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The Great Crisis Upon Us

To-day's newspaper, lying before me, makes the startling declaration that Armageddon is at hand. As we read the reports that have come to us through the daily press in the last few days, it certainly seems that the tremendous world war is at the door.

As a people, we have long been looking forward to this time. We have believed that it was approaching. We have presented the Bible truths regarding it for many years. But now, when we are evidently in the perils of the last days, and trouble such as never was since there was a nation is apparently upon the world, it scarcely seems possible to believe the reports that come to us.

We have looked forward to these things with the eye of faith. We have seen the active preparation for the battle of Armageddon. But now, according to the reports in the papers, all of Europe has been called to the field of battle. What this will mean, no man can tell. How much longer we shall be permitted to present the gospel to the people in time of peace, we do not know. From the human standpoint it surely seems that such opportunities in Europe, for some time to come, are at an end. At least, what is done must be done in times of great distress and trouble.

I quote from the "Testimonies," Vol.

1, p. 268, the following:

"I was shown the inhabitants of the earth in the utmost confusion. War, bloodshed, privation, want, famine and pestilence were abroad in the land. As these things surrounded God's people, they began to press together, and to cast aside their little difficulties. Selfdignity no longer controlled them; deep humility took its place, Suffering, perplexity and privation caused reason to resume its throne, and the passionate and unreasonable man became sane, and acted with discretion and wisdom."

It may be that this very time of trouble will lead many to investigate the truths they have been hearing for many years in times of peace, but refused to obey, or to surrender themselves entirely to God. We are told that God's servant saw "suffering, perplexity and privation" bringing the passionate and unreasonable to act with sanity, discretion and wisdom. It may be that this is the only way many can be led to surrender their hearts to God. Let us pray that they may do this.

This is surely God's call to His people everywhere to prepare for the end. Shall we not now consecrate ourselves, with all that we possess, to God, as we have never done before? Shall we not do everything in our power to reach the lost, ere our opportunity, in this favored land, for preaching the gospel shall have gone forever? Surely, it will not be long until we shall be plunged into scenes of trouble such as are depicted now in Europe.

I quote another paragraph from "Testimonies," Vol. 1, p. 261, in the article entitled "Great Distress Coming:"

"I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place.--a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act; they must take hold of the work themselves, and earnestly cry to God for a knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe."

Will not every believer in this solemn message now take up his neglected work without further delay, doing immediately what is before him, calling the attention of the people to these truths, and appealing to them to surrender their hearts to God, and to prepare for the end? "The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen."

Brethren and sisters, I urge you to prepare your own hearts and the hearts of your children for the close of probation's hour, and while you do this, to do everything in your power to lead others to the same condition of surrender to God, that they, with you may prepare for what is too evidently right upon us.

I sincerely hope that the conditions now existing in the world may lead every believer so completely to surrender himself to God that the "great reformatory movement" among God's people, so vividly described in Vol. 9 of the "Testimonies," p. 126, may now truly be experienced everywhere.

Shall we not earnestly plead with God that He will, if possible, still hold the winds of strife a little longer, until this work is finished in the earth? While we earnestly plead for Him to defer the time of judgment, let us also pray that at the same time He will draw the covering over His people in Europe, which must now be plunged into scenes of trouble.

I would also urge our people who are not privileged to attend the camp-meeting now in progress in Alhambra, in Southern California, to pray earnestly for the outpouring of God's Spirit at this great gathering.

E. E. ANDROSS, August 3. Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

"All Europe Plunges into War"

So reads the headlines of an evening paper. We are now in the midst of stupendous events which have suddenly developed in Europe during the last few days; and which, as by an electric shock, have so rapidly extended their influence over the whole world. The scenes of Providence thicken upon us so fast, and are shifted with so strange a rapidity, as to impress us with the fact that the great drama of earth is drawing to a close. Europe never presented such a spectacle before, and the situation calls for the profoundest attention on the part of every Adventist.

There is a high and sacred duty resulting to the church of God from the present condition of world affairs. Our obligations are obvious and imperative. It is ours to survey the progress of the storm, not with the feverish excitement and fluctuating hopes of the godless, but with the serene confidence of the Christian.

We must remember that Jesus Christ is "head over all things to His church," and feel assured that the rise and fall of empires are subservient to the accomplishment of His purposes. Our prayers should ascend to God. for the subjugation of all these changes to the wide establishment of that kingdom which can not be moved. The empire of darkness and despotism is being smitten. Thrones are tottering; change is written everywhere; but the kingdom of our Lord shall triumph over all.

It remains for us, upon whom the last days have come, to prepare ourselves by a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit for greater power and greater faithfulness in witnessing to the final message of warning and mercy here in the home land. God is calling upon us to "redeem the time, because the days are *calamitous*." All Heaven is in earnest over the condition of the present evil world. We must now unite an earnest spirituality with increased activity in our missionary efforts to reach the unsaved about us.

No Christian can afford to hesitate in a time like the present. God calls for individual zeal-no waiting for others. He calls for *closet* zeal-no mere platform stimulus. He calls for prayerful zeal-no self-sufficient activity. He calls for serious zeal-no levity and no frivolity. He calls for self-denying. zeal, manifested in a willingness to surrender all. When such zeal pervades our churches-when each Christian apart, and each family apart, shall take up the work of the kingdom with Christ-like solicitude; when the missionary fire is kept burning by His Spirit upon the altar of our hearts, fed by experience and meditation, and fanned by prayer; when our trials press not so heavily upon us as does the burden we carry for the souls out of Christ-then will the Spirit of God be poured out upon His people and we shall see the power and glory of the living God manifested in turning many to righteousness. Let us only be earnest in prayer-in faith-in labor-and in hope, and who can tell but the day of great blessing is near?

