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Our Canvassers and Our Prayers

As a people we have long declared to the world that it was possible for us to know the time in which we are living. This is not an extravagant claim, for the scripture clearly states, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand." Rom. 13:11, 12.

Again, the apostle Paul states, "Of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you, For yourselves know perfectly that the day so cometh as a thief in the night.

... But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thess. 5:1, 2, 4.

The Saviour said concerning the coming of the great day of God: "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." The things of which he spoke were the signs that he gave, to reveal the approach of the day of the Lord. These signs are fulfilled to-day before our very eyes, and there is no reason why we should not know that the day of God is at hand, and that the coming of Jesus is at the door.

Speaking of the disciples, who should have been expecting the crucifixion of the Saviour, but whose minds were blinded to the meaning of the events that took place at the time of His death, the morning after His resurrection He said: "Oh fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken, Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." The hearts of the disciples were overwhelmed with grief and disappointment because they did not grasp the meaning of the words of the Saviour when He had spoken to them of His crucifixion and His resurrection.

To-day we have the signs that the Saviour has given us, pointing out His second coming in glory, and these signs are now fulfilled before our very eyes; and yet we are so dull of comprehension that we scarcely realize the full import of their meaning. By "fire and flood and earthquake, He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach. The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another,—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. O, that the people might know the time of their visitation!... The mercy of God is shown in His long forbearance. He is holding back His judgments, waiting for the message of warning to be sounded to all. O, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world,

what a wonderful work would be done." —Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 97.

How tenderly the Spirit of God is pleading with us to do everything in our power to warn the world of the coming judgments. Let the reader turn to "Testimonies," volume 9, pages 28 and 29, and read of the impressive scene that was presented before the servant of God concerning this particular time, and our duty to give the light of this gospel message to the world without further delay. I believe it to be the duty of many of our brethren to so arrange their business affairs as to enable them to give their entire time to the work of distributing our literature among the people. All are not called to engage in the canvassing work but many could do this work successfully. To them God has given the gift that will enable them to succeed in placing the books containing the truths for this time in the homes of the people, and I am fully persuaded that they ought to consider this matter, and plan so that they can give their entire lives to this work. "The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger." Again, we are told that the "same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."

We earnestly invite all to seriously consider this special work at this time, and unitedly pray that the power of God may descend upon these consecrated workers, and that they may be able to search out and find the many who through their prayers and tears are looking anxiously toward heaven and praying that God will send someone to them with the light of God's truth.

We have been assured that wherever we go we will find a rich harvest of souls waiting to be gathered into the Lord's garner. Let the churches unite in praying to God for the descent of the Holy Ghost upon His chosen workers, that the sheaves may quickly be gathered in, ere the storm of God's wrath shall break upon the world. There is no other class of workers that need help more than those who are going from home to home with the printed page. They are constantly meeting the people, and opportunities are given them to speak words of encouragement and hope to the discouraged and despondent. Every moment they need the guidance of God's Holy Spirit to enable them to do this work successfully.

In writing to the church at Ephesus Paul said: "Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints, and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel."

Do not forget these earnest, faithful workers for God, but let the united prayers of God's people ascend to heaven in their behalf. Pray also that God will pour out His Spirit upon others who ought to take up this much neglected work, and go forth in the power of the Spirit, to help finish the work of the Lord in the earth.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Among the Best Classes

The Lord by a parable showed how the last invitation to the marriage supper of the King's Son would be sent out into the highways, as well as the byways, that the wedding should be supplied with guests. The scripture reads:—

"Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." Matt. 22:8-10.

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which

were bidden shall taste of my supper." Luke 14:23, 24.

The highways in the parable, we understand, mean the best classes of society, men of influence in places of authority. These need the saving word of the gospel the same as those in the humbler walks of life.

We were reminded of this scripture by a report given by Brother G. H. Clark, printed in the *South African Missionary*, of his work with the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review*, following their recent union conference meeting in the city of Durban. Believing his experience with the officials of that city contains a valuable suggestion as to what may be accomplished in many other places this autumn, with the Ingathering *Signs*, we quote the principal part of his report:—

"It was voted by the union conference committee that at the close of the camp-meeting the writer should present one hundred copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Review* to the highest officials of the city of Durban. These gentlemen received me with universal courtesy and respect, especially when I mentioned the words, 'Seventh-day Adventists.' I am sure that the influence of the camp-meeting was very good indeed.

"When the city cashier learned that I was from the camp he said, 'I live near the camp-grounds, and my wife subscribed for one of your papers the other day. It contains some articles that make one think. I believe that you people are right in teaching that the end is not far off.'

