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The Approaching End and Our Present Duty

Never before has the church of God come to such a time as this. With the whole world engaged in actual conflict or trembling with terror lest the morrow may draw them into the awful maelstrom; with many millions slain and as many more maimed, and their prospects for this life blighted; with the dark pall of sorrow and mourning hanging low over such a large part of the inhabited earth; surely "all these are the beginning of sorrows."

In 1909 it was written, "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. In the series of terrible earthquakes and fires that have visited so many cities of earth the past few years, also in the floods sweeping away thousands of lives and millions of dollars worth of property, and now in this war of nations with the streams flowing crimson tides to the seas we see the beginning of the end.

"O, that the people might know the

time of their visitation! There are many who have not yet heard the testing truth for this time. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter."

This, my brethren, is our opportunity. God "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.

In view of these things it seems plainly to be our duty to do all in our power to help carry the truth to those who sit in darkness, and that as quickly as possible. Those who cannot go themselves should give freely of their means to help others to go.

Mercifully has the Lord spared our country from this awful war and bloodshed. We are enjoying peace in the midst of beautiful harvests, and, comparatively, a large degree of general prosperity. Is it not that we may not be hindered in our efforts to give the light of truth to the world? Much of the heathen world to which the truth must yet be given is still spared from this awful war. Their doors are wide open, and they are pleading for us to send yet other messengers of light and truth ere the night of eternity settles down over their lands.

O, how thankful we should be for the abundant blessings we enjoy to-day! I am sure it would be pleasing to God if we should show our gratitude to the merciful Giver of these bounties by bringing to God on the last Sabbath of this week of prayer such an offering as

we have never presented before. O, let us swell the anthems of praise in the courts above by making possible a mighty forward movement toward the mission fields now waiting in peace and quiet for this message that has filled our hearts with such unbounded joy. Soon over these same lands the storm of God's wrath in all its relentless fury will break, and it will be too late to take to them the light of life.

I do pray that as you read these lines the blessed Spirit that caused your heart to throb with a new-found joy when this message came to you may speak to you, leading you to write out a good large check on your bank account and lay it at the feet of the Prince of Peace; or if your possessions are in houses and lands convert some of these as quickly as possible into cash and place it in the Lord's treasury. Let all the people give as freely as possible that this week-of-prayer offering may be the largest we have ever had.

The most of our churches are far behind on their mission offerings. Instead of 20 cents a week it averaged only a little over 13 cents at the close of November. Our church elders and other officers must not be content with anything short of the very best that can be done. If this were done, every one of our churches would raise their full amount.

I earnestly pray that at this time God may bless His ministers with salvation, and that His saints may rejoice in goodness.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Christmas Is Coming

"Christmas is coming" is the note that is sounded throughout our world from east to west and from north to south. With youth, those of mature age, and even the aged, it is a period of general rejoicing, of great gladness.

This day has been made much of for centuries. It is accepted by the un-

believing world, and by the Christian world generally, as the day on which Christ was born. Yet when the world at large celebrate the day, they show no honor to Christ. The people in general celebrate the professed anniversary of the Saviour's birth by feasting and merriment, and by making gifts to earthly friends. Time, thought, and money are devoted to these things, and Christ and His cause are neglected. The very day chosen to honor Christ is devoted by the many to honoring and pleasing themselves. Appointed to keep the Saviour in remembrance, it is spent in causing Him to be forgotten.

The Christian should pursue a course the opposite to this. At this season God's grace is brought before us in a special manner. We are bidden to recall not only the manifold blessings of the year, the rich gifts that Providence has so bounteously bestowed, but above all to remember the priceless gift of God's dear Son. Here is an exhaustless theme for thought. The perfection of our Saviour's character awakens the admiration of angels. The brightest and the most exalted of the sons of the morning heralded His glory at creation, and with songs of gladness announced His birth. They veil their faces before Him as He sits upon His throne; they cast their crowns at His feet, and sing His triumphs as they behold His glory. Yet this glorious being loved the poor sinner, and took upon Him the form of a servant, that He might suffer and die in man's behalf.

Jesus might have remained at the Father's right hand, wearing the kingly crown and royal robes; but He chose to exchange all the riches, honor, and glory of heaven for the poverty of humanity, and His station of high command for the agony of Gethsemane and the humiliation of Calvary. How dark and selfish is the human heart that can turn away from such incomparable love, and set itself upon the vain things of this world!

The birth of Jesus was unhallowed by the great men of earth, but His advent was celebrated by the heavenly host. Angels of God, in the appearance of a star, conducted the wise men on their mission in search of Jesus. They came with gifts and costly offerings of frankincense and myrrh, to pay their oblation to the infant king foretold in prophecy. The angels passed by the school of the prophets, the pal-

aces of kings, and appeared to the humble shepherds, guarding their flocks by night on Bethlehem's plains. One angel first appeared, clothed with the panoply of heaven; and so surprised and so terrified were the shepherds that they could only gaze upon the wondrous glory of the heavenly visitant with unutterable amazement.

