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The Message of the Bells

What cheer, O wakeful watchman,

As dawns the glad New Year?

Say, how has been the battle?

O watchman true, what cheer?

As bells ring out the chorus

With mighty promise swelling,

O say, what lies before us?

What are their tongues now telling?

O pilgrim, ask the meaning

Of bells that ring to-day?

List to their cheering message,

And bear it far away:

The years are quickly fleeting,

And on apace are swinging.

And with a gladsome greeting,

A song of hope they're bringing.

For soon, ah, soon, the message

Of coming King shall go

To every tribe and nation,

And then shall heaven glow.

Shall close the gospel story,

And heaven's King, descending

In His celestial glory,

Shall bring His reign unending.

Max Hill.

Sanitarium, California.

News from the South

Recently a card was received from a former student of the Madison school who is now living in California, saying that she had read of the progress of the Madison work, in the *Review and Herald*, and asking for more information in regard to the great Southern cause. There may be other readers of the *PACIFIC UNION RECORDER* who likewise have interests in the South. The Pacific coast states have always held many friends of the Southern work, and a number of the most earnest self-supporting workers formerly lived in the West.

Several years ago Elder C. N. Martin and family came South because of their interest in the needs of this field. Sister Martin was formerly a teacher in Milton Academy, the forerunner of Walla' Walla College, and Elder Martin was a ministerial laborer in Montana and California. Elder Martin has done a great deal of ministerial work in the South, while his wife and others associated with him have been doing community work near Bon Aqua, Tennessee. Gradually a little school has been established, and recently Sister Martin wrote as follows:

"My heart is very full of joy and thankfulness this morning. I do not know where we would have been now if we had had the choosing. But we are still here in the place of our hearts' desire. Our little school is surely a very precious thing to me. There seems something sacred about it. And why should there not be? Is it not a vine of His own planting? Does He not watch over it day and night? Is it not to Him more precious than the golden wedge of Ophir? Are not

these dear children gathered here day by day the purchase of His dear blood? O, if I can only be the means, in God's hand, of leading them into His kingdom—if I can sometime stand before His throne with exceeding great joy, and say, 'Here am I and the children whom Thou hast given me,' that will be pay enough for me. I have taught school for years, and always liked it, but this is so different! I love this work. What a privilege it is to be a coworker with Christ, to know that He is by your side, that you can endure as seeing Him who is invisible!

"Our school numbers nearly thirty. Many more would like to come, but they live too far away. I have had two programs for the public so far, and am planning a temperance program for Christmas. We had an exercise Thanksgiving day. The house was filled with visitors. The children did well. After it was over, I made a few remarks, and then called on the visitors. One woman, a Baptist, who sends two girls to school, arose and earnestly said: 'I never heard anything like it. Why, before Mrs. Martin began to teach, these children could not sing a word. O, how I do hope they may be taught to sing for Jesus!' Then a big burly man stood up and said: 'When I was a boy, I never had such a chance. I am glad my children have such a good chance. May God bless Mrs. Martin. She has done wonders for these children.' Then his voice broke and he sat down. Another woman, whose children live too far away to attend this school, clasped my hand, and with tears in her eyes said: 'I would give anything if I could only send my children here. Do come and see me. I want to talk with you.'

"I am organizing a society among the children. We plan to make some little articles to sell in order to get a few things for the school. But between you and me, the main object is to open a channel through which to reach the homes of the people. We have made it a test of membership that no one using tobacco or liquor can join. As none of the children coming to school use it, I was safe in that. I want to draw in the other young people in the neighborhood. I am going to get temperance literature and let the children circulate it themselves among their folks. I also want to get a circulating library here, and then we can call for donations of books from outsiders, and that will give us a chance to put in some of our books. We need help on the farm and in the schoolroom. Please keep a lookout for the right ones to help us."