"The postmaster said, 'I shall read and highly appreciate this paper. I have read the *Sentinel*, in fact, I subscribed for it a short time ago.' I knew that Pastor Shone had secured his subscription on field day.

"The chief of police, who is a Romanist, asked if we differed from other denominations on any other point than the Sabbath. I told him that others believe that the righteous will spend eternity in heaven while we believe that they will inherit and live upon this earth after its purification by fire. He said, 'I believe that the righteous dead are already living here, but we can not see them.' He said also, 'The laxity of Sabbath (meaning Sunday) observance is to be greatly deplored, and it ought to be prevented; but, after all, it takes more than an act of Parliament to make men Christian.'

"A medical officer asked me if we,

as a people, have much tuberculosis among us. I replied that our manner of living tends strongly to prevent diseases of every kind. He showed considerable interest in our health principles.

"The manager of a bank was the most interesting case I met. He was very busy, but as soon as he learned that I represented the Seventh-day Adventist conference, he threw off his official manners, and began to ask about the Sabbath, the reasons for the apostasy in the churches to-day, and how one can find and live a life of peace with God. Oh, brethren and sisters, if ever I was glad that I knew Jesus, the great burden-bearer and peace-maker, it was at that moment. I knew that I had met a hungry, burdened soul, and I pointed him to our blessed Saviour as the only One who can bring forgiveness, rest, and salvation to the troubled heart. He said, 'Mr. Clark, if ministers would do more of this kind of work that you are doing, it would help us in our daily struggles in life. I am glad that you called upon me, and may you be prospered in your good work.' If the distribution of these papers yields nothing more, I am repaid by having this privilege of lifting up the Saviour to a weary and needy soul. Please join me in praying that the Lord will still draw him and save him.

"These and many other experiences with men of this class, confirm the following statements found in 'Ministry of Healing,' under the subject, 'Ministry to the Rich,' pages 209, 210:

"To-day God is seeking for souls among the high as well as the low. There are many like Cornelius, men whom He desires to connect with His church. Their sympathies are with the Lord's people. But the ties that bind them to the world hold firmly. . . . Many long for something that will bring to an end the monotony of their aimless lives. Many in official life feel their need of something which they have not. Shall we make no personal appeal to them?" T. E. BOWEN.

Church and Home Praying

Some one has said that "prayer is the vital breath of the soul." Some one else has said that "prayer is the spiritual measure of the church life." Further than this it might be said: Prayer indicates the spiritual standing of both the individual and the church.

All God's great men have been men

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FIELD TIDINGS

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Items of Interest

Elder F. E. Brown met with our people at Hanford last Sabbath.

Brother Archie Johnson, of Armona, passed away last Tuesday. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

Elder B. L. Howe baptized three persons at Merced Sabbath, August 21. Two of these were Portuguese people.

Brother and Sister W. M. Downing, of Hanford have moved to Alpaugh. Brother Downing was elder of the Hanford church. We pray that they may be a blessing in their new field.

August 27. N. P. NEILSEN.

Hanford

The byways are a part of the field to which this message is to go, and the writer has been spending a little time along that line. August 7, I made a twenty-five-mile drive to the Wheatville district. In a home belonging to one of our people, who has a homestead cleared among the sagebrush, where in its stead abound flowers, trees and shrubbery, some twenty-five assembled together, and we had a good day, returning in the evening for a further study. At this place the Sunday-school failed, but some of their people are attending our Sabbath-school instead, and are becoming deeply interested in the truth.

Sunday, August 15, very early in the morning, a party of four started for a school-house sixty-two miles away and high up in the mountains near Badger, where I was to speak following their Sunday-school at 11. The morning was beautiful. When we reached the mountain grade, it was with much pleasure that we beheld the ever changing scenery as we made the curves in and out up this beautiful grade. At 10:20 we reached the little place where school is taught only in the summer time. We enjoyed the Sunday-school, and then I studied with a good, honest, sincere people, who really appreciated every word. After this, boards were placed upon the desks for tables, and dinner was spread, around which 35 of us stood and enjoyed another feast which satisfied our physical needs, then the boards were cleared, and we spent

the greater part of the afternoon in another study of the Word with a people of whom, I was told, no two families are of the same faith.

They came from a distance ranging from one to ten miles. One man eighty-five years old came eight miles. It has been some time since I have had before me such an appreciative people. All extended to me an invitation to return and I left feeling that I should like to stay by them until all are firmly planted in the truth.

A few miles farther on, we met a party headed for the valley, but their machine was broken, and we were asked to take two ladies up to the next settlement, which we gladly did. On our way one of our new friends inquired if my name were Brown. Of course I was anxious to know why she thought so, and was told that I had been in her home and studied the Bible with her some years before. Then she said, "I am in the truth now." I can assure you this did me much good. I am persuaded that we should sow beside all waters.

