given away | 7,644 |
| Number of papers lent, mailed, or given away | 9,828 |
| Number of books lent or given away | 564 |
| Number of missionary letters written | 745 |
| Number of letters received | 376 |
| Number of periodicals sold | 1,308 |
| Number of periodical subscriptions taken | 193 |
| Number of "relief books" sold | 19 |
| Bible readings or cottage meetings held | 421 |
| New converts added through efforts of members | 8 |

Ernest Lloyd,
Missionary Secretary.

We are all glad to see those last two items, "new converts added through efforts of members," eight in southern California, and "conversions" in the California Conference, eleven. Many honest people are now ready and waiting to be put in touch with this truth. Our lay members must diligently search them out.

J. R. Ferren,
Miss. Secretary Pacific Union Conf.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Missionary Items

This is certainly the time for the distribution of our small books, as you will observe from the reports that are coming from those who are doing the work. Listen to the following: 9 hours, 29 orders, \$23.50; between showers, 22 orders, \$17.25; 7 hours, 7 orders, \$5.25; 12 hours, 30 orders, \$21.00; 9 hours, 14 orders, \$12.00. These were taken from the file just as they came. Does it not make you think that you would like to do something of that nature between now and the holidays? If it does, do

not think about it too long, for we are nearly there, and what is done will need to be done quickly. "What has been done in this line of work, may be done again." Suppose you try.

Last Tuesday morning, about thirty members of the Modesto and Salida churches met at the Modesto church for a day with the Ingathering work. The town was districted, each went to his territory and began work. The total amount gathered has not been tabulated, but from the reports at noon, we are sure that a good work has been done, not only financially, but spiritually, and a good experience gained in working for the Master.

What is meant by the evangelization of the world in this generation, if it does not mean that every believer in Christ should do his or her part of the evangelizing? Are you doing what you think you ought to do?

J. W. R.

No More Kindling

In California the daily paper is the usual fire starter for the morning. A large pile of these had accumulated in the home of one of our brethren in a southern California city. A neighbor called at his home and received a large armful of these papers for kindling. While using them as intended, he came across a strange paper and read it with a great deal of interest. He then searched out these particular ones and continued his studies with increasing interest. When he called at this brother's home a few days later, he did not want more kindling, but he did ask for more of those strange papers. This man is a Catholic, and the brother has renewed his subscription to the *Signs* weekly so he can supply the neighbor regularly. Remember, friends, people are looking for the truth. Let us search them out instead of waiting for them to stumble onto us.

Holiday Gifts

This custom has become such a perplexity and such an expense that nationwide organizations are now endeavoring to check it. How successful the movement will be is to be seen, as it is just in its beginning. But why not turn the opportunity to good? As the season draws on and we plan gifts for our

friends, let us bring into consideration our good literature. What could be better than that new series of the *Signs* just beginning? With our leading men as contributors, and God's providences among this people in all parts of the world, we certainly have much to tell the people. Let us catch the spirit of the season and make it a real missionary opportunity. A beautiful announcement card is mailed with the first paper, if desired. The price of the *Signs* is \$1.75 for one year; two for \$3.00; three for \$4.00; four for \$5.00. Send your order to the tract society.

Report of the Periodical Sales of the California Conference for Month Ending November 30, 1913

Life and Health

| | Copies | Value |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| Mrs. S. Graves | 500 | \$50.00 |
| W. A. Gonter | 50 | 5.00 |
| Mrs. F. M. Callicotte | 25 | 2.50 |
| Ruth Crane | 25 | 2.50 |
| J. R. Reed | 25 | 2.50 |
| O. Olsen | 20 | 2.00 |
| Office sales | 37 | 3.70 |