The angel of the Lord came to them and said, "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people, for unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The angel quieted the fears of the shepherds before opening their eyes to behold the multitude of the heavenly host, all praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good will to men."

Then was the melody of heaven heard by mortal ears, and the heavenly choir swept back to heaven as they closed their ever memorable anthem. The light faded away, and the shadows of night once more fell on the hills and plains of Bethlehem; but there remained in the hearts of the shepherds the brightest picture mortal man had ever looked upon, and the blessed promise and assurance of the advent to our world of the Saviour of men, which filled their hearts with joy and gladness, mingled with faith and wondrous love to God. In simple trust the shepherds hastened to follow the direction of the heavenly messengers, to find the royal babe, not in a palace, not in even a common inn, but in a stable. They bowed in reverence to the infant king, committing no idolatry.

It is the prevailing custom at Christmas time to give and receive presents. And it is no small burden upon the mind to know how to distribute these gifts among friends so that none will feel slighted. The habits of custom are so strong that to withhold gifts from our friends on these occasions would seem to us almost a neglect of them. But let us remember that our heavenly Benefactor has claims upon us far superior to those of any earthly friend. It is pleasant to receive a gift, however small, from those we love. It is an assurance that we are not forgotten, and seems to bind them to us a little closer. While you are devising gifts for one another, you should remember your heavenly Friend, lest you

should be unmindful of His claims. Will He not be pleased if we show that we have not forgotten Him?

While our Heavenly Father has crowned our lives with abundance, to supply our temporal wants, His mercies have been abused because they are so full and free. Many forget that their obligations to God increase with the continuous manifestations of His love and care, and that all these call for acknowledgment from us in gifts and offerings to sustain the various branches of His work. Such have now a precious opportunity to redeem the past, and to show that God has the first place in their affections. Let not our best thoughts, our most earnest efforts, our most precious offerings, be given to earthly friends, while Christ is neglected and forgotten.

Those who appreciate the gift of God's dear Son now have a favorable opportunity to give tangible proof of their gratitude by rendering to God their thankofferings. Let old and young lay aside their mites as sacred offerings to God. If we would give to the cause of our Redeemer one-half as much as we have bestowed upon our friends, we would do much good, and receive a blessing for giving.

"Freely ye have received; freely give." Give to help the needy and to sustain the cause of God. The Lord's claims upon us are paramount to all others. In giving to us His Son, God has poured out to us all Heaven in one gift. Let us with an overflowing heart, with gratitude and joy because of Christ's matchless love, bring Him our offerings. Teach your children by your own example the blessedness of doing for Christ. Train them to go on errands of love for Him, and in all their gifts to remember the gracious Giver.

Self denial will not make us joyless; it will not cast a shadow over our holidays. It is not what we have, not the abundance of the things of this life that will make us happy. Our happiness depends upon the relation we sustain to God. An approving conscience, a contented spirit, sweet communion with Jesus, will make us the happiest beings in the world.

God marks and remembers every act of liberality performed by His people. Every effort we make for Christ will be regarded by Him. Every ray of light shed upon others will be reflected in our own hearts. Every act performed, every gift bestowed, with an eye single to the glory of God, will result in blessings to the giver.—*The late Mrs. E. G. White.*

FIELD TIDINGS

**NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA
Vallejo**

Three evening services were held at Vallejo, November 26 to 28 inclusive, by ministerial students from Pacific Union College—Brethren Ashbaugh, Smith, and Baker. The lectures were given on some of the most vital issues of the present, with a fairly good attendance. Several of our members spoke very encouragingly of the efforts made by these students.

A missionary program was conducted during the Sabbath by Brother Ernest Lloyd and the writer, and Sunday afternoon Brother Lloyd conducted another service, at which he reports a good attendance. Mrs. Dubig, the vice-president of the W.C.T.U. organization, was out to both Sabbath and Sunday services. Twice she expressed her appreciation of the temperance work Seventh-day Adventists are doing. All felt that these missionary meetings were an inspiration and encouragement to the church members.

We pray that these meetings will result in stirring up an interest in Vallejo, and also be the means of enlisting every church member in active soul-saving work. We also greatly appreciate the assistance the college

ministerial band is planning to give this winter.

C. S. PROUT,

Missionary Secretary.

Missionary Volunteers

Our Goal—Every church member an observer of the *Morning Watch*. The 1916 calendar has just come. It is a splendid issue, with many improvements. Now is the time to send in orders.