ERNEST LLOYD.

Practical Temperance Literature

People do not take you seriously when you make the statement that the nation's drink bill is two billion dollars, but when you explain that it will construct twenty highways from sea to sea at a cost of \$20,000 a mile and place a \$1000 automobile on every 400 feet of these thoroughfares, then they take notice. This is the illustrated front cover of the special Temperance Campaign number of the *Signs of the Times*, —certainly a practical temperance journal.

Brother Ernest Lloyd, missionary secretary of the Pacific Union, says of it, "Great issue! tranchant, stirring, destined to be a mighty factor in winning people to the dry ranks." And so it is; others say the same. The Dry Federation of California is planning to use it in large quantities. But it is a fine number for every locality, and will be an excellent agent's proposition.

Don't take time to send for sample copy. Plan to get right to work with it. Order a supply from your tract society at once; price, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents each in lots of forty or more. They sell at 5 cents a copy, and they sell fast, too.



Personal Effort an Important Factor in Missionary Work

The importance of personal effort in all missionary labor can not be too strongly emphasized. The Lord has chosen human agents as light-bearers, and by personal contact with their fellows, He designs the light to be communicated. He could work as readily alone by His Holy Spirit, had He so purposed, but He saw and recognized the value of the personal factor as an agency in the work.

This was manifested in the early life of the Saviour. He came close to the people. He visited Zaccheus in his own home; He came so near to the leper as to lay upon his polluted body His own divine hand; He annointed the eyes of the blind with clay; He blessed little children, taking them in His arms. He was with the people, and in a sense, He was one with the people in the synagogues, at the feasts, in the market places, by the wayside, in the home and in private conversation.

He stooped to admonish Peter, to instruct Nicodemus and to comfort Martha and Mary. No person was too obscure to escape His notice, no act so small but He performed it with love and interest. In all this the principle of personal labor is illustrated.

Among the early disciples the same spirit is manifested. Jesus talks with Andrew, and Andrew seeks out Peter; Jesus extends to Philip a personal call to follow Him, and Philip in turn proves the agency by which Nathanael is brought to Christ. Saul, after his remarkable conversion on his way to Damascus, seeks instruction of God, and is sent to Ananias; Cornelius needs help, and Peter is sent to his assistance; the eunuch desires enlightenment, and Philip is sent on a journey of many miles to instruct him.

In these examples is taught the value of personal work. God does not use angels as His laborers, but men with like passions as those desiring help men with similar experiences and environment.

The value of personal labor must be recognized, if we would perform that which in God's providence we may accomplish. The more strongly this idea of personal effort for the salvation of souls takes possession of missionary workers, the more success will attend the efforts made. There is too much of a spirit to do things in a wholesale way. Too many would rather pay their money, and leave to others the responsibility of actual work.

Not one should be excused. Christian work for others is Christian life, and the man or woman who neglects such labor will as surely die spiritually as one will die physically who neglects to partake of needed food. Our churches

to-day are languishing, not for lack of light, or for a knowledge of the truth, at least in theory, but they are dying for a lack of exercise, through failure to put forth that effort for others that would fan into new life the flickering flame of vitality that burns in their souls.

We hear much missionary talk and agitation; that is all good, but we need to do missionary work. The missionary meeting is naught but a dead form un-less such labor is done. Its work, its activity, is its life. Every member in the church should engage personally in sending out missionary literature. None should excuse themselves on the plea that they have but little time to give to that work. It requires but little time to send out a paper or a tract. God does not ask of any individual more than he can do; but He requires of each one of His children, work in some degree and of some character.

Let this idea of personal effort be pressed home upon our people, and we shall see greater results attending our missionary work. When such a spirit obtains among the members of the church, the missionary meeting will cease to be cold and formal. Every member will have a live experience to relate of what God has done for him, and for others through his efforts.

While we should do more in quantity, there should also be a bettering of the quality of our work. God wants us to raise the standard. May He enable us to work so discretely and wisely that our own souls may be revived and strengthened, and that we may see others brought to a saving knowledge of His truth for this time. -Selected.

"Why Dev Call 'Em Tracks"

A minister once gave a little tract to a negro, and some time after asked him what he thought of it. "O Massa," said he, "it do me good. I never knew before why dey call 'em tracks, but when I read dat little book it track me dis way, and it track me dat way; it track me all day, and it track me all night. When I go out in de barn, it track me dare; when I go out in de woods, it track me dare; when I come in de house, it track me dare; it track me everywhere I go. Den I know why dey call 'em tracks." He became a sincere Christian. Thus the silent messengers-"the speaking leaves"-that our Pocket Leaguers are scattering everywhere, every day, are following the people, pressing home the message for the hour.

Sow in the morn thy seed,

At eve hold not thy hand;

To doubt and fear give thou no heed; Broadcast it o'er the land.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

President's Itinerary

The president's itinerary for August: 8, 9—Chico; 11, 12—Arbuckle; 15, 16— Red Bluff; 18, 19, 20—Dos Palos; 22, 23 -Corning; 25, 26, 27-Oroville; 29, 30, 31-Los Molinos.

Elder Taggart spoke at the Lodi church Sabbath, August 1. After visiting the churches, he expects to enter upon a series of meetings.

[Extracts from letters from church elders, leaders and isolated brethren and sisters.]

All members are of good cheer and seem to be doing all they can. Camine, Cal. G. MANSON.

No, I did not get to camp-meeting. I could just cry about it; but trust I am doing something for the Master. Your F. H. DAVIS. brother, Asmeralda.