Signs Magazine

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| Oakland Miss. Socy. | 200 | 20.00 |
| Mrs. E. M. Cook | 50 | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Grimmett | 50 | 5.00 |
| J. R. Reed | 50 | 5.00 |
| Ruth Crane | 25 | 2.50 |
| Mountain View M. V. Socy. | 25 | 2.50 |
| C. L. Harrell | 25 | 2.50 |
| O. Olsen | 20 | 2.00 |
| Office sales | 84 | 8.40 |

Watchman

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| Mrs. S. Graves | 200 | 20.00 |
| Oakland Miss. Socy. | 105 | 10.50 |
| Florence Morser | 58 | 5.80 |

Chinese Signs

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| Ruth Crane | 120 | 12.00 |
| Mrs. F. A. Coffin | 92 | 9.20 |
| Mrs. Hattie Perkins | 16 | 1.60 |
| Misc. magazine sales | 81 | 8.10 |

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| Total magazine sales | 1,883 | \$188.30 |
| Miscellaneous subscriptions | 1,183 | \$06.69 |

Grand Totals 3,066 \$694.99

H. B. Thomas.

For Sale

Owing to its buyer's misfortune, which prevented him from going to California this winter, my "Bide-a-Wee" home near the Pacific Union College, St. Helena, California, is again on the market. For quick sale will take \$2,000. Write for description and terms. C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 28, 1913

| Agent | Book | Hrs. | Ords. | Helps | Value | Delivered |
|------------------------------|---------------|------|-------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Northern California | | | | | | |
| M. A. Reese | B. R. | 37½ | 5 | \$ 9.70 | \$25.70 | \$50.45 |
| G. B. Morrison | B. R. | 37 | 5 | 4.50 | 24.50 | 45.75 |
| Mrs. C. H. Beeve | H. W. | 9 | 29 | 23.50 | 23.50 | |
| Mrs. W. T. Mogle | H. W. | 24 | 48 | 38.75 | 38.75 | |
| Mrs. L. E. June | H. W. | 5 | 8 | 4.35 | 4.35 | |
| Miscellaneous 40 & 50% Books | | | | 6.50 | 14.40 | |
| | | | | \$87.30 | \$131.20 | \$96.20 |
| Arizona | | | | | | |
| Mrs. Sorenson | H. W. | 5 | 15 | \$7.75 | \$ 7.75 | |
| Lawrence Stump | H. W. | 1 | 1 | | .75 | |
| A. O. Gann | D. & R. | 39 | 9 | 5.50 | 42.50 | |
| Pedro Tarason | H. & H. | 36 | | | 83.50 | |
| 4 Agents | | 81 | | \$13.25 | \$134.50 | |
| Central California | | | | | | |
| I. Hansen | D. R. | 21 | 2 | \$5.25 | \$12.25 | |
| Mildred Boynton | H. W. | | | | 5.00 | |
| Bessie Doty | H. W. | | | | 13.75 | |
| Mrs. Parsons | H. W. | 6 | 18 | | 9.75 | |
| Lela Daughters | H. W. | 11 | | | 8.25 | |
| 5 Agents | | | | \$5.25 | \$49.00 | |
| Southern California | | | | | | |
| H. E. Farmer | B. R. | 32 | 11 | \$1.00 | \$40.00 | |
| C. M. Grey | P. P. F. | 36 | 17 | | 46.00 | |
| W. O. James | H. & H. | 11 | 16 | | 40.00 | |
| C. Egner | P. G. & C. K. | 10 | 4 | | 10.00 | |
| Wm. Keele | B. S. | 27 | 46 | | 34.50 | |
| Henry Bundy | H. W. | 10 | 10 | | 7.25 | |
| Mrs. M. De Groot | H. W. | 7 | | | 3.25 | |
| Mrs. C. E. Buckner | H. W. | 4 | 3 | | 1.50 | |
| Mr. & Mrs. R. I. Witt | H. W. | 17 | 27 | | 13.50 | |
| Mrs. D. Kirven | H. W. | | 11 | | 7.00 | |
| Mrs. M. McKean | H. W. | | 15 | | 11.45 | |
| Mrs. Mary Stradley | H. W. | | 19 | | 13.75 | |
| Mrs. Chris Nelson | H. W. | | 12 | | 9.25 | |
| H. C. Story | H. W. | 29 | 54 | | 45.50 | |
| Emma Sickler | H. W. | | 14 | | 8.00 | |
| Mrs. Eunice Adkins | H. W. | 23 | 31 | | 16.25 | |
| Mrs. B. W. Easley | H. W. | | 17 | | 12.75 | |
| Miscellaneous | H. W. | 12 | 5 | | 3.50 | |
| | | | | \$1.00 | \$323.45 | |