This year there are in the Madison school seven young people whose homes are on the Pacific coast. Brother and Sister Claude Bunch are taking the one-year nurses' course. Brother Erman Stearns and his wife hope before very long to locate in some isolated highland district. They are at present connected with the Madison school. Brother George Wallace and family have been carrying on self-supporting work in northern Tennessee for the last five years. Brother Wallace taught the carpentry work in Healdsburg College for several years. He became interested in the South, left his California home, and has been associated in self-supporting work with Brother and Sister Walen near Fountain Head, Tennessee. Brother Wallace is at present teaching the short course in carpentry in the Madison school. The young men in his class are having their practical work in the erection of a new students' cottage.

The Madison school students advocate a great layman's movement in harmony with the teachings of the spirit of prophecy, that hundreds of Sabbath-keepers should move into places where the truth has not been proclaimed, and by their consistent lives and active missionary work proclaim the truths of the third angel's message. The attendance this year is the largest in the history of the institution. There are a number of men and their wives in the student body. In two or three instances there are fathers, mothers, and children attending school side by side.

The students of the Madison school have been favored recently by a number of well-known visitors, among them Elder W. C. White, who spent some time on his return from the Washington council, giving the members of the family some excellent advice. Elder White has been closely associated with the Madison school since the days of its incipency, and his visits are always appreciated. Other visitors of the past few weeks were Elder C. N. Martin, of Bon Aqua, Tennessee; Elder S. E. Wight, president of the Southern Union Conference; Elder E. H. Rees, treasurer of the Southern Union Conference; Elder C. P. Bollman, editor of the *Watchman*; Elder C. A. Hansen, pastor of the Nashville church; and Dr. A. J. Harris, also of Nashville.

M. Bessie DeGraw.

The Field

Nevada Mission

Some time ago, Elder W. S. Holbrook was invited to study the Bible with a family in the country near Eagleville. Referring to this experience, he writes as follows: "While there, we studied the truth with them about ten hours a day. The father, mother, and grandmother are now rejoicing in the truth."

Elder Holbrook and Brother King are about to close their effort in Eagleville, Modoc County, California. The Lord has greatly blessed the meetings held in this town. As a result, thirteen souls are now keeping the Sabbath.

Since my last report to the *RECORDER*, I have visited our people in Goldfield and Bishop. We have a few faithful Sabbath-keepers in Goldfield. They meet at the home of Sister Harvey each Sabbath, and have their Sabbath-school and little meeting. I held several meetings with this company. The Lord blessed in the study of His word.

I was with the church at Bishop during the first part of the week of prayer. I had a meeting with the young people and the children Sabbath morning. All took part in the meeting, and the Lord blessed us indeed. Miss Bennet, of Long Beach, is teaching the church school. She has an interesting little school.

Our people at Bishop are of good

courage, and are making a strong plea for meetings to be held in Owens Valley in the near future. Let us pray that the Lord will open the way for meetings to be held in that valley by next tent season. A. G. Christiansen.

Utah Items

Utah is *second* in North America, but *first* in the United States, in raising her quota of the \$100,000 for missions through the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

The following shows the comparison between the years 1912 and 1913 in the Ingathering work in Utah:

	1912	1913	Gain
Papers ordered	1,515	3,680	2,165
Money gathered	\$76.97	\$322.87	\$245.90

More money will yet come in for 1913.

The week of prayer has brought rich experiences to our people. Many have expressed themselves as receiving great blessings. "This is the best week of prayer I have experienced," comes from the lips of many. Others are revived, and their courage is renewed.

The brethren and sisters at Ogden are putting forth a strong effort to build a church. They have already purchased and paid for a lot, and they have a list of pledges for the building. The church-membership is composed largely of sisters, and they are numerically few, but earnest.

Our canvassers have been greatly blessed in their missionary work this year. Many books have been placed in the homes of the people. \$4,350.70 worth were sold from January to November. This is a liberal increase over last year. Because of the severe winter, not much will be done in this line. We hope to see the work taken hold of in earnest in the spring.