F. E. BROWN.

UTAH

The Utah Camp-meeting

The camp-meeting in Utah was held this year in Ogden, August 17 to 22. Ogden is a beautiful city of thirty thousand inhabitants. The city is laid out with broad streets, along either side of which are planted stately poplars and other ornamental trees. It is situated near the lofty Wasatch Mountains, from which flow the cool and refreshing water with which the city is supplied.

We termed this gathering a camp-meeting, but there were but few tents pitched, most of the brethren being located in rooms. However, there was a large tent for services, a smaller one for children's meetings, and a third used as a dining and provision tent. Besides these there were a few family tents.

The location selected was a pleasant and shady spot in the center of the city, thus favoring an opportunity for a good attendance for the public. But the number attending from the city was not very satisfactory, yet there were a few not of the faith who came to hear the Word. Ogden is largely Mormon, there being a larger percentage of that sect than is to be found in Salt Lake City. Being more or less satisfied with the doctrines as taught by that church, they had no desire to attend our meetings.

We are glad to state, however, that some of the Mormons attended the tent meetings which were conducted in Ogden prior to the camp-meeting, by Evangelist A. S. Booth, and a few have signified their desire to unite with us. Some have already been baptized. Others who were not formerly of the Mormon persuasion have embraced the message as a result of the tent meetings. It was very cheering to see these new, earnest members attending the camp-meeting, some of whom will be a real strength to our work in Ogden. Elder Booth will soon commence a series of meetings in a hall in Salt Lake City. The stereopticon used so effectively by Elder Booth during his tent meetings was brought into service during the camp-meeting in illustrating both songs and sermons.

The Sabbath morning service was very impressive. The Lord came near to His people as Elder E. W. Farnsworth presented a stirring discourse on faith in God and righteousness by faith. The sermon was followed by a social meeting in which nearly every one in the tent took part.

Concerning the business of this small conference we can say there was manifested a spirit of unity and good cheer. A free discussion by the delegates on the items presented showed a lively interest. Reports rendered by the president and the secretary-treasurer proved that gains had been made along almost every line. Although the membership of the conference is only about 200, the tithe for the eleven months of the newly adopted fiscal year was \$2412.39. Elder W. M. Adams was again unanimously elected as president of the conference.

Some excellent instruction on the circulation of our literature was given at the meeting by Brother F. E. Painter, the union field agent. These meetings were well attended, and we are hopeful that throughout our churches a new zeal and earnestness will be manifested in getting the truth before the people. Some expect to enter the canvassing field to devote all their time to the work of selling our message-filled literature.

The writer wishes to express his personal acknowledgment of the privilege of attending this meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet the brethren and sisters of Utah, and to have the opportunity of speaking to them concerning the foreign missionary work.

J. E. FULTON.

REPORT OF ARIZONA CONFERENCE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Second Quarter, 1915

School	Mem.	Ave. Att.	Offering 12 Sab.	Offering 13th Sab.	Total Offering	2nd Qtr. Per Cap.	1st Qtr. Per Cap.
Buckeye	11	4	\$ 10.20	\$ 1.15	\$ 11.35	.08	.092
Clifton	16	15	5.00	7.75	12.75	.06	.050
*Duncan	15	13	5.15	5.78	10.93	.08	
Flagstaff	12	3	13.55	3.00	16.55	.106	.156
Globe	27	15	28.99	10.51	39.50	.113	.107
Mesa	29	32	26.26	3.62	29.88	.08	.117
† Miami	15	13	4.05	3.60	7.65	.064	
Nogales (just organized)							
Phoenix (Eng.)	106	87	83.94	25.45	109.39	.08	.084
Phoenix (Mex.)	23	15	4.30	.50	4.80	.016	.014
Prescott	26	22	16.00	2.99	18.99	.056	.061
Rodeo, N. M.	10	10	1.60	.50	2.10	.016	.014
Safford (Eng.)	20	16	5.70	2.85	8.55	.033	.030
Safford (Mex.)	8	6	1.35	1.00	2.35	.022	.014
Sanchez (Mex.)	19	15	3.00	.45	3.45	.014	.015
Tucson	11	9	14.39	13.26	27.65	.19	.130
Warren	15	14	14.95	3.60	18.55	.095	.072
Yuma Valley	10	7	3.56	.75	4.31	.033	
Mammoth (just org.)	‡ 7	7					
Home Department	38	38	31.03	36.27	67.30	.136	.096
Totals	418	341	273.02	123.03	396.05	.074	.072

* For nine Sabbaths. † For eight Sabbaths. ‡ Not counted in average offerings.

