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The New Year

This will be the last issue of the RECORDER that will reach you before the old year 1915 has passed away, and the new year 1916 shall have been ushered in. This has been, perhaps, the most eventful year that we ever have experienced. From its beginning to its close the greatest war in the history of the world has been in progress. Many millions have gone down in death as the result of this sanguinary struggle, while many billions of dollars' worth of property have been destroyed.

So far as we can discover at this writing, there is no more prospect of an early peace than when the year opened. What the year 1916, which we will so soon enter upon, has in store for us, no one can tell. God alone can read the future, and He alone can prepare us to meet its issues. The Lord has been very gracious to His people in this country during 1915. We have been spared the terrible scourge of war that has been devastating Europe, and much of Asia and Africa. But how soon the storm may break upon us, no one can tell.

Perhaps the best week of prayer we have ever experienced has just passed, and so far as we have learned, the churches generally have experienced

much of the blessing of the Lord during this season. I am sorry, however, that many of our churches will fall behind in their offerings on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. Others have made up their full quota, and some few have run over considerably. Some of our largest churches have made up their full amount, thus demonstrating the possibility of all making up their full quota if proper effort is put forth from the beginning of the year.

It may still not be too late for some of those who are behind in their offerings to make up the full amount before the offering is sent on to the conference treasury. I hope that if it is possible this will be done. But if not, let me urge the officers in all of our churches to take this matter up in a definite way at the beginning of the year, and decide that you will not come behind in these offerings during 1916. Your conference doubtless will lay plans early that will be a great help to you in this regard.

We do not have at hand the definite figures regarding the \$150,000 fund, so cannot give you final information regarding our standing on the fund at this writing. But let me urge those who have not yet contributed toward this fund to do so immediately, forwarding the contribution to your conference treasurer, if you are not so situated as to place it in the hands of your local church treasurer. Everyone should have some part in this final effort which we are making to raise the full amount. As soon as possible we will let all our people know just how the fund stands, as we are sure you will be anxious to learn.

As the old year passes away and the new year is born, let it be with the earnest determination on the part of every believer in this message to live a

more devoted life, to labor more earnestly in behalf of this glorious message during the coming year than at any time in the past. Though there may be no ecstasy of feeling, there should be a peaceful, abiding trust in God. You should know each day that passes that upon the record above, "Pardon; Eternal Life," is written beside your name. With this constant assurance and the gift of the Holy Spirit, which awaits your demand and reception, you may be fitted to meet all the demands of truth and righteousness which may be made upon you, and be prepared to hear the words from the lips of the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." E. E. ANDROSS.

New Year's Greeting

The year 1915 is almost passed. Only twelve months ago we stood upon the threshold not knowing what blessings it held in store, nor what trials and sorrows awaited us; but of one thing we were sure, that God would never forsake His trusting ones. How rapidly the year has passed away! How swift the flight of time! Day by day the curtain lifted, revealing new blessings and giving us new glimpses of the Saviour's matchless love. Unexpected events have also happened, and unlooked-for sorrows have come to us; but each dark cloud has had its silver lining, and each trial has been a stepping stone leading us upward to the God of love, if our lessons have been rightly learned.

Another mile-post has been passed in our journey. Again we stand upon the threshold of another year. Before launching forth upon another year's voyage, we pause a moment to extend to all our members a New Year's greeting. We ask for your prayers and so-

licit your help. The voyage may be fraught with many difficulties; the storms of life may rage, the billows of sorrow roll, but the blessed truth is as firm as the everlasting hills, and our God remaineth the same unto the end.

N. P. NEILSEN.

The New Year Before Us

It has become a common thing at this season to reflect on the past, and to "turn over a new leaf" in life. But suppose the leaf be turned; the question presses itself forward, How long will the new, clean leaf remain unsoiled? How many neglects of duty will find place on its page, and some of them at an early day? How often will an unruly temper conquer the disposition, and bring disheartening reflections? How many opportunities for doing someone a needed kindness will be permitted to slip? Will selfish actions be a part of the early record of the new page? Will the perverse withholding of means from the Lord's work become a part of that record?

These and other questions of like nature, might well be pondered with care by every reader of our little paper; for tests of faithfulness will face each one from week to week. The *character* formed in life-work is that which will meet judgment requirements, regardless of human reputation. That which God, your family and close associates in the church and society *know* about you and your work is the thing by which your worth will be established, rather than by the floating reputation awarded by a few casual acquaintances.