C. S. PROUT.

**Comparative Tithe Statement
January to October, 1915**

Church	1914	1915
Arcata	\$ 205.84	\$ 368.94
Calistoga	105.49	129.43
Eureka	785.02	846.69
Ferndale	134.85	11.95
Fort Bragg	132.57	104.30
Fortuna	401.15	670.00
Healdsburg	1085.38	1455.93
Kelseyville	102.15	119.43
McKinleyville	62.01	77.60
Napa	802.63	927.17
P. U. College	2269.25	3011.67
Pepperwood	235.49	72.30
Personal	490.27	612.60
Petaluma	192.82	211.74
Petrolia	75.30	32.40
Sanitarium	5574.32	5910.99
Santa Rosa	273.93	575.72
Sebastopol	354.65	619.94
Sonoma	687.94	494.06
St. Helena	1061.14	820.14
Ukiah	402.20	609.20
Vallejo	136.90	249.48
Total	\$15571.30	\$17931.68

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
The writer left Sacramento August 20 for Turlock, where he labored for the church most of the time until September 14. On this date a series of meetings was begun in Modesto, in the new and commodious church.

In these meetings we were assisted by Elder Clarence Santee and Mrs. Osborne as speakers, Brother and Sister Backus, and Sister Brayshaw, as tract and Bible workers. On account of ill health, on the part of Sister Backus, at an early stage of the meeting, Brother and Sister Backus left for the sanitarium. This loss we felt in the musical line, as well as in the tract and Bible work.

In addition to assisting in the speaking and Bible work, Mrs. Osborne has conducted a series of studies with a number of brethren and sisters designing to prepare to give Bible readings. Faithful work has been done by most of the class, and some have taken up practical work.

While the attendance and interest from the outside have not been as great as we had hoped, yet we believe a reviving has come to many in the church, and some others have decided to obey.

Much literature has been circulated, many visits made, and Bible readings given. All the harvest from the seed sowing we cannot hope for at the present.

Last Sabbath eight souls followed their Lord in baptism. A large number were present at the service, and we felt that the Master, in whose honor it was held, was truly present by His Spirit. One of the number baptized, had previously been received, subject to baptism.

One brother and his wife were from Hughson, having commenced to obey through the labors of Elders N. W. Kauble and G. G. Sims, in their tent effort at Hughson last summer. We are hopeful of others later.

While here at Modesto, Mrs. Osborne and I have devoted some time to the Hughson and Turlock churches. All the expenses of the Modesto meetings have been met by collections taken once a week, and one Sabbath offering.

A. J. OSBORNE.

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Northwestern California, for Ten Months (43 weeks) Ending October 31, 1915

Church	Mem.	Ten-Mo. Quota	Amount Paid	Over	Short	Av. per wk. per mem.
Arcata	17	\$ 146.20	\$ 242.95	\$ 96.75		\$.332
Calistoga	33	283.80	99.70		\$184.10	.070
Eureka	63	541.80	250.43		291.37	.092
Ferndale	16	137.60	16.70		120.90	.024
Fort Bragg	30	258.00	83.53		174.47	.065
Fortuna	25	215.00	132.01		82.99	.123
Healdsburg	161	1384.60	696.09		688.51	.100
Kelseyville	9	77.40	237.90		49.50	.072
McKinleyville	24	206.40	68.82		137.58	.070
Napa	82	705.20	223.03		482.17	.063
P. Union College	210	1806.00	1623.19		182.81	.183
Pepperwood	13	111.80	109.88		1.92	.196
Personal			669.71	669.71		
Petaluma	10	86.00	148.79	62.79		.346
Petrolia	6	51.60	114.40	62.80		.266
Sanitarium	216	1857.60	1622.74		234.86	.174
Santa Rosa	42	361.20	301.88		59.32	.167
Sebastopol	74	636.40	757.73	121.33		.238
Sonoma	49	421.40	301.55		119.85	.143
St. Helena	115	989.00	335.78		653.24	.068
Ukiah	43	369.80	230.39		139.41	.124
Vallejo	19	163.40	149.19		14.21	.183

Kindly note the date on the label of your paper. If it reads 12-31-15, this means that your subscription expires December 31, 1915. A blank will be found on the back page for its renewal.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Notice

The fifth annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Jan. 11 to 16, 1916, in the church, corner O and Mariposa streets, Fresno, Cal., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. The first business meeting of the conference is called to convene January 12 at 10 A. M.

A full attendance of the delegates is earnestly requested, the ratio of delegates being one delegate for the organization of each church, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members or fraction thereof when more than seven.

The conference committee and ordained ministers are delegates at large.