Our tract society has prospered during the last year. Our sales have increased in every line. This may be seen by the figures in the table below:

From Jan. to Nov.	1912	1913	Gain
Ed. books	\$ 15.43	\$ 22.10	\$ 6.67
Tracts	42.50	87.21	44.71
Trade books	55.35	166.20	110.85
Sub. books	2,314.90	4,350.70	2,035.80

Totals \$2,428.18 \$4,626.21 \$2,198.03
W. M. A.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**Conference Items**

Our church school teachers, including the grade teachers at Lodi, were in attendance at the teachers' institute at the college last week.

In many of our churches, during the week of prayer, requests were made by the unconverted and backsliders to be remembered at the throne of grace. At Salida, twelve expressed a desire to connect with the church.

During the week of prayer, the following ministers held meetings with the various churches as follows: Elder C. L. Taggart—Chico, Red Bluff, Corning. Elder D. T. Fero—Woodland. Elder Fred Brink—Red Bluff, Redding, Chico. Elder Henry Shultz—Los Molinos, Chico. Elder C. M. Gardner, Manteca, Oakdale. Elder F. DeWitt Gauterau—Modesto, Salida. Brother Rich—Hughson, Winton, LeGrand. Elders E. E. Gardner and N. W. Kauble, in connection with their school duties, spent some time with the Stockton church.

Elder C. M. Gardner spent Sabbath, December 27, with the church at Oakdale.

The Lodi church and the school enjoyed the labors of Elders M. C. Wilcox and C. E. Ford. We believe lasting good has been accomplished.

One person was baptized at Manteca, and joined that church.

After Elder A. J. Osborne had spent the week of prayer at Turlock, the church unanimously voted to petition the conference to let him remain one more week. Elder E. E. Gardner was asked to meet with the Sacramento church for their quarterly services Sabbath, December 27, thus leaving Elder Osborne free to continue the work at Turlock.

Elder F. DeWitt Gauterau is at Williams. He will continue the Harvest Ingathering work in that part of the conference for a few days.

Sister Brink is working with the *Reviews* at Red Bluff and Redding.

Conference Office.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**Week of Prayer at Loma Linda**

This was a week of advancement. Monday and Tuesday the students went out with the Ingathering *Reviews*. The

Lord blessed the efforts, and \$266.41 was received.

The last Sabbath of the week was a special day of blessing.

Elder Burg was with us. After the reading, he gave an impressive talk on the privilege granted us to labor, and the needs of the world. He suggested a season of prayer for guidance in making the offering. This was engaged in. The donation was then taken, amounting to \$535.68. Later \$97.00 was added, making \$632.68. To this the Ingathering added makes a total of nearly \$900 as the visible results in offerings. Another \$100 was donated for missionary work, to be paid later.

The afternoon service was a union meeting, other churches near being well represented.

As Elder Burg spoke of the high standard of the true Christian, a spirit of consecration rested upon the whole congregation, and the closing hour of the Sabbath was well spent in a social service of praise.

Clarence Santee.

Week of Prayer

Our time during the week of prayer was spent with the six churches assigned us; namely, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Anaheim, Orange, Centralia, and Santa Barbara. The meetings were quite well attended, and a good interest was manifested. The readings were excellent, and we recognized in them messages that were indeed meat in due season. Many welcomed this opportunity to draw nearer to God, with gladness of heart, and earnestly sought for that preparation necessary to stand in these perilous days, and be found ready, waiting, and watching when Jesus comes. Genuine heart searching was done by many. Hidden things were brought to light. Sins were confessed and forsaken. Many differences between brethren were put away, and some who were bound down by evil habits sought for freedom from slavery, to be free in Jesus.

All seemed to realize the shortness of time, and that the work yet to be done must be done quickly. The burden of many hearts was for a complete emptying of self, to be filled by the Holy Spirit, and used in the finishing of this great work for perishing souls.

The week of prayer was a spiritual feast to the little church at Santa Bar-

bara, and a source of great strength and encouragement to those who recently accepted the truth in the midst of bitter opposition. May this week of prayer be the beginning of a continual seeking after God, which shall know no abating until the work is finished, and we hear from the lips of our blessed Master the welcome words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." This is our longing desire.