ARIZONA

"The one thing that is needed to quickly finish the work is to get every church-member to become a living missionary."

At our recent camp-meeting, this principle was largely put into practise. A call was made for our people to use tracts in home missionary and public work. The response to this call resulted in the sale of six 25-cent tract packages, six \$1.00 tract packages, and eighteen \$5.00 tract packages. \$30.00 was raised for *Signs of the Times*, making in all \$127.50. Considering the small number present, this was truly marvelous. The spirit of sacrifice was manifest, and we believe this is but the beginning of a great movement for

home missionary work among the people of this state.

Since our camp-meeting, our canvassers have been doing excellent work in the field. In one afternoon of five hours' work, Sister Margaret Sorenson, in Phoenix, secured fifteen orders for the home workers' books.

A Mexican gentleman living in Phoenix, recently accepted the truth and was baptized at the close of our camp-meeting. He desired to have a part in the work, so attended all the classes that were held to instruct the canvassers. His first week of thirty-six hours with "Home and Health," Spanish, resulted in thirty-three orders, valued at \$83.50.

Another brother has been doing nicely in Phoenix with "Daniel and the Revela-

tion." Several others are interested in the home workers' books, and are doing what they can near their homes in helping to send out the good literature. Making use of our tract, paper, and book work, and with a burning desire in our hearts to get every member to become a living missionary, we are striving earnestly to finish the work in which the dear Lord so graciously has given us a part.

C. F. Innis,
Field Agent Arizona Conf.

Obituaries

LARSON.—Laura J. Larson, née Johnson, was born in Smoland, Sweden. At the age of three, with her parents, she came to the United States. In 1904 she was married to L. O. Larson in Los Angeles. At this time the writer first met them. Sister Larson has been a devoted Seventh-day Adventist for thirteen years. After a short illness, she fell asleep in Jesus November 8, 1913. She leaves a husband, step-daughter, and daughter.

Services were held in the church where she had so often worshiped, at Sonoma, California; also interment in the same town.

S. T. Hare.

KILLINGER.—Elizabeth Herbley Killinger was born at Wittemberg, Germany, September 11, 1828. She fell asleep trusting in the "blessed hope," November 21, 1913. She came to America in 1852, and united in marriage the following year to John Andrew Killinger. She had been reared a Lutheran adherent, but accepted the present truth through the labors of Mrs. E. E. Parlin, about nine years ago. The remains were laid to rest in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, South San Francisco, California.

B. E. Beddoe.

TWITCHELL.—Maude Twitchell, nee Barlow, was born October 16, 1890, in Colorado. She came to California in 1905, and was married in 1910. Sister Twitchell had a very lovable and happy disposition.

After an illness of ten days, she passed away. Her courage and faith in God were perfect. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to those who mourn their loss.

S. T. Hare.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1913

Brother W. S. Holbrook, who is laboring in Modoc County, the most northerly county on the Nevada side of California, sends us the following encouraging report: "Since October 31, seven have decided to keep the Sabbath. Last week Mrs. Holbrook and I took the team and drove twenty-six miles. We stayed with a family a few days and studied the truth with them ten hours a day. We left three — father, mother, and grandmother — rejoicing in the truth. They are so anxious now for their children. While we were away, Brother M. J. King looked after the work at Eagleville. Mrs. Holbrook will remain with the work here for the next two weeks while Brother King and I take the team and go up the valley in the interest of the Harvest In-gathering papers."