N. P. NEILSEN, *Pres.*,

G. A. WHEELER, *Sec.*

Notice

The Central California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its fourth annual meeting in connection with the conference meeting in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner O and Mariposa streets, Fresno, Cal., Jan. 11 to 16, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees, and transacting such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting of the association is called for January 13, at 10 A. M. All delegates of the conference are members of the association.

N. P. NEILSEN, *Pres.*,

G. A. WHEELER, *Sec.*

Items of Interest

The writer met with the Bakersfield church last Sabbath.

We are glad to report that Brother Fuller is gaining in health, although he is still feeling quite weak.

Elder A. G. Daniells' talks at Fresno last Friday evening and on Sabbath were much appreciated.

Elder J. R. Patterson baptized one person last Sabbath at Tulare. Six others are keeping the Sabbath.

Elder N. V. Willess, president of the Georgia Conference, spoke in the Fresno church last Sunday evening.

Sister Lida Ackley went to Berenda to-day. She expects to organize a Sabbath-school there on Sabbath, December 4.

Sister Alice Mina Mann spent a few days at Bakersfield the past week in the interests of the educational and young people's work.

After attending the council at Loma Linda, Dr. P. T. Magan spent a short time in our conference. He spoke at Armona last Sabbath and Sunday evening.

Brother C. L. Davis says, "A number of 'Great Controversy' were sold in Selma during the summer. One gentleman reports that he is reading his book, and that he believes the 144,000 gathered out means the finishing of the work. So much for books."

Did you read of the man who crawled forty miles on his hands and knees to get relief as mentioned in the Harvest Ingathering number? He succeeded, and was glad. Doubtless we would accomplish more in this campaign work if we, too, spent more time on our knees. Continue the work.

A number of workers have called at the office en route from the council at Loma Linda. Among these we mention Elder P. E. Brodersen, secretary of the Danish-Norwegian department, Prof. M. E. Kern, and Elder E. A. Curtis and J. A. Neilsen of the Western Colorado Conference.

It is with sadness that we chronicle the sudden death, by heart failure, of Sister Martha Bagby, the wife of Elder J. W. Bagby. The funeral services were held December 2. She rejoiced in the blessed hope, and we believe she was prepared. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

In seeking to arrange the time so as to avoid the conflicting of dates, the union conference committee recommends that our annual conference session this year be held January 11 to 16. Our local conference committee will meet next Monday, and the place of our annual conference session can doubtless be announced next week.

One of our faithful isolated sisters, past eighty years of age, has written our office for more Ingathering papers. She writes, "My Ingathering papers are all gone. For some I received 10 cents. One poor woman gave me three eggs, another 10 cents' worth of butter. I have mailed four copies. I am of good courage and praise the

Lord for His goodness and love to me. I certainly have seen the shadow of my 'good angel.' " If all would be as faithful as this old sister, we feel sure that the \$100,000 could easily be made up—and why not?

December 3.

Good reports continue to come to us of our work at Portersville. We pray that the Lord may still add many to the truth for this time in that place.

We are very sorry to report that Elder J. R. Patterson had to go home on account of sickness. He has been quite ill, but at last report was improving, though still confined to his bed.

A Sabbath-school of nineteen members was organized in the country between Fairmead and Berenda last Sabbath. It will be called the Fairmead Sabbath-school. We trust that it will grow in membership.

December 10.

N. P. NEILSEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen

This movement will, no doubt, advance more rapidly during 1916 than any year since it commenced. The year just closing has shown progress, but 1916 will show still greater progress. This year there have also been new and peculiar perplexities. There will be more next year. Fervor and zeal are gripping messengers of God. Determined opposition characterizes the feverish energies of the forces of evil.

We will all watch the movement of our message next year with greater interest than ever before. In order that we may keep ourselves informed concerning important developments, we should see that our subscription to the *Review and Herald* is renewed in good season.

Of special interest to our believers in the Pacific Union Conference is the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER. Does your subscription expire December 31? It does unless your label indicates another date. None of our people can afford to be without the RECORDER this coming year. Send in your subscription at once.

B. E. BEDDOE.

Brother S. Swinson, of Los Angeles, writes under recent date, "November 6 I baptized two persons in the church at Carr Street. Last Sabbath they joined the Edendale church. They are firm on all points of the truth."

Harvest Ingathering--Vermont Avenue Church

I think that our little church is worthy of mention in the RECORDER on account of the good work of the members in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Last year, without the organized leadership of a missionary secretary, and with some opposition, the church collected about \$7.50 in the Ingathering campaign. This year we were fortunate in having a missionary secretary who realized the importance of the work, and who has devoted thirty minutes to a missionary program every Wednesday night, and also carried out, as often as possible, the fourth Sabbath program given in the *Gazette*.