We think we will leave Willows in two weeks. Now, could you not get a Bible worker to come up right away? What the people need is a house-tohouse Bible worker, for there are many whom I have held short readings with that are hungry for the truth. Your co-worker, MRS. EVA L. MADDY. co-worker, Willows, Cal.

You will be glad to know we read your letters to the church, but on account of many things that had to be disposed of we did not have time to make many remarks. But I guess the letters will set some of us to thinking, to say the least. Our trust is in the living God. Your brother in Christ, Hughson, Cal. F. B. JOHNSON.

I was at Sacramento at the camp-meeting. It did me so much good. Now, dear brother in the faith, I want to ask for all those that are interested in me to pray for me, as I have some-thing wrong with my throat. If the dear Lord is willing to heal me, if it is His will, I will have some tithes and offerings soon. Your sister in the MRS. EMMA WAGONER. faith, Yuba City, Cal.

The Lord has been good to us here at Turlock, and we are so thankful to our heavenly Father for His great love to us, and we want to be more faithful and do just what He has for us to do. We know it will only be a short time until the work will be finished. We want to do our part, so that when Jesus comes He will say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Turlock, Cal.

A. F. DORSCH.

Salida Church

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While we can not say we see all that we would be glad to see, still we can see some omens of good as a result of our excellent camp-meeting. Our missionary meetings have been very interesting of late. Last week we took up the subject of the 20-cent-per-week fund for missions, and the subject was quite thoroughly discussed, our leader taking a very strong position with reference to it and expressing his belief that. every member of the Salida church could, and therefore should, pay the 20 cents per week for missions. One young man said he would look up his account and see what he lacked, and would make up the balance. Some who had not been faithful in paying tithes in the past, promised to square up and be faithful in rendering to the Lord His own in the future. This gives us new courage, and we look for good results to come.

Some are doing systematic house-tohouse work with tracts. They are enjoying the work, and hope to see good results. A club of Signs is taken for use in the society. Some, at least, have cleared their homes of old papers and put them out to spread the message.

Our quarterly meeting was fully attended and a good spirit manifested. Some new faces are seen in our congregations every week. Last Sabbath a new family was present for the first time. The gentleman said he had not been keeping the Sabbath, but from then on was going to do so. We have had preaching every Sabbath since

camp-meeting. Some of our brethren have been having a trial of their faith on the irrigation question. A strong pressure has been brought upon some to make them take the water on Sabbath. But nearly all have decided to stand united as one man, and to take the position taken by the three Hebrew captives and stand firmly for the honor of the true God. We believe that the Lord is able to make our crops grow without water, but if He does not, we will not dishonor Him by irrigating on the Sabbath.

The temperance work is onward in our church, and meetings are held in the church on this question.

We would not forget the Sabbathschool, which starts this month with new officers, full attendance and good interest. We earnestly desire to be faithful and to stand with God's triumphant people on the sea of glass. L. A. CURTIS.

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ARIZONA

Thatcher

To-night we close our tent meetings in Thatcher. We can report six new adult Sabbath-keepers and several others who have expressed themselves favorable to the message, and we have reason to believe they will in time indentify themselves with us. All of these con-verts, with the exception of one, have come out of the Mormon Church.

This effort has been one of the most trying ones we have ever passed through. It has been a battle day and night for every inch of ground the Lord has permitted us to gain. It was repeatedly said that we would not be permitted to remain here more than ten days, and that we would not win a single convert. This town and vicinity for miles around are all Mormons, and although they have been here for over thirty years, yet never has a minister of any other faith held a service here, and several expressed themselves by saying they thought we had a lot of nerve to come here thinking to get converts out of their church.

During the first three weeks our sessions were so interesting and exciting, that Brother Hollister with his audience of ten to twenty-five on one side of the tent and I with a like number on the other were frequently held by them till after twelve and one o'clock. As a result some who had come, like the Athenians, "to tell or hear some new thing," went away convinced that Mormonism was not founded on the Word of God. Most all these converts are meeting with the church in Safford. Pray for the work. W. L. SIMS.

UTAH

Kaysville Camp-Meeting

At the last session of the Utah Conference it was voted that we hold a camp-meeting at the time of our next annual conference.

It has been some eight years since the last camp-meeting was held in Utah, and there are many of the brethren and sisters, who have missed these precious seasons, that will be glad to know we have secured a splendid location for the meeting in Kaysville, Davis County. The time of the meeting has been set for September 7 Let all of our people in Utah to 13. make definite plans from now on to get there as early as possible the sixth or at least the morning of the seventh, and stay through the last meeting. We feel sure that the Lord has a feast of good things in store for all who go, and especially for those who will have to make a sacrifice in order to attend. Shall we not all pray daily that this meeting will be the best ever held in the State of Utah.

Since the Sabbath-school institute held in Logan a short time ago, similar meetings have been held in Ogden and Provo. The valuable instruction given in these meetings was much appreciated, and no doubt will be a great help to the work in those places. A similar institute will be held in the Salt Lake City church July 25.

Elder W. M. Adams and wife returned from Richmond last Monday, the thirteenth, leaving the tent effort there which has been in progress since the last of May in charge of Elders W. A. Johnson and H. G. Gjording. Elder Adams will begin a series of meetings here in Salt Lake City right away to continue up to the time of the opening of the camp-meeting. A splendid location has been secured in the business part of the city, corner of Third South and Second East Streets. We desire the earnest prayers of all our people for the success of these meetings.

Since the departure of her sister, Hilda, to the St. Helena Sanitarium, sister Johanna Jensen has been very busy with fourteen or fifteen interested Bible readers each week. We greatly appreciate the good work that is done by our young brethren from our schools, in the canvassing work here. They are receiving many rich blessings from the Lord in their work, and are having many excellent experiences. Their orders last week amounted to about \$400. Mrs. Gaster and I have been enjoying the privilege of spending three evenings each week for some time past, in holding cottage meetings in the homes of some of the people here in Salt Lake City.