C. F. Folkenberg.

C. S. Prout.

Artesia

Realizing the short life of a tent, we have included in our running expenses a considerable amount as depreciation on the tent, and made an earnest effort to cover all expenses. In this the Lord has blessed us. The expenses of the Norwalk effort were unusually large; but after all bills were met, including transportation of outfit both ways, there was over sixty-two dollars to apply on the depreciation of the tent.

The financial balance of the Artesia effort proved to be even better, there being a credit of about ninety dollars.

This desirable result was accomplished by plainly stating to the congregations that we solicited nothing on our salaries, but that we wished to perpetuate the tent.

In addition to this, several collections were devoted to special enterprises of home and foreign missionary work. Our company here at Artesia, which is still unorganized, and knows but little of the missionary work of the denomination, gave nearly \$15.00 last Sabbath as an annual offering.

D. D. Fitch.

P. L. Knox.

CALIFORNIA**St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings**

Dr. Ida S. Nelson and Elder Nelson are enjoying a vacation together.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomason and daughter Kathryn spent Christmas with relatives at Mountain View.

Prof. M. E. Cady led the evening worship service on Christmas night in the sanitarium parlor.

Mrs. Dora Basnett and her son, Mr.

Leslie Basnett, are spending the holidays at Petaluma with relatives. Miss Aleda Ulvick is in charge of the dining-room during Sister Basnett's absence.

Dr. Elsie B. Merritt and Mrs. Merritt entertained the freshman class on the afternoon of Christmas day, and the juniors in the evening. The time was spent in an enjoyable and profitable manner, and those present were refreshed and strengthened for the duties of life.

The freshman class prepared over fifty cards for the tables and trays on Christmas. These cards contained choice quotations from the Bible, "Ministry of Healing," and "Desire of Ages." These were tied with dainty bows of Christmas ribbon, and one was placed beside each plate. A favorite quotation used is the following from "Desire of Ages": "Heaven and earth are no wider apart to-day than when shepherds listened to the angels' song. Humanity is still as much the object of heaven's solicitude as when common men of common occupations met angels at noonday, and talked with the heavenly messengers in the vineyards and the fields. To us in the common walks of life, heaven may be very near. Angels from the courts above will attend the steps of those who come and go at God's command." (Page 48.) This quotation was also copied on post-cards by many, and sent out with holiday greetings.

December 26.

M. B. H.

The Price Cut in Two

We still have a few of the Sabbath-school charts showing the amount of the Sabbath-school gifts to missions during the past twenty-five years. These sold for fifty cents during the year, but what are left we will close out at twenty-five cents, which is less than cost. The chart is 36 x 27 inches, lithographed on vellum drawing cloth, and is striking and attractive in appearance. It should be hung permanently in every Sabbath-school. Even the children can appreciate the inspiration it gives and the lesson it teaches.

Order without delay, if you wish to be sure of getting one. Send twenty-five cents with the order, as we carry no accounts. Address the Sabbath-School Department, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 12, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California						
M. A. Reese	B. R.	31½	10	\$ 1.50	\$36.50	\$.50
H. W. Barto	H. W.	17½	28	18.75	18.75	8.50
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	30	3	5.00	17.00	3.00
Mrs. L. E. June	H. W.	16	22	12.60	12.60	
Mrs. J. W. Jackson	H. W.	4	15	11.75	11.75	
Mrs. Vada Roberts	H. W.	5	7	3.75	3.75	
6 Agents		104	85	\$53.35	\$100.35	\$12.00

California

Mrs. A. M. Gonter	P. G.	15	4		\$14.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Rives	P. G.	29	5		21.00	
Mrs. M. E. Burnham	H. W.	8	5		3.25	
Jas. Boechne	H. W.	8	7		2.75	
Mrs. M. E. Hills	H. W.	5	15		10.95	
5 Agents		65	36		\$51.95	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19, 1913