Then the thoughts which fill the mind from day to day will of necessity be guarded to meet Christian requirements. Though not all have weighed well the influence of thought upon the formation of character, it has been shown to be true that thoughts are *things* which, in one form or another, go forth to influence those about us for good or bad results. This is so because as one thinks in his heart, "so is he," and whatever one *is* towers more or less over those with whom he comes in contact. He may not always have full realization of his influence, but the lives of others who trust in him will tell, in consequence of their association, either for their final weal or woe.

Then even secret thoughts should be so pure and fair as to mould the life of their possessor after the vital spark

of the world's Redeemer, who came to take so indispensable a part in shaping the course of men in Heaven's ways. Being members of His body, we are members one of another, and so are under the same deep obligation to their good as He was upon being dedicated as the Saviour of men. He came as a *light* into the world to kindle a flame before all men for their guidance into life eternal. But upon leaving the world, having given His life for it, He said to His believers, "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14. That is to say, He gave His followers the position of bestowing the light of life upon others, as His earthly representatives.

It is not enough, then, to attend promptly and regularly the Sabbath church services. The Saviour said regarding His work in healing the blind man: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is day." John 9:4. But there are six days of every week besides the Sabbath, in which good works should be done. Every day should be one of prayer and consecration to the work of saving men, by one act and another. The sentiment of the opening year, and, for that matter, every day of the year should be:

"This new year Thou givest me,
Lord, I consecrate to Thee,
With all its nights and days:
Fill my hand with service blest,
Fill my heart with holy rest,
And fill my life with praise."

J. O. C.

Thirst For Learning

The paragraphs below are from a personal letter from Brother James T. Thompson, who for sometime was field missionary agent in the California Conference. Brother Thompson is now secretary and treasurer of the Uruguay Mission in South America. This little girl's experience should certainly set some of our own young people to thinking of their privileges and ambitions.

"There are encouraging prospects in our young people's work too. We have several who are developing a strong Christian experience. One especially I must tell you about. It is of a sixteen-year-old girl that is a member of my class in Sabbath-school. She was very timid when she first came, and it was only after two or three Sabbaths that I learned that she was committing to memory all the texts of the lesson. Then I began to make further inquiries about her, and found that she had

gained the consent of her parents to come to our meetings only after a long struggle and much persecution by her family. When she first became acquainted with one of our sisters, she was given a Bible, but was told by her father to return it or he would destroy it. Instead of obeying, she hid the Bible in the grass behind some bushes in the garden, and would rise early in the morning before the rest of the family were up and go out there and read. That continued for some time, and all the while she was praying that the hearts of the family might be changed. Gradually that prayer has been answered, and now she is permitted to have the Bible in the house. She works in a candy factory near her home, and earns ten or eleven cents a day wrapping caramels. She has to give that to her mother, but every night when she brings the money home, she puts down eight or nine cents, and then says, 'Now, mother, here is the greater part of my earnings for you. Won't you let me have these two or three cents for myself?' These little savings she places in the care of the sister who gave her the Bible, until she has enough to buy a book. In this way she has purchased 'Coming King,' 'Steps to Christ,' and a hymn book, and is now saving money to buy 'Great Controversy.' What would some of our young people in California think if they had to get their books that way? How many of them are sufficiently interested in the books to secure them by such efforts? When I see this girl I am reminded of that statement in 'Desire of Ages,' page 318. 'While souls in heathen darkness accept His grace, how many there are in Christian lands upon whom the light shines only to be disregarded!'

"She has little education. She and her younger sister are the only ones that can read. The family is what they term 'brutos' here, but this girl is different from all the rest. She has an eager desire to learn, and how quickly she grasps the thoughts in the Sabbath-school lessons! Surely some way must be devised to send her to our school in Entre Rios. That may be hard to do, not only for lack of means, but opposition of the parents. Last week Mrs. Thompson and I called to see them, but they refused to come to the room where we were. The poor girl wept bitterly with shame and disappointment to think that her people would treat us thus."

FIELD TIDINGS

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.

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Items of Interest

Elder G. A. Grauer held quarterly meeting with the Exeter church last Sabbath.

Remember the annual conference session in Fresno, January 11 to 16, in your prayers.

Sister E. E. Brown of Wheatville was buried at Lemoore last Sabbath. Elder J. E. Bond conducted the funeral services. The deceased was Elder F. E. Brown's sister-in-law.