The following clipping from one of the daily papers will tell something of the work in Ogden:

"The Seventh-day Adventists have purchased a lot on Twenty-ninth Street, between Washington and Adams Avenues. Excavation is now going forward, and it is expected that the forms will be in place ready for the concrete by Thursday. The building is to be of concrete block and will be 26x54 feet with a vestibule entrance, and will have three class rooms in the rear. Under the floor of the center class room will be a reinforced concrete baptistry disclosed to view by the opening of panelled doors just back of the pulpit, and will be entered by steps descending from the rooms on either side in such a way that the candidates can not be seen from the main auditorium until they are fully in the water.

"Leading off from each of the side rooms will be a lavatory in which are to be wash basins connected with hot and cold water. There will be a coal and furnace room of concrete under the rear of the building. A drinking fountain is to be placed in the vestibule.

"Elder J. D. Alder, pastor of the church, is an experienced builder, and is superintending the work."

At present the foundation and floor joist are all in and they are ready to put up the walls which are to be of cement blocks with granite face. The Salt Lake Church recently donated over \$60 to the building of the Ogden Church.

The business men of Ogden have been very liberal in their donations to this enterprise, and the building will be pushed forward as fast as the means are received, which are coming in in a very encouraging manner.

Brethren, pray for the work in Ogden that the blessing of the Lord may be manifest to all in the erection of this house of worship. J. F. GASTER.

Let no man think lightly of good, saying in his heart, it will not benefit me. Even by the falling of water drops a water pot is filled.—Buddha.



Education-the Best Investment

"No other work committed to us is so important as the training of the youth, and every outlay demanded for its right accomplishment is means well spent."—Mrs. E. G. White.

Everybody having money, asks himself the question, In what shall I invest? The question is a proper one; for as one invests wisely or unwisely, does he find himself later in life in financial triumph or ruin. One may buy shares at \$10 and sell at \$150; another may buy at \$90 and sell at \$5. Not only should we know in what to invest, but also when to invest.

However, I am not going to devote this to a discussion of stocks or shares, but to show that an investment in self is the best investment one can make, especially on the part of the young.

Many reasons might be given why one should invest in himself. First of all, the investment is permanent. Wherever he goes he takes his investment with him; it is paying interest every hour. And not only does it go with one through life here, but, being of the right kind, he carries it with him to the next world, where it may be the basis of endless advancement.

Then again, an investment in one's self is the only logical investment to make if one desires to be useful in the world. The investment made in Luther has resulted in much greater good to the world, than the investment made in oil wells by John D. Rockefeller. Mr. Bell made an investment in himself when he studied and mastered the principles suggested by Helmholtz. This investment has resulted in the power to send the human voice thousands of miles. When we stop to think about it, we are convinced that the progress of civilization is the result of men investing in themselves. Viewed from the selfish standpoint, it has been proved that the man who invests in himself is the wisest, statistics showing that high school graduates receive on an average twice the wage that the graduate of the grammar school gets.

What shall we invest in ourselves? time? money? effort?—Yes. And why shall we do this?—That we may have men able to think, that we may have men with right consciences, that we may have men who can see and appreciate the beautiful; that we may have men who can do things; and men with hearts of love.

Every man should be able to think. Some one has said that thinking implies four things: first, to see a truth; second, to value a truth; third, to relate truth to truth; and fourth, to infer a new truth. Thinking is one of the great needs of modern life. The man who can think is always in demand. The great problems before us as a denomination in giving the third angel's message, demands thinkers. Our position in life is determined by our power to think properly. If we can not think, we must be content to remain where and what we are.

While the education of the thinking powers is important, the education of the conscience is no less so. The conscience is concerned with what is the right. The world demands the man who wills to do the right, only the right, and nothing but the right. Horace Mann, the most famous of American educators, caused it to be placed in the diplomas given by Antioch College, that character and good living are of primary importance. Sir Walter Scott, on his death bed, was consoled that he had not compromised the interests of virtue. He said to his son-in-law: "Lockart, I have but a minute to speak to you. My dear, be a good man, be virtuous, be religious, be a good man. Nothing else will give you comfort when you come to lie here." Mrs. E. G. White says that the demand to-day is for men who will not be bought or sold. men who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole. An investment in conscience is of the highest value. It is a grave error of judgment to leave this out in our investment in ourselves for education.

Another important factor in education, and one often neglected to-day, is the appropriate development of the sense of the beautiful—the cultivation of the æsthetic faculty. In this industrial age this faculty is in danger of being atrophied. But in the study of nature, noble architecture, noble music and noble poetry, this sense should be kept alert and keen. I think it is true that many enter the Temple through the gate called "Beautiful."

Notwithstanding all that has been said and written concerning the dignity of labor, the feeling prevails that it is degrading. But let us not forget Jesus the carpenter, and Paul the tent-maker. Not only is there dignity in labor, but also there is happiness. We all know how quickly the time passes when we are well employed, while the moments hang heavily on the hands of the idle. Occupation drives away care and all the small troubles of life. The busy man has no time to brood or to fret.

From toil he wins his spirits light,

- From busy day the peaceful night, Rich, from the very want of wealth,
- In Heaven's best treasures, peace and health. —Gray.

Speaking of those entering life, Emerson says: "The angels that live with them, and are weaving laurels of life for their youthful brows, are *Toil*, and Truth and Mutual Faith." Mrs. E. G. White says, "And the youth themselves, trained to habits of industry, and skilled in lines of useful and productive labor—who can estimate their value to society and the nation?"