MRS. L. L. HUTCHINSON, *Sabbath-school Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA

Comparative Tithe Statement
January to July Inclusive

Church	Mem.	1914	1915
Alameda	79	\$ 1054.31	\$ 944.69
Berkeley	129	1105.68	1248.49
Byron	14	75.00	64.15
Conf. church	8	306.75	109.90
Daly City	14	365.48	171.17
Fruitvale	164	1075.79	1714.15
Hayward	17	175.61	224.60
Hollister	19		190.21
Los Gatos	20	96.09	169.62
Mission, S. F.	45	370.03	693.90
Monterey	38		117.68
Morgan Hill	28	150.35	153.44
Mountain V'w	289	2666.04	3745.92
Oakland	326	3697.43	4028.15
Oakland Jap.	11	61.95	83.76
Richmond	20	397.47	338.82
San Francisco	216	2365.64	3025.57
San Jose	130	1131.28	1054.22
Santa Cruz	43	229.70	243.51
Soquel	11	118.70	62.45
Watsonville	5	94.05	73.00
Totals	1626	\$15537.35	\$18457.40

H. B. THOMAS, *Treas.*

Arrangements have been made whereby the book "Stories Worth Rereading" can be secured with *Youth's Instructor* clubs as well as with single subscriptions, by the payment of 50 cents extra for each book up to the number of papers in the club. This applies to all clubs, no matter how large or for how long the club may be ordered. Orders should be placed through the tract society at the same time the papers are ordered.

BOOK WORK

Faith and Prayer and their Results
in the Delivery of Books

To the praise of the dear Master, who gives the grace of faith and the spirit of prayer, I can say that in a canvass commenced a few weeks ago I have seen many tokens of our Father's loving care. His mercies are new every morning. (Lam. 3.)

I am now in Humboldt County busy filling my orders; in fact, almost through. I seek the dear Saviour's help much in prayer. Truly His are all the honors, glory and praises, for He grants it all.

On this canvass I have had one of the most remarkable deliveries in all my experience of thirty-four years in this work. I have scarcely lost an order; and sell enough extra for cash, or get new orders, to make up these losses, or more. I will have a hundred per cent or even a hundred and five per cent delivery. I pray that a host may be won for Christ's glorious kingdom as a result of it all. (Isa. 55:11.)

I am thankful for the prayers of God's dear children, for I know they remember me and others in this work. Our Father has respect to the intercessions of His people. (Ps. 65:2; 102:17.)

Later.—Last Tuesday I finished my first delivery, and before the day had passed away, I was busy at work on a new, short canvass. From the first day I was granted prosperity. I am so glad to be able to place the heaven-sent book, "Great Controversy." We are told this is the most important book of all, for it gives the whole message in clear, straight lines readily comprehended. The Master's care is in evidence. (Ps. 98:1; 105:1-5.)

WALTER HARPER.

Taken for Spies

Up in Manitoba, where the winters are long and the summers correspondingly short, and where the war pressure is very heavy indeed, our book work is going steadily onward. Brother B. L. Grundset, the secretary, tells of the difficulties our German colporteurs are meeting there, and yet how faithful they are in their efforts:

"I had quite an experience last Monday. I was taken for a German spy, but I counted myself in the dear Lord's care, and He brought me through. When the constable asked me what nationality I was, I told him Canadian. He asked me where my father came from, and I replied, from Russia, so that was satisfactory. But it bothered me that I had to say that I was German, so I waited until I was sure he would let me go, then I told him that father was born in Russia, and I was born in Canada, but that I was German just the same, but it did not shake him so very much any more. But he did not know what to do with me for canvassing on Sunday, so I said, 'What are you going to do? I only have 25 cents, and I should have it to-day for my dinner. So all you can do is to put me in the coop, and what good will that do you?' Then I told him almost all people are working on Sunday, and no one interferes with it, so I did not believe it would be fair to interfere with my work, as it is religious, and the people think it is all right to do it on Sunday; and I keep one day of the week. So he said he would not do anything by himself, that he must see the magistrate first. After he had seen him, he let me go."

Nearly all of our boys are taken for German spies, and some of the people will even telephone ahead warning the people that they are; but despite that the work goes ahead, and we rejoice to see it go.