Elder G. A. Grauer was called to Lodi, December 15, to attend the funeral of Brother Miller. The de-

ceased was the father of Brother Henry Miller of Reedley.

At Hanford last Sunday evening, the writer replied to a recent sermon by the Christian minister of Hanford on the law of God and the Sabbath. At the close of the service, Elder F. E. Brown baptized a young man.

Our conference workers visited different churches during the week of prayer. Reports of most excellent meetings come to us from the different places. The Lord surely blesses His people as they draw near to Him. Let us continue to seek the Lord.

The Fresno church school rendered a most interesting program in the church Thursday evening. Among other interesting features was a Bible study on "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist," given by a class of children. They gave the study just as well as many of our older Sabbath-keepers would be able to do. Sisters Bertha Messick and Mae Hudson are the teachers. Surely it is worth while to have our children learn the truth of God and be taught how to teach it to others. God bless our schools.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Our Annual Conference

We desire again to call the attention of our people to our annual conference session to be held at Fresno, January 11 to 16. There will be a public meeting in the church Tuesday evening, January 11, and the first business meeting of the conference will be held January 12 at 10 A. M. We shall be pleased to see a full attendance of delegates at this meeting, and it will be well for all our churches to send a list of their delegates to the conference secretary at once, if they have not already done so. Besides the usual business that will come before the conference, we hope to find time for instruction to be given to the different church officers, also that some meetings may be held with the different officers, where plans for their work may be discussed.

We are living in solemn times. Come, praying that the Lord may give us an excellent conference session, and that such plans may be adopted as will forward the work in our conference. Let us bring the angels of God with us as we come.

N. P. NEILSEN.

CALIFORNIA Mulberry

A few months ago a Sabbath-school was organized at this place, called the Mulberry Sabbath-school. There were twelve members. Two adults, three girls and one boy are new members and were baptized here some time ago.

As a result of this year's work, one additional young man and one young woman were added by baptism, making eight in all.

This work was begun by Brother E. H. Adams, of Fresno, and continued by the writer. On account of rains and high water, our week of prayer was interrupted, but the last day was best of all. The Holy Spirit came in in a rich measure. Self was dethroned and a reconsecration of property and self to God was made. All was placed on the altar. Surely God was in this place by His Holy Spirit, and we praise His name. Our meeting closed with the good old song "Homeward Bound."

A. D. BENTON.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Annual Meeting of Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The sixteenth annual session of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Carr Street Seventh-day Adventist church, at 141 Carr Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

The first meeting will convene at 2 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1916. At this session officers will be elected, and other business pertaining to the annual session will be transacted.

The membership of this corporation embraces the members in good standing in all the churches of the Seventh-day Adventists in that portion of California lying south of the summits of the Tehachapi and Santa Ynez Ranges.

B. E. BEDDOE, *President*,
B. M. EMERSON, *Secretary*.

Southern California Conference

The sixteenth annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Carr Street church, 141 Carr Street, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 25 to 28, 1916. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, at 10 A. M., and continue daily until the conference business has

been transacted. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers of the conference, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. E. BEDDOE, *President*,
B. M. EMERSON, *Secretary*.

Visiting During the Week of Prayer

On the first day of the week of prayer, I assisted in the service at Santa Monica in the forenoon, then in the afternoon at Sawtelle. There was a ready response by nearly all, and a good attendance. It was a happy day. At San Fernando on the evenings of the 12th and 13th, a good consecration service was engaged in by all.

Then on Tuesday, the 14th, I came up to the Central California Conference to the Island church and joined with them in their afternoon services. On Thursday night, we had an excellent meeting. The reading was rendered with earnestness and enthusiasm. Afterward I gave a talk, and then followed a good social service in prayer and testimonies.

I continued to meet with the Island church. Elder Neilsen came Friday, and was with us till the close of the week. He had encouraging words for the church. All enjoyed the services. The offering amounted to over \$80.00. They are now enlarging the house of worship. All are at it with enthusiasm.

This has certainly been a good and encouraging time for me to see the cause moving on with earnestness everywhere.

I am enjoying some good visits with Elder J. W. Bagby, with whom I was formerly associated in the message in Kansas. Our experiences have been very similar in that our companions both died so suddenly.