The crowning investment in self relates to the heart. The heart has for its essence, love, compassion, tenderness, graciousness—these are the keynotes of the song which the heart sings.

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"The heart should be tender without weakness, strong without severity, patient without dullness, firm without stubbornness, exultant without vainglory, peaceful without stolidness, and content without stagnation."

Love is the song of life. God so loved the world that He gave His Son to save it. Tennyson's best lines, as he thought, are these: "Love took up the harp of life and smote on all the chords with might; smote the chord of self, that trembling, passed in music out of sight."

On page 192 of "Education" we read: "The great motive powers of the soul are faith, hope and love; and it is to these that Bible study, rightly pursued, appeals.... As the student of the Bible beholds the Redeemer, there is awakened in the soul the mysterious power of faith, adoration and love." "The springs of heavenly peace and joy unsealed in the soul by the words of Inspiration will become a mighty river of influence to bless all who come within its reach. Let the youth of today, the youth who are growing up with the Bible in their hands, become the recipients and the channels of its lifegiving energy, and what streams of blessing would flow forth to the world! -influences of whose power to heal and comfort we scarcely conceive, -rivers of living water, fountains 'springing up into everlasting life.' '

The time in which a man invests in himself most remuneratively is youth. The power of thinking is best obtained in youth. The power of conscience receives its fullest discipline in youth. The æsthetic faculty is enriched when every part of our being is most alert, and this is in the time of youth. The heart is most tender and responsive in the days of youth. If the period of youth is allowed to pass unimproved, the injury is lasting. There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their lives is bound in shallows and in miseries.

The doors of Lodi Academy will be open September 15 to all who desire to invest in the principles discussed above. We earnestly urge all our young people in the proper grades, to plan to attend.

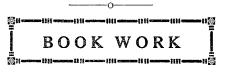
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New Class to Start

The Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital Training School for Missionary Nurses will open another nurses' class August 17, a three-year course being offered. No pains have been spared to bring our school up to the highest professional standard possible. However, those who desire only the professional advantages of the training we can give them, need not apply.

We wish to make a most careful selection for the incoming class, and to accept only those who already have a deep Christian experience, have definitely consecrated themselves to the work of spreading the great message for this time, and desire a training that will fit them for service anywhere. We want earnest, sober-minded young people of maturity, who will put their whole heart into the work of saving the souls of those with whom they come in contact while in training, and will earnestly strive to obtain the preparation necessary to make them the most efficient workers in the field after graduation. The sanitarium is one of the greatest missionary fields, and we wish our workers, not only to rightly represent Christ while in the institution, but to have such a consecrated spirit and missionary ambition, that we can send them out to assist in the field work that our nurses are constantly called upon to do.

For you to be able to receive the missionary training we wish to give you, you must be missionaries when you come. Are you ready for active service? If so, write at once for our calendar. Students will be accepted up to September 15. Address Superintendent of Training School, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal.



From the Firing Line

"Where is the man who said that 'books can not be sold in San Francisco, the times are so hard?' I started out last Monday, worked twenty-three hours, booked \$80 among the business men. More than that, you remember worked twenty-three I canvassed a little in San Francisco four years ago, commencing with the offices in the Ferry Building. This time I began in the same place, canvassing the same men. It was laughable in two instances: I had the man about to sign up, when one or the other would recognize the fact that they had already purchased from me. Then they would laugh at me for trying to sell to them again. Then I would have the laugh on them, telling them that that was the Yankee of it to buy the same thing again. The times are dull in San Francisco, but how many orders would the Lord give if they were better?

"F. DEWITT GAUTEREAU."

Elder Gautereau is a minister from the Northern California Conference. He has taken a vacation from his work up there to spend a few months in the bay cities with his prospectus now while opportunities are so good for this work. He is assisting in preparing the way in San Francisco for the great fair in "1915."

Brother Lloyd Holmes, who recently resigned his position in the Pacific Press to work for a scholarship for Pacific Union College, writes a postal as follows: "I took \$11 worth of orders yesterday. Small success, but gaining all the time." This is a great thing, Brother Holmes. Keep climbing.

Brother Nels Johnson, who went to Monterey County after the close of Pacific Union College, had his mark set for \$500 worth of orders. He has already passed the mark and is still climbing. While he is selling "Past, Present and Future," the work is done now. Many men tell me about the "good old days" when they used to sell so many books; others tell me that they expect to canvass in the *future* when they get their business arranged. The Lord's work needs men who appreciate the blessed present, and are willing to consecrate their all for service just now. In this world there are all kinds of people, "Has-beeners," "Hope-to-beers" and "Is-ers." The Lord's work, as well as the world's work, is done by those who do it now.

Brother James Hara, our Japanese brother from Loma Linda, writes under date of July 11: "Well, here I am in this hot country. Have been canvassing just three weeks. The people are very sociable and got the money. Last week they were excited over the celebration and I could not work on July 3, so I only got \$165. This last week my subscription order amounted to a little over \$220. How do you like that? Surely the Lord is blessing me wonderfully. In three weeks I secured about \$600 worth of subscriptions."

It is too bad that the "Fourth" interfered with the work of Brother Hara so badly; but as Brother Gautereau expressed it, "how many orders" would have been taken had the "Fourth" not come in to stop his work!

Some wonderfully fine records are being made in certain sections of the Pacific Press field. I saw the report from one union conference this morning in which three of the four conferences passed the \$1000 mark for the week ending July 4. Another case of the national holiday stopping the work! Alberta just comes in with the largest report yet, though they say "hard times" exist. It must mean that the people have a "hard time" finding excuses for not buying, so just buy as the the easiest way out.