H. H. HALL.

Canvassing Experiences in Central California

From a letter written by one of the boys we quote: "Last Monday I went out to a ranch and delivered three Spanish 'Practical Guide.' It was the noon hour and the men gathered around those who had bought the books to look over what had been purchased. When I started away, I was called back and asked if I had any more books with me. I told them 'No.' Then four men called out and said 'Bring me one right away.' I got off my wheel to write their names when the bell rang, and as I was not allowed to interfere with their work, I had to leave without learning the names of those who wanted

the books, and there were more men on the ranch. When I reached the ranch with the books, it was the noon hour. I laid the books on a bench, trusting that they would be claimed by the men who had ordered them. I was invited in to dinner, and sure enough after dinner, the men were there ready with the money. The Lord is surely good to His children, if they only put their trust in Him."

A young man in one of the middle states had done some canvassing, but thought it would be much better to work on a farm, so he rented a place, went into debt for teams, farming implements, etc., and worked the land a few years. But fortune did not smile on his efforts.

He found himself deeply in debt. When he prayed, he saw his prospectus, and knew that the Lord was calling him back to the canvassing field. He finally sold his horses and implements, and went into the book work with a will. The first year he earned enough to pay all of his debts, and the second year earned enough to pay his way in college for two years.

I wonder if there are not many others who see this work before them when they pray.

G. A. WHEELER,

Sec. Central Cal. Conf.

Church and Home Praying

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of prayer, and the highest experiences in church life have always been the experiences linked with the larger exercise of prayer,—not the noisy, long, fanatical or wordy repetition, sometimes called prayer, but the earnest, sincere, heartfelt petitions in which self is lost in communion with the Divine.

When Moses prayed, Amelek was discomfited; when Elijah prayed, the clouds gave their rain; when Solomon prayed, the glory of God filled the temple; when Isaiah prayed, he saw the vision of God.

The divine admonition respecting prayer reads, "Pray without ceasing." But alas, how often this soul-exercise is pushed to one side or forgotten, to let the crowding affairs of life take their place. It is passed over for a more convenient season, and often omitted altogether.

This is especially true in home-life. Breakfast is late; someone is leaving early; father must get to work. These and a thousand other reasons are given for the neglect or displacement of prayer. But the spiritual loss is untold, and sometimes it is never made up. It may require a constant effort to "seek first the kingdom," to keep this matter right in the home-life.

Nothing should be allowed to interfere with the period set apart morning and evening for family devotion. It is just the education that every family needs. Like the tithe in finance, it will keep all the other appointments in life straight if you rightly attend to this. The morning and evening hymn, the scripture and the holy devotion that father or mother offers will weave into your own life and that of your children, hallowed memories that will linger long and bind the soul to the path of life.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 1915

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Northern California						
G. H. Barbee	B.R.	19	9	\$ 4.70	\$ 41.70	
Mrs. E. H. Abbott	B.R.	8	6	2.25	21.25	
Theron Lyman	B.R.	30	4	3.25	20.25	
Vinna and Myrta Hart	B.R.	35	19	1.95	64.95	
F. A. Johnson	P.G.		3	.60	10.60	
Miscellaneous					28.00	
6 Agents		92	41	\$12.75	\$186.75	
Southeastern California						
A. R. Merickle	B.R.	24	3	\$1.25	\$10.25	
O.L. Ice	B.R.		9		27.00	
2 Agents		24	12	\$1.25	\$37.25	
Utah*						
J.L. Sauder	E.S.	13	4	\$ 3.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 61.25
A.R. Robinson	E.S.	21	13	.75	51.75	32.75
Paul Moore	E.S.	43	10		36.00	14.50
H. C. Holloway	E.S.					7.50
C. R. Spencer	W.C.	26	28		7.00	7.00
*2 wks' delivery. 5 agents		103	55	\$ 3.75	\$120.75	\$123.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 1915

Northwestern California						
M. A. Reese	B.R.	25	1	\$4.00	\$ 7.00	\$11.75
H.E. Soule	B.R.	29	6		18.00	
J. R. Harris	P.G.	19	3		11.50	
H. Gallion	B.R.	16	5		15.00	
C. B. Secord*	Misc.				25.50	
J. D. Brown	B.R.	24	1		4.00	7.00
*Total for month. 6 Agents		113	16	\$4.00	\$81.00	\$18.75

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 1915

Central California						
J. S. Hindbaugh	P.G.	22	6		\$21.00	
Chas. Newman	P.G.	16	6	\$.75	14.75	\$20.80
F.O. Jensen	P.G.		1		5.50	7.00
J. J. Schaeffer	P.G.	23	5	1.25	23.25	35.25
E. Burgquist	P.G.	46½	2	3.00	7.75	
5 Agents		107½	20	\$5.00	\$72.25	\$63.05

It is possible to be too busy even in God's work to serve God. But this haste is surely a mistake. The workers in our institutions, and the leaders in our churches must take time for prayer if their work is to bear the mould of God. You may write it large over the door of the prayerless church or prayerless institution, "Died for want of spirituality."