Our allotment, according to membership, is \$78.54, but we have placed our goal at \$100, believing that we would be able, with God's help, to raise that amount. We have fifty-one members enrolled. Twenty-four have brought in returns, and four have taken papers who have not yet reported any money, but good experiences. All have set their goal at \$5.00. Three have reached it, five others have nearly reached the mark, while five others have almost reached the \$10.00 mark. Thus nearly the entire membership has taken part in this grand work, and many precious experiences are narrated at the weekly missionary meetings. Up to date we have collected \$75.74, which leaves only \$2.80 to reach our allotment of \$78.54 which is our part, according to membership, and we know of quite a sum that has not yet been handed in, so we hope to reach the twenty-cent-a-week goal for our church, which is \$384.84.

As we are a comparatively new church, having been organized less than two years, and made up mostly of those new in the truth, we had little in the way of experience to aid us. But after special prayer in the homes at 9 A. M., we went out October 5, the day set for the beginning of the work, trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide us, with the result that \$27.95 was brought in from the distribution of papers for that week.

One, who was young and inexperienced in such work, reported that she received a contribution from every person to whom she presented the papers, and received in all \$3.50.

A dear sister has taken 100 copies, and is enthusiastic over this work in which she was enabled to engage, only after much prayer. Also one brother

who mows lawns has taken 100 papers, and has turned in \$13.50, besides doing his regular work every day. This brother started out last week with twenty-five more papers.

Another sister who has suffered eighteen strokes of partial paralysis, and has been unable to help herself for several years, turned in 50 cents for papers she took out, which proved to be an inspiration for others.

Personally, I have not had the opportunity of doing as much as I wished to do, but am sending Harvest Ingathering numbers, and writing missionary letters to all my relatives and friends with whom I correspond, in which I invite and urge their participation in raising \$100,000 for missions. It is more blessed to give than to receive, and we love to lift instead of being lifted.

I. W. BLACKBURN.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA "Review & Herald" in South-eastern California

A recent statement from the *Review* office says that there are but 206 copies of that paper taken in our conference. Our goal should be 550. This leaves us 344 short. The *Review* should be in every home in our conference. It enables us to keep pace with the progress of the message, and each week contains good instruction in spiritual things. Won't you, my brother and sister, send in your subscription to begin with the year 1916? Send your subscription to the tract society, 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles.

W. F. MARTIN.

Nevada Mission

[Report given at the biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference, November 22 to 24.]

One thing that commends us to you is area. We have more area than the six conferences this side of the mountains, combined. This report will be only approximate. We would have to go to the books of the union conference to get the exact figures.

We have five churches and scattered brethren throughout this great expanse of territory,—in all about 200 members. We have four ministers and two Bible workers. This does not include Brother W. S. Holbrook, who has not been with us during this time, but has been over in this field soliciting on the \$150,000 fund.

About twenty have been baptized during the time since the last biennial

meeting. The junior academy at Fallon now has about twenty-five in attendance, and I have received word since coming here that others are expected to attend.

Prior to this time, as you know, our people in that field that had children whom they wished to send to our schools moved over into California. But we are getting a school established at Fallon, and by this means hope to hold our people there, so that they will not move out of the field.

In Reno we have a treatment room started. Brother Anderson and wife from Montana, who are graduate nurses, have opened treatment rooms in the best part of the city, and have quite a large patronage.

The missionary spirit is good. The Harvest Ingathering work is progressing nicely. Our workers have set the pace. They set their goal at \$50 each. We are sorry we did not put it at \$100, for some of them have gone beyond the \$50 mark.

Brother Shoemaker, who is now located down in the Mason Valley, is holding a hall effort, and writes that he has a good attendance. The very best people of the place are in attendance. The wife of the superintendent of the Copper Belt Railroad was regularly in attendance, the banker and his family, and the superintendent of their Sunday-school—in fact, all the leading people of the place were in attendance, and he had good hope that they would accept the truth.

I have received word from Sister Nellie Buchanan that one of her readers in Reno, a German lady, wanted to know how much more she would have to do to be baptized and connect with the church in Reno. She is a very earnest and devoted lady.

Brother G. L. Wilkinson and Brother W. H. Bradley, two young ministers, are working in Inyo County, in the lower corner of this field, and have a good interest there.

The prospects are good for the work in that field to be built up. We feel very encouraged with the way the work is getting started.

C. L. TAGGART.

Self Reliance

Much as worthy friends add to the happiness and value of life, we must in the main depend upon ourselves, and everyone is his own best friend, or worst enemy.—*Lord Avebury*.

MISSIONARY

The Election of Church Officers

The time is drawing near when the church officers will be elected for the coming year. It would be well if some assistance and counsel could be given in regard to the selection of the church missionary secretary (or librarian, as this office was once called).