J. H. ROGERS.

The Conference Association Meeting

In another column the formal notice appears of the annual meeting of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists. It will be noticed that the time and place have been changed as compared with the same notice of one week ago. It was thought that the way the constitutions were worded, the annual meetings of the conference and sanitarium associations could be held in connection with either of the two conferences in South-

ern California. For this reason it had been planned to call one in connection with the Southeastern California Conference meeting and the other with the Southern California Conference. Upon closer examination it was found the constitutions would not admit of such an interpretation. It has therefore been necessary to make a change in the time and place of the conference association's annual meeting.

Glendale

Word has just come that the mission clock of the Glendale church is ahead of time. Last Sabbath their funds overreached the goal nearly \$300. Another interesting item in connection with this church is that Elder D. A. Parsons baptized six persons there Sabbath, December 25. These persons have taken this step quite largely as the result of the week of prayer services.

San Fernando

Tuesday, December 21, the San Fernando Academy board met at the academy. This school is in a prosperous condition. The operating statement thus far is exceptionally encouraging. Members of the faculty, without exception, are sacrificing in order that the school may be a success. A spirit of harmony prevails between the institutional workers and those of our people who live in the town. God's blessing is very manifest.

Elder Parsons Goes East

At the recent council of the North American Division Conference held at Loma Linda, it was recommended that Elder D. A. Parsons make West Pennsylvania his field of labor. After prayerfully considering the invitation, Brother Parsons decided to accept the call. Sunday morning, December 26, with his wife and little boy he left Los Angeles for Pittsburgh, his future place of labor. He had labored in Southern California for nearly six years. We bid him Godspeed and pray for him God's blessing in Pittsburgh.

B. E. BEDDOE.

Now is the time to plan your missionary work for another year. Make up your mind to do more missionary work this coming year than ever before and plan to start in early. Begin now with a club of the January *Watchman*. The *Watchman* will accomplish definite results.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

Southeastern California Conference

At a recent meeting of the Southeastern California Conference committee, it was decided to hold the first annual meeting of the conference at the G Street church in San Diego, January 19 to 23. The first meeting will be held Wednesday evening, January 19, 7:30 P.M. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof. Delegates' credentials will be sent to the different churches. Delegates should be chosen, the credentials filled out and returned to the conference secretary, J. C. McReynolds, 617 East Fifth Street, Santa Ana.

W. F. MARTIN,

Pres. S. E. Calif. Conf.

Loma Linda

On December 26, the standing of the Loma Linda church on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for missions, as shown by the treasurer's records was: Amount due for year, \$3338.40; amount paid to date, \$3508.66; surplus above twenty cents a week per member, \$170.26. Some small sums will come in before the end of the year to swell the surplus yet more.

At the beginning of the year the Loma Linda Sabbath-school set a goal of \$2000 for missions for the year. All hearts were glad to learn that the 13th Sabbath offering last Sabbath completed the sum and gave an excess of \$40.00 above the mark set.

When people get the habit of giving, great things can be accomplished. While the Loma Linda church is large, many of its members are students who are earning almost nothing. Surely no other church is less favorably situated.

UTAH

Ogden and Salt Lake City

It has been the privilege of the writer, associated with a company of workers, to hold two series of evangelistic meetings in Utah. The first series was held at Ogden, beginning June 13 and closing August 15; and the second, in Salt Lake City, opening September 5 and closing November 7, making eighteen weeks altogether.

Perhaps there are no people in the United States that are more difficult to reach with the light of truth than

the Mormons. A person who has been converted to Mormonism, and taken the oaths peculiar to their religion, is about cut off from further investigation. I suppose this is due to the education received by them that to give up the Mormon religion is to commit the unpardonable sin, and that they should not attend the services held by other people.

However, in spite of all this, God has those of their number, who refuse to be bound by inconsistent church oaths, pagan superstitions and modern spirit manifestations, who are dissatisfied with Mormonism and are willing to investigate for themselves.

Although the Utah Conference has been the hardest field of labor in the experience of the writer, yet we are glad to report some seeds of truth sown, and a number who have decided to walk in the light. Thus far over 100 have signed the church covenant. Of these thirty have at some time in their experience either been members of the Mormon Church or favorable to it. Fifty-five have definitely united with the church—seventeen with the Ogden church, and thirty-eight with the church in Salt Lake City. Besides these, some twenty or more are seriously considering baptism. Further instruction and encouragement will add materially to the number of those who have united with the church.