Church prayer meetings often prove a failure for want of variety. The same prayers are repeated week by week. They are long, tedious, and uninteresting. Read this statement: "Their prayers are long and mechanical. They weary the angels and the people who listen to them. Our prayers should be short and to the point."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 4, page 71.

If these long prayers weary the angels, it is no wonder weak humanity shrinks under them. It requires as much experience to run a successful prayer meeting as any other successful service; and in this matter, nonattendance at the prayer meeting must often be laid at the door of the church officers. It is not always due to the indifference of church members. O, that there might be a rebuilding of family altars in the home-life of our people! This is what is needed and what there must be if we are to be ready for the seal of God.

O, that there might be a revival of the prayer-spirit in all our churches! This is what there must be if we are to rightly represent the message to the world.

Parents, your boys and girls are either being made for God or for the world in this matter. Church officers, your members are all being moulded by your attitude. Their spirituality is increasing or decreasing largely as the altar of prayer is regarded in your church life.

Let earnest thought be put into the church prayer meeting. It should be one of the most interesting meetings in the church program. But it will not grow of itself; it requires your best attention, and careful preparation. The leanness is often only the outcome of leanness of endeavor. Make the Scriptures the basis of your work, and weave in the sweet songs of Zion.

God's worship, whether at home or in the church, should be divinely attractive. This it would be if the waywardness of self were set aside.

R. HARE.

In *Australian Record*.

MISCELLANY

FOR SALE.—Treatment rooms. Business well established. Sanitarium doctor attends once a month. Write for particulars to Box 146, Glendale. 3-6.

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Obituary

MORRISON.—Florence Jane Grantham was born October 27, 1853, in Kokomo, Indiana, and died in Portland, Oregon, July 30 1915, of heart trouble.

She became a Christian and accepted present truth in November 1873, and was married to Enos M. Morrison, September 17, 1879. One daughter blessed this union—Mrs. Floyd Jones, of Mountain View, Cal., who remains to mourn the loss of a loving and good mother. Mrs. Flora A. Covert, the wife of Elder William Covert, of Illinois, is a sister of Mrs. Morrison.

Brother and Sister Morrison went to California in 1886, and Sister Morrison entered the school work in Healdsburg College that autumn. The following spring the conference sent them on a camp-meeting tour, Brother Morrison in the interest of the colporteur work, and Sister Morrison to take charge of the children's work at each camp-meeting. She also prepared the Sabbath-school lessons for the children for nine months. Brother and Sister Morrison traveled over thirty-four States of the Union in the interest of these two lines of work. In 1889 Brother and Sister Morrison were sent abroad by the General Conference, Brother Morrison in the interest of the colporteur work and Sister Morrison to assist in the children's work. Brother Morrison had charge of the colporteur work in Central Europe for two years, having his headquarters in London. They spent six months in New Zealand, one year in Australia, and six months in South Africa, returning to America in May, 1893. Sister Morrison then connected with the school work in Healdsburg College as a teacher, and remained

there four years. Later, she acted as matron of the Spokane, Washington, Sanitarium, until it was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

A long life of usefulness, which shed Christian cheer, comfort, and timely counsel everywhere has ended. But we have the assurance she is accepted by her life-long Friend, and only rests awaiting His call.

The funeral services were held in Portland, Oregon, Sabbath afternoon, July 31, and were conducted by the writer, based on the text, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," which was chosen by our sister several weeks before she passed away. There was quite a large attendance of friends, though there were no relatives, present at the funeral services.

Throughout the seven weeks' sickness of our sister she displayed a splendid Christian faith and patience, and we are sure that when the voice of the Life-giver resounds through the earth she will awaken, and in company with many of like precious faith will be caught into the cloud, to be forever with our Lord.

MILTON H. ST. JOHN.

Rome's Latest Innovation

The *Protestant Magazine* for September in an article, "An Impudent Interference with Private Business," deals at length with the following letter, mailed to some of the largest business corporations in the United States. This letter is evidently one of the plans to be adopted by the Knights of Columbus for the expenditure of the \$50,000 fund raised for the purpose of investigating the cause of the present anti-Catholic agitation:—

"OFFICE OF COMMISSION ON RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE

"Colgate and Company, Jersey City, N. J.

"Huyler's, New York, N. Y.

"Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"Welch Grape Juice Co., Westfield N. Y.

"Dear Sirs: Are you aware that there are a few people who have the impression that you are antagonistic to the Catholic faith?