At the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference, the question of state-wide prohibition was given careful consideration, and the following preambles and recommendation were authorized:

"Whereas, An effort is being made in the state of California to submit the question of state-wide prohibition to the voters of said state at the next regular elections; and,

"Whereas, This question is a purely temperance measure, and one that we as a people can most heartily endorse; therefore,

"We Recommend, That our brethren and sisters be encouraged to enter into this issue heartily by having their names placed on the great register, so they may be able to sign the petition when it is presented to them for that purpose, and also that they may be able to vote for the measure at the forthcoming November elections in 1914."

Prayer is not only a privilege, but a necessity to the Christian life. Without it, we can not hope to become like Christ. It is that earnest devotion that will enable us to overcome and finally enter our heavenly home. It is written of Christ that He arose long before day and spent this time in communion with His Father. If He, our Saviour, needed prayer, how much more we need it. To assist us in study, meditation, and prayer, the Morning Watch Calendar comes to our aid. This does not merely imply that we are to memorize one text each day, but that we devote some time alone with God in the early part of the day. The texts show careful selection, and have proved themselves beneficial to many who have carefully observed the morning watch. The study of God's word is encouraged, and as we read we become deeper interested and long for more. The Morning Watch Calendar is a most excellent help. Its texts, its quotations, and subjects for special prayer, make it a helpful and encouraging member of the Christian's "morning watch."

Another year has nearly passed and we are brought up to the time of the special week of prayer for 1913, which the General Conference committee have requested shall be observed from December 13 to 20. These seasons have been important occasions in the past, and the Lord has remembered His children as they have come before Him with renewed consecration. On every hand, the conditions indicate that it is indeed a time for earnest prayer. Strife, unrest, and perplexity are seen everywhere in the political and labor world, and the men in charge of affairs of state realize that we are traveling a road that has not been previously explored. What a day will bring forth, no one attempts to predict. In the religious world, there is still that growing disbelief in the word of God. Many professed Christians are entertaining serious doubts of the authenticity of the Scriptures, and are unwilling to submit to their requirements. This condition is growing more and more serious each day that passes. It behooves those who are waiting for the coming of the Lord to consider seriously their own standing with God, and to make speedy preparation for the end of all things.

It was indeed a privilege to spend a few days the past week at the Pacific Union College, and to see the large class of children and young people, about two hundred and fifty in number, gathered there for the purpose of securing a training that will fit them for service in the Master's cause. Those persons who have been acquainted with the educational work on this coast from its beginning, have longed to see what we now see — our schools full of pupils. Only those workers that have been in touch with the entire field would have predicted such results this year — an increase of eighty students over last year's attendance. Truly there is reason for gratitude. And what is still better, is that sixty students are in the collegiate course, one hundred and forty in the academic, and fifty in the church school grades. The attendance at our other schools is also excellent. The academy at Lodi reports an attendance of two hundred and fifty, with at least one hundred in the academic grades. At Fernando, about the same number of students are in the academic courses, besides a large church school. Surely the time is now past when it can be said that our facilities for academic and collegiate students are too large, for we now find our schools full, or nearly so. And they are filled with the flower of our young people, who are preparing for the advancing of the message in all portions of the earth. But the end is not yet. From all parts of the field we hear of young people who could not come to college this year, but say they will be there next year. Hence the necessity of pushing to immediate completion the projected plans for the college at St. Helena. Surely all our people will rejoice over this situation.

For Sale

Choice home on Fruitvale Avenue, Chico, California. Consists of two lots, six-room house, barn, chicken house, and windmill. Buildings alone worth the price asked. Seventh-day Adventist church and church school privileges. Pacific telephone No. 421 J. Address S. Heathcote, Orland, Cal.

"It is no time now for the watchman to become sleepy, and cease to be a sentinel upon the walls of Zion."