This office is one of the most important in the church, for upon the church missionary secretary will rest a large part of the responsibility of getting every member to engage in active service for the Lord.

Only a working church can be a living, growing church. It is therefore of the utmost importance that every church should have a missionary secretary who is strong spiritually, a leader in missionary activities, and with some business ability. In most churches the members are willing to work, but do not know how to set about it. Their activity therefore depends largely upon their being supplied with a good leader.

In the past, in some churches, little consideration has been given to the selection of the church missionary secretary, it being thought that almost anyone could fill this office, it amounting to very little. This has grown out of a mistaken idea in the work of this officer, and of the importance the Lord attaches to the church missionary work.

As much of the success of the church missionary work during the coming year will depend on the faithfulness with which the church missionary secretary carries out the plans presented, we feel very anxious that the best persons possible may be selected to fill this office in all the churches. If therefore you can give any counsel and assistance in this important matter, it will doubtless assist in the making of a wise selection for this office in the various churches.

Missionary Department.

One Way of Reaching the Goal

The missionary volunteer secretary of the Kansas Conference writes concerning the financial goal of the Kansas missionary volunteers:

"No doubt we shall more than double the amount we have reached on our financial goal this quarter, for in our conference the investment fund is largely made use of, and the results of

this are shown the latter part of the year. One German society writes that they are planning to raise \$300 or more this way, and no doubt they will do it, for they raised nearly that amount last year."

We trust there are many other societies who are planning to raise \$300, more or less, by the investment plan. According to the reports which we receive at the general office, we are away behind on our financial goal. Shall we not in the next few weeks make a grand rush for the goal?

The missions need the money, and we need the blessings in our own hearts that come through sacrifice—yes, sacrifice!

M. E. KERN.

Its Boundless Influence

It is not a difficult matter to secure good experiences showing effectual missionary work with the *Signs of the Times*, but when an exceptionally good one comes to the surface, we believe it worthy of first place in publicity. F. A. Coffin passes on this one, and it is so good that we give it entire:

"During the annual camp-meeting of the Arizona Conference, held in Phoenix Oct. 7 to 17, 1915, Brother W. L. Sims gave the following testimony regarding the value of the *Signs of the Times*:

"I am much interested in the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*. It was the first Seventh-day Adventist literature I ever read. Some one mailed to me a copy at a time when I was anxious to know the truth regarding the Sabbath question. I read and re-read every article in it, and sent for some tracts that were advertised in its columns. With Bible in hand I carefully studied the subject matter of each, and soon afterward began the observance of the Sabbath. When an opportunity presented itself, I was baptized, and became identified with the Seventh-day Adventist people.

"For the encouragement of others, I will relate briefly an experience and its results. Some time ago, while selling the *Signs of the Times* in the mountain towns of northern California, I met an elderly man who was interested in mining. He was the first candidate for Governor of California on the prohibition ticket. His house stood back from the road, and I had passed it by a number of times, thinking it was useless to try to sell a paper there.

"At last, feeling that I ought at least to give the person living there an opportunity to subscribe, I returned to

the house, and met this gentleman at the gate. I obtained his subscription for six months.

"Three months later, while laboring in another town, I again met him. He recognized me and requested me to visit him. I did so. He then said the *Signs* was the best religious paper he ever had read, and that he now was keeping the true Sabbath. He also informed me that his daughter in the East, to whom he had been sending the paper, also had begun the observance of the Sabbath. A few weeks later she wrote him that she had passed the same paper on to her neighbor and that she, too, had taken her stand for the Sabbath. This neighbor gave the paper to a deacon of the Methodist Church, of which she was a member, with the result that he, also, embraced the Sabbath.

"The miner requested me to write to his daughter. I learned that she had interested others in the truths presented in the *Signs*, and they all desired to hear a Seventh-day Adventist minister. I wrote to the president of that conference. A tent effort was held there, and a church was organized as a result. Yes, "The *Signs* does bring people into the truth." I can truly say that I never have accomplished more in so short a time and with such a small outlay of means than was brought about by that six months' subscription to the *Signs of the Times*."

Truly the influence of the *Signs* is boundless. If we could only appreciate this, we would be more free in its use. A few copies going out each week is bound to reap harvest. Five copies to separate addresses each for a year, only \$6.25, and a copy of "Questions and Answers" free. Place your order now with your tract society.