The attendance at these services averaged from seventy-five to 500.

We are very thankful for the favors shown us by the newspapers. Five papers, two at Ogden and three in Salt Lake City, have printed synopses of our sermons, and given us free church notices. Altogether 195 articles have been published. These excerpts vary from two to three paragraphs to three columns, averaging ten inches or one-half columns each. The circulation of these papers, which amounts to 100,000, has reached Salt Lake City, Ogden, Provo and a number of smaller towns. Thus the truth has found entrance into homes that otherwise would perhaps not have known of our services were it not for the publicity given us by the newspapers. The *Salt Lake Telegram* printed an article of three columns' length for us. The city editor selected three cartoon cuts to illustrate the study, which was on the Armageddon. It pays to get acquainted with the editors, and put forth a determined effort to use their papers.

Associated with the writer were the following named workers: Elder W. M. Adams, president of the conference, Elders H. G. Gjording and W. A. Johnson. Mrs. H. W. Holloday and Miss Esther Smith rendered valuable service in the Bible work. For the results obtained we are thankful to God, and to Him be the glory. Pray for the believers in the stronghold of Mormonism. A. S. BOOTH.

MISSIONARY

Beware of the "Bushel"

"I cannot do anything. What is the use of my trying? I have no ability to speak convincingly and my own knowledge and experience are superficial. Moreover, there are others who are qualified and whose business it is to do the work of the church. I can do best by keeping quiet and going on with my own particular work."

Under that bushel the light of many a life is hid. To be sure, the supreme work is not public speaking, and no one contends that that is the work of every Christian. On the other hand, who among us can refrain from talking in these days? And do we not talk of many things every day that we think and feel? What right have we to excuse ourselves from speaking of the things on which, if we are loyal Adventists, we think and feel most deeply? We have *no right to be silent* on the points on which our testimony is needed most. No bushel of silence is to be allowed to cover that testimony.

Many take their lights and use them elsewhere than in the particular place they were meant to illumine. A brother

who could do a great deal by leading a class or in assisting some phase of the church work, lets his powers be absorbed in his business or in some personal pleasure. The light may not be extinguished, but it is misdirected. The darkness which it might have dispelled is untouched. The heat it represents goes where it is less needed. So far as the mission of this torch of light is concerned, it is covered and wasted.

Many lights are crowded wastefully together. Some of them might as well be under bushels. They are not lighting any darkness as they were intended to do. We are not to be the lights of our own homes only, but of other homes which need light and of the community in which God has placed us. "Ye are the light of the world."

"A true light does not need to have anything done to it to make it give light. A wick may need trimming, but if it is a real lighted candle, it needs only to be exposed in order to give light. Christians often need trimming, but if they are real Christians, wherever they are they are shining, and men see their light. Just being a Christian is a light-making and a light-giving thing. If there is no light, either there is a cover or there is no Christianity."

Indeed sooner or later the cover extinguishes the light unless it is removed. That is the way candles are put out. We can blow them out or put the snuffers on them. The very things which act as bushels over the candles of Christian lives—greed, fear, hesitation—are sure to put those lights entirely out unless removed. No amount of attention will keep the light burning long under their suffocation.

In our own homes how much light is

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Mrs. A. Carter	80												80
Ruth Crane						200							200
Mrs. Graves	50	300	350										700
M. M. Hust	100	50	50										200
Mrs. Mary Hawley	30	100	10										140
Lydia Johnson	550	170	450										1170
Mrs. Cushman	150												150
H. A. Kension	50												50
Mrs. G. F. Pickrell	40	40	10										90
Mr. Rasmussen	150		35	5									190
Mrs. S. E. Richardson	350	50	50										450
Mrs. Lamb	65		40			20							125
Mrs. Wetzell	40	35	30		16								121
Miscellaneous	100	30	80										210
Total	1755	745	1105	5	16	20	200						4076

there? How much are we contributing? Are we shining at all in the neighborhood, at the store, on the car, in the social circle, through our correspondence, and in the many other avenues of daily life? Is the light being fairly distributed over all the darkness? Let us see to it, individually, that our lights "so shine" that those in the dark may be led to Him who is the Great Light of the world. That will mean another light to shine for Him. Thus the lights are multiplied. And is not this our work?—to multiply the lights until the whole earth shall be covered with the light of the third angel's message.

Home Missionary Department.