The brethren here at the Pacific Press have given me a little room for my office adjoining the factory. It has three glass sides. While I can't throw stones, I can look out and see all hands more than busy trying to get the books ready sufficiently fast for the canvassers, though it will keep them busy. These "hard times" have so affected the leather binding trade that I see additional help has been called in to cut up goat hides. It is "hard times" for the poor goats over in Africa that furnish us with the good material for our leather bindings. But it takes a good binding to stand these "hard times," so the people are ordering that kind. Just listen while I give one order that was sent to a convasser in the *Pacific Union* this morning:

42	Full	Morocco
1	Half	66

1 Half 0 Cloth

It just does one good to walk out through the shipping- and stock-room these days. Poor Brother Scott is just "snowed under." He told me this

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 10; 1914

AGENT BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Northern California					
E. C. PieferP. G.		16	\$.60	\$ 58.60	
C. G. VoorheisB. R.	38	14		51.00	
T. W. StringhamB. R.	36	5	.85	23.85	\$ 2.85
C. B. PlummerH. W.	32	30	23.75	23.75	6.85
M. A. Reese	37	6	.60	23.60	.50
Marion Battee Heralds	14	3		7.50	
6 Agents	157	74	\$25.80	\$188.30	\$10.20
California					
J. N. King B. R.	12	1		\$ 4.00	
J. K. BattinP. G.	29	3	\$2.00	12.50	
Wm. J. SchaeferG. C.	32	15		57.00	
Norman HoweP. P.	41	10		38.00	
Harry I. SmithP. P.	23	$\frac{4}{2}$		18.00	
Harry I. Smith P. P. J. H. Sturges G. C.	17불	2	2.50	8.50	
E. F. MorrisonP. G.	21^{-}	8		35.00	
7 Agents	$175\frac{1}{2}$	43	\$4.50	\$173.00	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 1914

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California					
Harry SmithP. P.	34	4		\$ 13.00	
Norman HoweP. P.	38	8 -		26.00	
John JohnsonP. P., F.	40월	11	\$.35	25.35	\$ 2.00
Jay Battin P. G., P. P., F.	41^{-}	8	3.50	34.50	10.50
Lloyd HolmesB. R.	32	6		23.00	
J. N. King B. R.	$36\frac{1}{2}$	14		49.00	
Geo. Greer	. 4				31.00
Wm. J. SchaeferG. C.	27	2		10.00	01.00
J. H. SturgesG. C.	28	3	5.25	13.25	
F. D. GautereauP. G.	$\frac{20}{27}$	0	0.40	100.00	
Goldie Bernier	41			100.00	30.00
	308	56	¢0.10	PO04 10	
11 Agents	308	96	\$9.10	\$294.10	\$73.50
Central California					
F. O. Jensen P. G.	31	17		\$ 60.50	\$18.50
Nels Johnson P. P., F.	28	37		100.00	
Geo. T. VoreG. C.	14	5	\$2.50	20.50	
F. E. MeisnerP. P., F.	13	2	2.25	6.25	
Wayne GruverHeralds				6.00	
5 Agents	86	61	\$4.75	\$193.25	\$18.50
Utah					
J. H. Hara P. G.	42	27		\$146.50	
H. C. James and				T	
L. R. Ackerman P. G.	33	19		78.50	
H. R. EdwardsP. G.	44	11	\$9.00	65.50	\$ 63.00
Fred Jensen P. G.	13	11	ψυ.00	00.00	37:50
Ewald Hermaun	42	23		69.00	01.00
6 Agents	$\frac{42}{174}$	80	\$9.00	\$359.50	\$100.50
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Southern California	00	15	@ 575	@ FO 7F	
W. R. StevensP. G.	26	15	\$.75	\$ 58.75	
Fred KlopfensteinP. G.	27	11		41.50	
E. BirkenstockP. G.	38	12		46.00	
R. W. MakerP. G.	37 ·	13		47.50	
W. W. HigginsP. G.	30	8		30.00	\$11.50
Enos PottsP. G.	36	10		39.00	
Theo. ReuffP. G.	35	3		20.50	
Ray MillettB. R.	32	9	2.90	35.90	
H. E. FarmerB. R.	32	11		42,00	
Chas. Miller and					
C. J. Hershey Heralds	33	8		24.00	
11 Agents	326	100	\$3.65	\$385.15	\$11.50
Northern California					
C. G. VoorheisB. R.	36	13	\$ 4.30	\$ 54.30	\$ 20.30
				50.00	
G. B. Morrison P. G.	56	11	2,50		33.00
Marion BatteeH. M.	30	ş	9 75	23.50	2.00
M. A. ReeseB. R.	$37\frac{1}{2}$	5	3.75	20.75	72.45
T. W. StringhamB. R.	36	5	4.30	19.30	
H. W. BartoP. G.	38	5	1.95	20.45	
J. G. Lea	7	3	8.50	18.00	
C. B. Plummer	30	14	10.85	10.85	
8 agents	$270\frac{1}{2}$	64	\$36.15	\$217.15	\$127.75