BOOK WORK

Northern California Institute

It has been decided to hold a colporteurs' institute for the Northern California Conference at Lodi, January 2 to 12, 1916. It is not designed to issue a general invitation for everyone to attend this meeting, for we feel that the time has come for us to give heed to the instruction that we have received through the spirit of prophecy relative to the care that should be exercised in the selection of those who enter this department of work. The following

quotations should be carefully studied by those who wish to attend this meeting and enter the work:

"Since canvassing for our literature is a missionary work, it should be conducted from a missionary standpoint. Those selected as canvassers should be men and women who feel the burden of service, whose object is not to get gain, but to give light to the people. All our service is to be done to the glory of God, to give the light of truth to those who sit in darkness."

"Our books should be handled by consecrated workers, whom the Holy Spirit can use as His instrumentalities."

"He who is called of God to so sacred a work should feel that its accomplishment demands all his energies." Manual, pages 9, 11, and 19.

I am sure all will feel that we are doing right in raising the standard for those who enter the colporteur field. Precious souls are at stake, and who can estimate the value of a soul? Those who are actuated by financial motives will do careless work, and souls will be lost, therefore we want only those who feel called of God to this ministry of the Word in books, and who are willing to endure hardship and trials for the sake of giving this truth to those who know it not.

Suitable arrangements for the entertainment of those who attend will be made. Those who may wish to attend should write to Brother E. H. Abbott, 341 East Lodi Avenue, Lodi, Cal.

Every effort will be put forth to make the instruction as practical and helpful as possible for those who really mean to enter the work and "carry it forward with persevering energy."

Since this will doubtless be the only institute held in this conference for a considerable time, I trust that those who feel that they should enter this work will take the matter to the Lord in earnest prayer, and then, if He calls, plan to make this institute the beginning of an active campaign for the winning of souls. F. E. PAINTER.

Do Your Neighbors Know

That there is no purgatory after death?

That Turkey is a subject of prophecy?

That the manifestations of Spiritualists are but the work of the devil?

That the apostles did not keep Sunday for the Sabbath?

The foregoing gives a hint of what you and your neighbors may find in the January *Signs Magazine*.

MISCELLANY

NOTICE.—An opportunity is offered those in need of employment during the quiet season to introduce our excellent sanitarium foods. For particulars address Sanitarium Food Company, Sanitarium, Cal. 19-22

WANTED.—A very needy Seventh-day Adventist lady wants work. Can do practical nursing; willing to do housework, or anything by which to make a living. Write at once to Mrs. C. I. Dunham, 311 Chinn Street, Santa Rosa, Cal.

FOR SALE.—Alfalfa honey, light color and fine flavor. Five-gallon cans f.o.b. station, \$3.50. One-gallon cans by parcel post, first and second zones, \$1.10, one-half gallon, 65 cents, post-paid; other zones add additional postage. Address, M. S. Dickinson, Ingonar, Cal. 2-28-16

FOR SALE or TRADE.—Sixteen acres of fine land adjoining Loma Linda. Six minutes' walk to College of Medical Evangelists. Six acres in alfalfa; rest nearly ready for seeding. Small house, water-tank and stand. Will sell all or part. Address Box 5, Loma Linda, Cal. 15-17

FOR SALE.—In Selma, Cal., a good five-room house on two splendid lots. Some fruit and plenty of shade. Two blocks from Seventh-day Adventist church, and one mile from church school. Price, \$1700. Would accept \$1000 down and give time on balance. This property has been given to advance the message. For information address the Central California Conference, Box 1304, Fresno, Cal. 12-31-15

FOR SALE.—An ideal dairy and poultry ranch. Ten acres alfalfa, five in fruit and garden. A modest cottage of six rooms, good well of water, barn for twenty tons of hay and five cows. With this offer are three cows, a good driving horse and buggy, a wagon, seventy-five chickens, and eighteen tons of alfalfa. All for \$4500. No incumbrance; \$2000 down, balance on easy terms. Good church and school of two teachers. Ranch is two miles southeast of Modesto and one-fourth mile from state highway. Wish to

sell to a Seventh-day Adventist who will carry on missionary work begun with neighbors. Here is a bargain investment close in to a growing city, with church and school advantages, and situated in a prosperous fruit and agricultural district, under irrigation. Address E. E. Gardner, R. D., Box 250, Modesto, Cal.

New Year's "Owari"

Japanese Magazine (Gospel Message for the Last Days)

Have you any Japanese people living in your town? Now is the time to do missionary work with them. This New Year's *Owari* will give a brief sketch of the rise and progress of the message in the United States, together with a more detailed description of the development of the different lines of our work in the Japanese Empire. It will be well illustrated, showing the buildings at our new headquarters in Tokyo, with other pictures of interest.

The editor, Pastor T. H. Okohira, will have articles of especial interest upon some of the leading points of our faith. The topics are given in the English also, so that anyone can call attention to special points.

The magazine will have an attractive cover in colors. Send in your orders quickly, through your tract society, so as to receive papers in time. 15-17

C. C. HALL

Sec.-Treas. Japan Mission.