California

Mrs. C. E. Bornicka	H. W.	6				\$10.40
T. E. Brewster	H. W.	5			\$ 3.50	8.00
Chas. Berg	H. W.	5				19.25
Mrs. L. E. Charlton	H. W.	6				19.50
Mrs. E. M. Flint	H. W.	10				17.25
Will Gerrans	P. G.	10				8.00
Mrs. P. W. Holmes	H. W.	7	2	1.25		8.50
Mrs. M. Johnson	H. W.	6	12	8.00		14.15
Mrs. N. E. Lillard	H. W.	15	50	42.00		58.00
Rose Lull	H. W.	5	2	1.00		15.00
Mrs. Dee Liebhardt	H. W.	10				13.25
Mrs. E. D. Mills	P. G.	12				30.00
Mrs. M. E. Hills	H. W.	5	15	10.95		
Mrs. J. T. Massey	H. W.	4				8.50
Ruth Reid	P. G.	2				3.50
Mrs. Phebe Tyler	H. W.	30				76.25
D. T. Wallar	H. W.	4				4.25
Mrs. P. Widen	H. W.	6				12.00
18 Agents		148			\$66.70	\$325.80

Southern California

H. E. Farmer	B. R.	6	2	\$5.50	\$15.50	\$82.75
C. E. Grey	P. P. F.	9	8		23.00	62.15
W. O. James	H. & H.	3	4		10.00	
Wm. Keele	B. S.	9	16		12.00	59.25
George Smith	B. S.	20	27		20.25	
Mrs. J. W. Butler	H. W.				3.75	
W. W. Voris	H. W.		6		4.00	
Miscellaneous					15.00	
				\$5.50	\$103.50	\$204.15

Northern California

Mrs. F. V. Gooch	H. W.	12	32	\$22.00	\$22.00	
H. W. Barto	H. W.	15	20	12.15	12.15	
Mrs. H. L. Spencer	H. W.	12	12	10.25	10.25	
Mrs. C. W. Bryant	H. W.	6	8	6.00	6.00	
Mrs. H. Chambers	H. W.	8	7	5.00	5.00	
Miscellaneous 40%				34.00	34.00	
Miscellaneous 50%					8.60	
W. S. Brown						\$11.50
				\$89.40	\$98.00	\$11.50

Central California

A. R. Barnes	P. G.		1		\$ 4.50	\$ 31.50
F. O. Jensen						130.50
Mrs. H. F. Geara	B. R.		1	\$14.10	19.10	
Isaac Schneider	P. G.		10	2.50	43.50	
H. L. Hoffman	C. K.				14.50	
I. Hansen	D. R.	16	3	8.75	15.50	

A. R. Morris	P. G.	1.25	6.25	
Lela Daughters	H. W.		10.00	
Mrs. B. A. Lowry	H. W.		2.00	
9 Agents		\$26.60	\$277.35	\$162.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING DEC. 19, 1913

Arizona				
G. H. Reese	P. & P.	31	16	\$48.00
A. O. Gann	D. & R.	48	11	48.25
Pedro Tarazon	C. K. Span.	34	9	17.25
3 Agents		113	36	\$113.50

Book Work in Central California

"Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field," etc. Matt. 13: 31, 32.

This should be an encouragement to every gospel worker in the broad harvest-field. Especially do the faithful canvassers need to reflect much upon the promises of God, particularly that of His presence going before us as before Israel of old.

Brother Hansen, of Fresno, had the experience of getting an order for "Daniel and the Revelation" by telephone last week—half leather at that. During the week, he worked all one day without an order, which reminded him of the disciples who toiled all night. But the next day he was amply paid.

Brethren Barnes and Schneider are having victories at Portersville.

I had the privilege of helping Miss Daughters with the home workers' books in the business section of Fresno. We met the objection that the people belonged to the Merchants' Association, so we called to see the secretary. He gave Miss Daughters his card, which proved a help. In two hours we sold twenty-three books, value over \$14.00, \$5.75 of which was paid in cash.

The Lord is blessing the home workers, and there will be no arguments needed another year in favor of a holiday delivery.

Brother Pierson, who has been having good success in the country with "Best Stories" and "Story of Daniel," returned home sick, having a bad cold. We trust that with faithful treatment and the prayers of God's children, he may soon be able to make his delivery.