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 1914

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California					
Alvin Kurz P. P., F.	37	3		\$ 7.00	
Norman Howe	32	8		31.00	
J. D. Johnson	20	3		6.00	
H. I. SmithP. P.	25	3		15.00	
A. R. Hill B. F. L.	0.01	_		~ ~ ~	\$34.00
J. H. SturgesG. C.	$36\frac{1}{2}$	5	\$ 6.25	21.25	
J. N. King B. R.	22	8		$29.00 \\ 28.00$	
Lloyd HolmesB. R. Jay K. BattenP. P., F.	37 38	8 6	4.00	18.00	3.50
W. J. Schaefer G. C.	58 24	6	4.00	23.00	5.00
Phebe Tyler	24	0		23.00	5.75
George GreerG. C.	$36\frac{1}{2}$	11	7.75	42.75	4.25
F. D. GauterauP. G.	27^2		1110	102.00	
	335	61	#10 00	\$323.00	P 477 E 0
13 Agents	330	01	\$18.00	\$323 . 00	\$47.50
Northern California					
C. G. VoorheisB. R.	37	14	\$.80	\$ 56.80	\$.80
H. W. Barto P. G.	22	7	1.00	28.50	
G. B. Morrison P. G.	16_{20}	5	10 05	$20.00 \\ 18.25$	A 17F
C. B. PlummerH. W.	38	23	$\begin{array}{c}18.25\\1.20\end{array}$	$18.25 \\ 17.20$	4.75
M. A. Reese B. R.	$40 \\ 11$	$\frac{5}{2}$	1.20	9.00	81.00
T. W. Strigham B. R.	$\frac{11}{7}$	$\overset{2}{1}$	1.00	9.00 4.50	
W. R. StevensP. G. Fred KlopfensteinP. G.	$\frac{1}{7}$	· 1	.75	4.25	
Miscellaneous	4	1	30.25	50.50	
	178	58	\$53.25	\$209.00	496 EE
9 Agents	110	- 00		φ20 9. 00	\$86.55
Arizona					
G. H. ReeseG. C.	17		•		\$ 77.00
C. F. InnisG. C.	28	7	\$5.50	\$27.50	32.50
2 Agents	45	7	\$5.50	\$27.50	\$109.50
Utah					
J. H. HaraP. G.	28	21		\$113.50	
H. R. EdwardsP. G.	$\overline{36}$	-8		42.00	\$9.00
Fred JensenP. G.	23	7		38.50	
3 Agents	87	36		\$194.00	\$9.00
Central California	01	10		A FC 00	# 20 00
F. O. JensenP. G.	31	16		\$ 56.00	\$29.00
Nels Johnson P. P., F. Fred Meisner P. P., F.	22	30	¢1 00	85.00	
Mrs. A. C. MortonG. C.	26	2	$ $4.00 \\ 2.25 $	$\begin{array}{c} 8.00\\11.25\end{array}$	
4 Agents	79	48	\$6.25	\$160.25	\$29.00
Southern California					
H. E. Farmer B. R.	38			\$ 34.10	
Ray Millett	19	2		9.50	
Theo. RueffP. G.	25	$\overline{7}$		31.00	
Enos PottsP. G.	30	8		33.00	
Fred Klopfenstein P. G.	15	6		23.00	
W. R. StevensP. G.	17	6		17.50	
E. Birkenstock P. G.	33	.9		34.00	
C. E. Urquhart. P. G., Heralds	68	$\frac{40}{7}$		115.50	
Miscellaneous		7		9.50	
8 Agents	245	85		\$307.10	

Statement of 20-Cent-a-Week Fund for Pacific Union Conference Six Months, Ending June 30, 1914

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	8871	\$46129,20	\$34094.92	\$16526.67	\$4492.39
Nev. Mission	92	478.40	340.03	138.37	
Utah	173	899.60	402.98	496.62	
Southern Cal	. 3397	17664.40	13554.89	4109.51	
Northern Cal	l. 1139	5922.80	3875.66	2047.14	
Central Cal.	1138	5917.60	2808.55	3109.05	
California	2698	14029.60	7403.62	6625.98	
Arizona	234	\$ 1216.80	\$ 5709.19		\$4492.39
	-	PER MEMBER	RECEIVED	SHORT	OVER
	MEMBERSHIP	AMT AT \$5 20	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT

Net amount short \$12034.28

morning that he thought we would do a two-million-dollar business from the Press alone if we could keep up the present rate of sales right through the year. Some orders have had to be held up because of the fact that the bindery could not turn out books fast enough. I was just noticing that some bindings on standard books can not be found in the stock-room. Keep the orders coming, and we urge the boys to be prompt in reporting, and to be sure to give the bindings.

While some of our boys are not taking as many orders as they might wish for, it is wonderful to see the way the letters of courage are coming in from all. They realize that God is guiding, and that He will work all out to His glory. I have taken time from my work this afternoon to read a little tract on "Prayer" by Arthur T. Pierson, and it did me a world of good. Just one statement from it: "In a grandly true sense there is but one Worker, one Agent, and He divine; and all other so-called 'workers' are instruments only in His hands." That is what we want, breth-ren. I think of the experience of one of our workers. He had gone three weeks without success. Finally falling prostrate and giving his name he said, can't sell books. You sell the books, Lord, and I will carry the prospectus." The sales for the balance of the summer were \$1000.

May God abundantly bless each one of you. May the Lord do the work through you while you "carry the prospectus." C. E. WEAKS.

Lowell, Arizona

On Thursday of last week I went to a little Mexican village on the El Paso Railroad for a day's work.

The first family I canvassed was that of the local saloon-keeper, and they gladly took one of the small books I had with me. I next visited the section foreman's home, and sold two books there. Then I came to the pump man's family. I met the pump man coming away from his house, and canvassed him. As he would not buy, he told me I might show the book to the folks in the house. This I did, and soon they decided to keep one of the books for their own.