"It is merely a rumor that we have been investigating, for it comes within our work to see that no injustice is done any one, Protestants as well as Catholics. The report that reaches us is to the effect that your company, or indivi-

duals of your company, have been extending financial assistance to publications which are anti-Catholic, like the *Menace*, the *Peril*, and *Yellow Jacket*, which, as you know, are conducting a malicious and scurrilous campaign against our church.

"We thought best to write you in a candid way, for if this is all a mistake (and we hope it is), we want to take steps to off-set any harm that might have been done.

"We are merely engaged in the work of bringing about better citizenship and the elimination of religion from politics and business.

"Kindly let us hear from you.

"Very truly yours,

"P. H. CALLAHAN, Chairman."

What subtlety is shown in this letter! It seems rather late in the day for Rome to display her interest in the welfare of Protestants, and to begin to "eliminate religion from politics." The promptness with which these firms replied shows that the power of a Roman Catholic boycott is already felt. It reminds one of the highwayman who informs his victim that he understands he has a well-filled purse which may be a burden to him and that he shall be glad to relieve him of the incumbrance. The right hand on his revolver is just an after consideration.

You will want to read this article and show your friends how Rome is encroaching upon American liberties in various ways. A larger edition of the September number is being printed. Send in your orders early. Single copy 10 cents; five to forty copies, at 5 cents; fifty or more copies, at 4 cents. Order of your tract society.

A Unique Number

The issue of the *Signs of the Times* dated September 14, 1915, is edited entirely by the physicians comprising the medical staff of our College of Medical Evangelists of Loma Linda, California. This is a special number indeed. Every article is of vital interest, scientifically written and authentic in every way. It shows, to some extent, the real strength of the institution and the recognized rational methods for which it stands. Notice the list of contents:

What medical missionary training stands for.

Healing art in gospel works.

Diseases and how to cure them.
Gods, demons and diseases.
Training doctors and nurses for foreign lands.
Avoid contagious diseases.
Science in chewing.
What the doctor sees of the future.
Prospering mission hospitals in foreign lands.

The active and pestilential fly.
Protection through vaccination.
In due season for strength.
Original and correct diet.
Effect of eating too much.
Water in maintaining health.
Milk and its products.

It is a copy of the *Signs* that many of its readers will wish to preserve, particularly for the helpful and educational nature of these articles. Copies can be secured as follows: Single copies, 5 cents each; five copies, 3 cents each; ten or more copies, 2½ cents each.

Order through our representatives.

Harvest Ingathering "Signs" in Foreign Languages

Practically the entire subject matter of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* is being translated into the German, Danish, and Swedish languages and will be printed and sent out from the College View Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

These foreign papers will have the three color cover and illustrations the same as the English paper. Orders for Ingathering papers in these languages should be sent to your tract society.

Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists

Our readers will doubtless be pleased to know of the distribution of the graduates of our medical college. Long before their graduation, four of these had been chosen for foreign fields. Three of these, Doctor A. N. Donaldson and wife, Dr. Orpha Santee-Donaldson, and Dr. D. E. Davenport, and wife, will go to China. Dr. Olive Smith, with her husband who is a graduate nurse, will labor in Burma. Dr. A. R. Dickson has a position as interne in the California Hospital in Los Angeles. The other graduates are all located in various denominational institutions for a time.

The medical course proper having been well established, the faculty has determined to give special attention to

developing and perfecting the medical evangelistic courses. There are two of these courses; one two-year course designed speedily to prepare workers for needy fields. These should be graduate nurses, Bible workers, young ministers, and others who have had some experience in our work, but who desire a better preparation for reaching the people with the truth.

The other evangelistic course covers quite fully the complete medical course of four years, but does not require the same preliminary training as the medical course. This latter course is designed to meet the instruction from the spirit of prophecy to prepare many with qualifications of physicians who need not seek recognition as physicians, but will labor as evangelists. We are told that thousands ought to be given this preparation. Any of our young people desiring further information regarding these courses should send for a calendar to the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Cal.

The attention of our readers is called to the *Signs of the Times* bearing date of September 14. This number of this valuable missionary periodical is devoted to health and its preservation, and is gotten out by the students and faculty of the College of Medical Evangelists. Do not fail to get and read this valuable health number, and pass it on to your neighbors and friends.

Arizona Conference Corporation Legal Meeting

According to adjournment the next meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation will be held at Phoenix, Ariz., Monday, October 11, 1915, at 10 A.M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

J. ERNEST BOND, *President*.

Arizona Conference S. D. A. Annual Meeting

The fourteenth annual session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., October 7 to 17, 1915, to transact any business pertaining to the work in the field. The first business meeting will convene 9 A.M., Friday, October 8.