There is every evidence that the warning will soon be given, and God's people be gathered home. But surely there is a great work to be done quickly, and the Lord of the harvest is calling for many sowers and reapers. And the

call of the hour will be met, as surely as did Elisha respond to the voice of Elijah. Pray for the work.

C. S. Davis,
Field Agent.



Hasn't Seen a Seventh-Day Adventist

You will be impressed with the effective way in which our literature is putting honest people in touch with the truth, as you read the following letter addressed to the Pacific Press:

"—, Canada,
"November 30, 1913.

"Dear Sir:

"Enclosed find the sum of ten cents for pamphlet entitled 'The Sure Word of Prophecy,' also two cents for tract, 'Tormented Forever and Ever.'

"I have been a reader of your paper, the *Signs of the Times*, for the last few months, and I must thank God first, you next, for opening up a world of knowledge to me in the study of the word of God, in settling for me the Sabbath question. For years it has bothered me, but I did not make a deep study of it, and never could be quite sure about it. When I would ask our preachers about it, the answer I always got was that it did not matter so long as we kept the seventh part of time, and that they were sure our Sunday was the right Sabbath. My husband died over five years ago, thinking we kept the wrong Sabbath, but he had not searched deep enough to make sure, and at the same time it seemed to be his whole heart's desire to live a godly life, and except in that one respect his life showed it.

"Now I am here alone, and I feel that I am one of the weak things of the earth that God speaks of, and yet I am taking it upon myself to write to these very preachers and tell them that I

firmly believe Saturday is the seventh-day Sabbath that God gave us, and that we are all shamefully breaking God's holy commandment. I have written to them about it, and pointed out the truth in God's holy word.

"With the Lord as my helper, I will try to win more to see the truth. I never met a Seventh-day Adventist, but I sincerely wish I could.

"I expect to find all kinds of questions that I can't answer. And if I explained that I saw them in your paper, that would end my influence here, because the people would just say it was a new doctrine springing up; for of late several new creeds have been sprung upon the people here. But I want to be able to tell them some of the things that they are likely to ask me about, and at present I am not able to buy any of the books I would find those questions answered in. I hope you won't think I am imposing on you too much to ask you a few questions."

There follows a list of questions concerning dates, prophecies, etc., and an outline of the belief of millennial dawn she has to meet. Employees at the *Signs* office sent her "Daniel and the Revelation" and other helps for her study, and she will be put in touch with conference workers in Ontario.

This sister has never heard a sermon, nor has she seen one of the 65,000 Seventh-day Adventists in this country. But through some one's home missionary effort, the truth-laden *Signs* has reached her, and the light is started in that community. If there ever was a time when our churches should be faithful in keeping up their clubs of the *Signs*, and their other supplies of literature, it is now. The Lord's Spirit is going out everywhere to prepare the way for the seeds of truth. Pass such incidents as this on to encourage all to sow liberally now as never before.

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

Seven Helpers Wanted

Young or middle-aged man and wife to take charge of our rooming-house. Must be able to meet the public. \$50.00 a month, with room and board. One young woman for checker in our cafeteria. Four young or middle-aged women to serve foods. Apply at once to E. G. Fulton, 259 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, California.

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"Forgetting the Things That Are Behind"

As the dead year is clasped by a dead
December,

So let your dead sins with your dead
days lie.

A new life is yours, and a new hope.
Remember

We build our own ladders to climb to
the sky.

Stand out in the sunlight of promise,
forgetting

Whatever your past held of sorrow
or wrong.

We waste half our strength in a use-
less regretting.

We sit by old tombs in the dark too
long.

Have you missed in your aim? Well,
the mark is still shining.

Did you faint in the race? Well, take
breath for the next.

Did the clouds drive you back? But
see yonder their lining.

Were you tempted and fell? Let it
serve for a text.

As each year hurries by, let it join that
procession

Of skeleton shapes that march down
to the past,

While you take your place in the line of
progression,

With your eyes on the heavens, your
face to the blast.

I tell you the future can hold no terrors
For any sad soul while the stars re-
volve,

If he will but stand firm on the grave
of his errors,

And, instead of regretting, resolve,
resolve!