That evening after supper and after the laborers had returned home, I se-cured three good orders for "Patriarchs" Spanish. I spent the night with a kind Adventist family, the only one There were just five in that vicinity. more American families to see; so after an early breakfast, I called upon them. We had earnestly prayed that the Lord would give success to my effort. He certainly did hear and answer our prayers. Surely the angels went be-fore and prepared the way. Of the five families, four gave their subscrip-tion order for "Great Controversy," one in the half-leather binding. What a feeling of rejoicing and how thankful to have a part in spreading the everlasting gospel. O, that others would get under the burden of this great work! C. F. INNIS.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1914

Will any one having a Variorum Bible for sale, communicate with Cali-fornia Bible House, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal.

For Sale

Fifteen acres good alfalfa land in Loma Linda, Cal., twelve acres already in alfalfa; three-room house; well and high tank; water piped to house; about fifty rods to good church school; ten or fifteen minutes walk to sanitarium and medical college. Will sell cheap. For particulars, address George Swift, Loma Linda, Cal. 1-3t 1-3t

-0-For Sale

One-half and one-acre lots, on easy terms at Buena Vista Station and about five minutes walk to our church and church school and cannery. A good opportunity for any one that wants to locate near church school and also have a chance to work in the cannery.

Also five and one-fourth acres of fine land near church and church school, for sale in Grant's Pass, Oregon. Apply to G. Ritz, Sonoma, Cal. 1-2t

For Sale

Fine home-ten acres, one and one-half miles from Lodi Academy; eight acres in alfalfa; good pumping plant; two acres orchard, berries and garden; modern eight-room house and large barn. farm implements, etc.: price, \$5500. Also new six-room house and one-half acre of land opposite academy; electric lights and every modern convenience; east front-fine corner lot; price, \$2000. Address Chas. E. Holmes, R. D. 4, Box 26, Lodi, Cal. (Phone 29 F 4.) 1-4t

Glendale Temperance Rally

On the evening of July 29 the church at Glendale was well filled in the interest of a temperance rally, which seemed much appreciated. The pro-gram was considerably varied, giving place to appropriate music and speeches touching the temperance campaign before the voters of the state. Good talks were given by Dr. V. H. Lucas

of Pasadena, Mrs. W. B. Gaylord, a vice-president of the Glendale "Dry" Federation, and Mr. J. W. McGillis, secretary of the same organization.

Brother Ernest Lloyd followed these with a presentation of the needs of educative literature in the campaign, making a specialty of the Temperance issue of the Signs of the Times. Subscriptions were then quickly taken for 2180 copies of that paper. Considering the shortness of time given to any preparation for the gathering, it was thought to be quite a success. We certainly hope that great good may re-J. O. C. sult from it.

Increase in Mission Offerings

The report of our missionary offerings for the first six months of 1914, ending June 30, appears in this number of the RECORDER. It will be observed that there has been some improvement since our last report. This is largely, if not wholly, due to the funds received from Arizona. One party in that conference contributed quite an amount, thus raising their offerings considerably above what was required; so that they are in the column showing \$4492.39 above the 20-cent-a-week rate for the six months. This reduces our net shortage for the entire union to \$12,034.28.

It is not at all impossible for us to take hold of this matter so energetically that our entire quota shall be raised, and we shall come out on the right side of the ledger at the end of the year. I would urge every church officer to take this matter up at once. Consider seriously what your church is doing, and how you can increase your offerings from week to week.

If you have not already secured a "mission clock," and do not have it in a prominent place in your church, I would advise that you do so at once. and carefully observe the standing of your church as revealed by the clock from week to week. See that it is not running slow.

It would certainly be a great calamity to our work if we should allow our missionaries to suffer for want of proper support. They are dependent, almost wholly, upon the funds provided by our brethren and sisters in the home land. Undoubtedly, this will be more manifest as conditions in the foreign fields are rendered more precarious by the troubles of the last days. Do not defer this matter until some future time, but take it up at once, and press it until your church has done its duty in this regard.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Utah Conference

The fourteenth annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Kaysville, Utah, September 7 to 13, 1914.

The first meeting will be Monday evening at eight o'clock. It will be a preaching service. The conference will convene Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. Let all be on time for the first meeting. At this session the conference officers will be chosen for the ensuing year, and other business transacted which may properly come before the delegates.

Each church is entitled to "one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for every five mem-bers of its membership." There will be tents for rent, but orders must be placed with Brother J. F. Gaster for them not later than September 1. There will be good water on the ground. Plan to come and stay all through these meetings. For further information, write to J. F. Gaster, Salt Lake City, Utah, 776 East Sixth South Street.

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W. M. ADAMS, Pres., J. F. GASTER, Sec'y.

-0-**Utah Corporation**

The next annual session of the Utah Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Kaysville, Utah, on the school grounds in a tent September 8, 1914, at ten o'clock A.M. All business pertaining to the corpora-tion will be transacted, and the officers for the coming year will be elected. Each local church will be represented by its regular delegates to the confer-W. M. ADAMS, Pres., ence. J. F. GASTER, Sec'y. 1tf

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New Church for Ogden

The following is a clipping from a recent issue of the Salt Lake Tribune:

Cornerstone is Laid

Seventh-day Adventists Have Impressive Ceremony at Site of New Structure

OGDEN, July 28.-Several hundred persons were present when the cornerstone of the new church that is being erected by the Seventh-day Adventists of Ogden was laid this morning. The Rev. W. M. Adams of Salt Lake, president of the Utah Conference, officiated at the impressive ceremonies, and the Rev. J. D. Alder, the local pastor, also The conference president took part. delivered the sermon.

It was announced at the exercises that many Ogden firms had donated building materials for the erection of the new church, which would have cost about \$3500, but for the contributions. Members of the congregation also assisted by donating the cost of from one to twenty of the concrete building blocks that will be mainly used in the construction. The Rev. Alder, who is a carpenter by trade, not only drew up the plans for the new church, but is superintending and assisting with the actual building.