J. ERNEST BOND, *Pres.*,

CLAUDE CONARD, *Sec'y.*

For the month of July the Northern California Conference reports sixty-eight *Health and Temperance* and eighty-one *Signs Magazine* sold.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1915

Late last week Brother Melvin Munson arrived on the Pacific Coast from Washington, D. C., where he has been attending school the past two years. He expects to spend a little time at Mountain View, and then return to the East Indies for missionary work. Brother Munson has previously spent a number of years in that field.

Brother Ernest Lloyd, for the past year missionary secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, and who for a number of years previous to that time acted in the same capacity in the Southern California Conference, left this week for Pacific Union College, where he expects to do school work throughout the coming term. He was accompanied by his family.

Among those in attendance at the Southeastern California camp-meeting at Huntington Beach, aside from the conference workers, are Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, J. N. Loughborough, E. J. Hibbard, M. E. Cady, G. W. Reaser, G. A. Grauer and Brother F. E. Painter; also Elder J. E. Fulton, from Australia, Brother F. E. Stafford, from China, and Petra Tunheim, from Java.

During this week the first annual camp-meeting of the newly organized Southeastern California Conference is in progress at Huntington Beach, about twelve miles from Santa Ana. For this meeting the brethren have been fortunate in securing the use of the big Methodist camp-ground and pavilion. About 240 tents and small camping cottages are occupied. An excellent spirit is being manifested at the services.

September Fifteenth

All parents in the Southern and Southeastern California conferences, who have sons or daughters of high school age to educate, should send them to San Fernando Academy. *September fifteen* is the date for the opening of the school. Please do not forget the date. Plan and pray and work for that son or daughter whose life-work will be influenced for righteous living by the principles of a Christian education.

The strenuous times that are upon us demand that we exert greater diligence to save our children and take them with us to the world to come.

The academy has a corps of good teachers who take an interest in the welfare of the students entrusted to their care.

Write to me at once about the school.
H. G. LUCAS.

San Fernando, Cal.

Our Literature in China

It was through our books that I earned money to attend school.

It is the canvassing work that has opened almost all of the mission stations we have in China.

Our Chinese *Signs of the Times* has the largest circulation of any religious paper in China,—yes, than all other religious papers in that country combined.

We now have abridged editions of "Daniel and Revelation" and "Rise and Progress" and "Bible Readings." We have decided to translate "Heralds of the Morning" and perhaps "Coming King."

Twelve hundred subscriptions for our *Signs of the Times* were received from Honan in a single month, and this was all done by native workers without anyone to direct them.

About five years ago a canvasser was going through the market place in southern Honan and sold a tract to a Confucianist whose home was some fifteen miles in the hills. The title was, "The Illuminated Pathway." He took the tract with him and began to read; was very much impressed, and obtained other tracts from us. He came to our training school and spent some time with us. He then went home and told his brothers and sisters of "The Illuminated Pathway." Last summer we visited his home. As the people crowded round us we asked their names and they all replied, "King." It developed that there were six hundred fifty people of this family. A few of

them could read and they were all keeping the Sabbath, and some fifteen others as well. Three-fourths of this entire family have thrown away their idols. They have built a mountain chapel and church school. The entire clan in those mountains numbers something like 10,000, and this six hundred fifty say they will do all they can to carry the message to the entire mountain population.

Yes, the Lord is doing mighty things through our literature in China, in fact it has been the greatest factor up to this time in prosecuting our work.

R. F. COTTRELL.

On Richmond Camp Ground.

From Across the Border

About twenty years ago the canvassing work in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia pioneered the way for the spread of the third angel's message. It was about this time that "Bible Readings" was having its first wide circulation. I recall two colporteurs who at that time were canvassing in those provinces, and who had one and one-half tons of "Bible Readings" piled up in their room for one delivery. Recently I received a letter from a friend in that distant country containing the following request:

"Do you remember giving mother a book called 'Bible Readings'? It had a picture of a skeleton and Satan playing with man for his soul, in, or near the back of the book. I would like to have one. Please tell me in your next letter what the cheapest binding would cost."

Do not statements like this show that the people are hungry for the Spirit-filled messages which our books contain, and that God is indeed "Calling the canvassers back to their work" (Manual, page 71)?

MRS. G. M. PRICE.

Announcement

It has been thought best to postpone the special Sabbath of prayer for the colporteur work announced last week for September 4 to Sabbath, September 11. We trust that our church elders and workers will note the change and plan carefully for this day to the end that a great blessing may be poured out upon those who are carrying the printed page into the homes of the people.

CLAUDE CONARD,
Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

Camp-meeting Announcements
Southeastern California, Huntington Beach, August 26 to September 5.
Arizona, October 7 to 17.