It is never too late to begin rebuilding,
Though all into ruins your life seems
hurled.

For look! How the light of the New
Year is gilding

The worn, wan face of the bruised
old world!

— Selected.

Under the heading "Pioneer Advent-
ists Celebrate Sixtieth Anniversary," in
a recent issue of the leading San Fer-
nando newspaper, appears a photograph

of Elder and Mrs. J. H. Rogers, to-
gether with a nice little write-up in
which their long connection with the
Seventh-day Adventist movement is es-
pecially emphasized. The many friends
of Brother and Sister Rogers will be
glad to know that at the age of eighty-
two years they are enjoying health and
are still active in helping to forward
the work to which they have given their
lives.

Visiting

Paul laid down a principle concern-
ing visiting that should be studied and
applied by gospel workers to-day. He
says, "For I long to see you, that I may
impart unto you some spiritual gift, to
the end ye may be established."

What was the purpose of his visit?—
To "impart" "some spiritual gift" of
such a nature as to build up the spiri-
tual life.

The man or woman sent by the Lord
to labor in His great harvest-field, has
a definite work to do. It is pleasant to
enter a neat, well-kept home and enjoy
the hospitality afforded by the thrift of
the diligent husband and the faithful-
ness of the frugal wife; but there are
hearts in that home that long for spiri-
tual food which they have reason to
expect from us.

It is important for us to be acquainted
with the current news of the day, and
to have some knowledge of most lines
of ordinary business, so that we can
converse intelligently on such topics as
occupy the minds of the people.

In that way we come close to them, a
social spirit breaks down the barriers
that Satan has reared in their minds.
All this is but a means of approach.
The purpose of your visit is to give
spiritual instruction. If you fail to im-
part that, you may have lost the last op-
portunity you will ever have to bring
those souls what God has for them. He
has chosen you as a channel through
which the light of the gospel is to flow
to them.

Satan will endeavor to prevent the
conversation from being turned upon re-
ligious topics; but if our hearts are all
aglow with the light of heaven, radiant
with the glory of Immanuel, we shall see
an opportunity to direct the conversa-
tion to themes in which we have the
most interest. "Out of the abundance
of the heart the mouth speaketh." A

lighted lamp shines, and the greater the
darkness the brighter the shining.

We quote from the spirit of prophecy
in *Review and Herald* of April 30,
1908: "It is His purpose that every
Christian shall be surrounded with a
spiritual atmosphere of light and peace.
There is no limit to the usefulness of
one who, putting self aside, makes room
for the working of the Holy Spirit upon
the heart, and lives a life wholly conse-
crated to God." What encouragement!
Let us labor and pray to become good
visitors.

"If we have sown unto you spiritual
things, is it a great thing if we shall
reap your carnal things?" If we bear
the people God's message of truth by
the power of His Spirit, the heart-
strings will be touched, purse-strings
will be loosened, means will flow in to
support God's work, and we shall be
able to say with the apostle, "Now
thanks be unto God, which always
causeth us to triumph in Christ, and
maketh manifest the savor of His
knowledge by us in every place."

C. McReynolds.

Loma Linda, California.

Prohibition Measure to Go on 1914 Ballot

Voters to Decide on Proposed Law to
Stop Manufacture of Liquors
Except for Medicine

SACRAMENTO, December 29.—With the
filing to-day of petitions from ten coun-
ties, aggregating 25,693 names, the pro-
posed law providing for total prohibi-
tion in the State of California will go
on the general election ballot in 1914.

The total number of names repre-
sented on the petition is 41,045, or more
than 10,000 more than is required under
the law for an initiative measure. Los
Angeles County alone sent in more than
25,000 names.

The measure which the voters of the
state will decide, prohibits the sale and
manufacture of intoxicating liquors in
the state of California except for medi-
cinal and scientific purposes. It is
one of the most drastic prohibition
measures ever proposed in the United
States, it is claimed.—San Francisco
"Chronicle," December 30, 1913.

"Souls are perishing out of Christ,
and those who profess to be the disciples
of Christ are letting them die."