A Wide Field for Missionary Labor

The *Sabbath-school Worker* is greatly appreciated by many of our teachers and officers, and we are sure there are hundreds of Sunday-school teachers who would gladly welcome the instruction contained in this paper if they could have access to it.

A letter received at the office this week says:

"I showed my *Sabbath-school Worker* to one of my Sunday-keeping friends, and he was so delighted with it that he subscribed."

Would it not be a great blessing to thousands of Sunday-school workers to have this good paper? The suggestions and articles for successful teaching would renew faith and courage in many a discouraged teacher's heart. The notes on the lesson studies would be hailed with delight. Why then should they not have them?

Let each teacher use the *Worker* as a sample in soliciting orders from Sunday-school workers. We believe it will result in many subscriptions being received, and the influence of our work will be extended.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1915

A large week of prayer offering means more money for missions.

Many members in the churches are continuing their work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs of the Times* with good results.

One of the students at Pacific Union College had a birthday not long ago, and instead of putting in 21 cents in the basket for a birthday offering, she put in a dollar for each year—\$21.00.

Excellent meetings are being held in the churches during the week of prayer. God desires to bless His people greatly at this time. Let each ask himself the question, "Am I ready to receive it?"

An effort is being made to place our church paper, the *Review and Herald*, in every family of Seventh-day Adventists. Fourteen thousand seven hundred sixty-seven subscribers were on the list in the United States and Canada November 26, 1915. Was yours one of them?

A number of subscriptions are dated to expire December 31, 1915. We trust that a large percentage of these names can be retained on the list. This can be done by filling out the renewal form below and enclosing it to the office of the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, Box 146, Glendale, Cal., with 50 cents for a year's subscription, or 25 cents for six months.

The report of Harvest Ingathering papers sent out to December 1 showed every union conference in the North American Division except two ahead of their last year's record. In the entire field 790,806 papers have been ordered this year to the date mentioned against 683,063 for the entire year 1914. The Pacific Union Conference has received 96,198 this year, and 78,676 were sent into the conferences in this territory in 1914.

Twenty Cents for Missions for 1915

Less than one month yet remains in which to secure mission funds on the twenty-cent-a-week plan for 1915. During the month of December, however, several heavy offerings will be taken in the churches, which will bring in quite a large contribution for mission purposes.

Up to November 30, there had been received in the Pacific Union Conference, on mission offerings, \$63,284.87. The full quota to that date at a weekly rate of 20 cents a member, was \$92,662.02, leaving a balance of \$29,377.15 short of the goal. The average amount for each member per week up to November 30, last year was 14.75 cents. This year, on an even date, it is 13.65 cents, or a trifle over 1 cent per member each week less.

While the general average is a little lower than one year ago, yet several of the conferences are showing well. The California Conference has already

averaged a trifle over 17½ cents, with only a little more than \$3000 to collect before it will have its full quota of 20 cents a member for the entire year. Northwestern California is not far behind, with an average of 16 cents, and \$3300 yet to raise. The other conferences record a lower membership average, but will, no doubt, show quite an increase when the annual offerings, the Harvest Ingathering, and the thirteenth Sabbath offering have all been received.

The full amount which must be made up before December 31 to complete the full twenty-cent-a-week membership average for the entire union conference territory is \$87,730.33. This is \$7925.68 more than remained to be gathered to complete the quota during the month of December, 1914.

All of the conferences, however, and we believe all the churches in the conferences, as well as all the members in the churches, will do their best to reach the standard before the close of 1915.

CLAUDE CONARD.

**Twenty-cent-a-week Fund in Pacific Union Conference S. D. A.
Eleven Months to November 30, 1915--Also Amount Yet to be Raised to Complete Full Quota by December 31, 1915**

Conference	Amt. due to Nov. 30	Amount Received	Amt. Short to Nov. 30	Cents per mem. rec'd	Amt. yet to raise for 1915
Arizona	\$ 2900.16	\$ 2121.81	\$ 778.35	.14 63	\$ 1039.79
California	14672.52	12883.37	1789.15	.17 56	3111.83
Central California	11676.96	7824.68	3852.28	.13 40	4904.92
Northern California	14519.88	6237.54	8282.34	.08 59	9591.26
Northwestern Cal.	11409.84	9131.28	2278.56	.16 00	3307.12
Southern California	19394.82	12363.43	6531.39	.13 25	8279.77
Southeastern Cal.	14748.84	10421.47	4327.37	.14 13	5656.93
Utah	1831.68	868.70	962.98	.09 48	1128.10
Nevada Mission	1507.32	932.59	574.73	.12 37	710.61
	\$92662.02	\$63284.87	\$29377.15	.13 65	\$37730.33

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