An Experience

A brother of long experience in this message gives the following interesting account:

"The year 1861 found me a frail young man living in Michigan. At the time I came of age, I decided to join my mother in keeping the Sabbath, and for several years we were the only Sabbath-keepers for miles around. I was drafted for the army twice. My mother, with strong faith, said that we would make it a subject of prayer that I might be released, and they finally exempted me on account of decided feebleness of constitution.

"Through learning health principles I was enabled to so live as to regain a fair degree of health, and by diligent and persevering effort, I managed by the time I was twenty-eight years old to buy a small farm. I had paid a faithful tithe, believing the Lord would fulfil His promise as recorded in the third chapter of Malachi.

"My wife and I attended the first camp-meeting held by our people, and hearing a stirring appeal from Brother White for means, I gave \$100, almost all the money I had. He would consent to take only half of it. My wife readily consented to my making this donation, which some might have thought foolish, as we had no suitable house in which to live, nor furniture to keep house with. But on our return home we had a very pleasant surprise. A neighbor had sold his farm, and being about to move away, offered me his furniture, worth over \$100, for \$50.00, and urged me to take it, which I was very glad to do. In one year from that time we had completed a neat little cottage, all paid for.

"From that time the Lord blessed us both in basket and in store, so that we paid our tithes and offerings, and were able to give liberally to every call for means. When the old home-stead was sold, and the money divided between the seven children, my wife and I decided to give our share, \$700, to the cause. At that time we were worth \$3000. We then sold our farm and moved to Battle Creek to educate our children. Four years later I was stirred by a sermon given by Elder Geo. I. Butler at a camp-meeting, to go into the canvassing field. As the impression grew, we took it to the Lord in prayer, and finally decided to make a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice. We wrote out what we would do as follows: 'We promise this day (Sept. 13, 1883) if the way opens to sell our farm before next New Year's day, to give \$1000 to the cause in 1884, and hold the rest on the altar to be used in the cause as the way may open. Dudley will spend the year 1884 in missionary work, and Sarah will care for the children and educate them for missionaries. The price we have settled for the farm is \$6000 including all wheat on the farm, and nursery stock unsold. Signed, D. A. Owen, S. A. Owen.'

"The farm was sold three days before December 1, 1883. The \$1000 was given, and I spent ten years in earnest canvassing work. Those were some of the happiest days of my life. I sold thousands of 'Bible Readings' and other books. At the close of ten years I returned home to Battle Creek badly worn with constant labor.

"Having a burden to move away to some foreign field, we decided once more that if the Lord would send a buyer for our little cottage in twenty-four hours, we would go to some island in the Pacific Ocean between San Francisco and Australia. The next day a person came, took the place and paid the price we had set, —\$1500.

"We soon learned that the missionary ship Pitcairn would sail from San Francisco to the islands and gladly accepted an invitation to sail on her. I could not now relate the interesting experiences we had in the islands. It was there I laid my dear wife to rest. I am now 73 years of age, and will start out in a day or two in the In-gathering campaign."

When this brother was in New Zealand, in a city of some 40,000 people, he made up his mind to get 1000 subscriptions to the health journal there,

and, of course, determined to reach his aim, he got there.

This same brother tells of some answers to prayers he received while canvassing in Canada. 'I was away up in the wilds of Algoma driving a spirited young mare. I had a covered vehicle, and one day hitched the mare to a bush and went over in a field to see a man who was mowing hay. I soon saw the mare had gotten loose and had started to run. I ran to catch her, but could not reach her. In my distress I cried out, 'O, Lord, stop the mare.' Quicker than I can tell it one wheel struck the stump which overturned the buggy, and the mare lay on the ground tangled in the harness. I rushed to her side before she had time to get up.

"At another time I was driving twenty miles in the wild woods to canvass at a lumber camp. I stayed over night at the first camp and next day while driving over a corduroy road, my pony slipped her hind leg between the logs and could not pull it out. She struggled hard and then fell down. I prayed and coaxed her to keep quiet. I was not far from the camp and called for help. The leg was so badly bent I feared it was broken. Some men came and tore up a log, and the mare got up. To my surprise there was only a scratch, —no serious damage to the leg. As soon as the men left, I threw my arms around the pony's neck, and said to her, 'Nellie, it is the Lord who has saved you from a broken leg.' I wiped away my tears of joy, and went on my way rejoicing."

Do not these experiences show that it pays to serve the Lord? This brother sacrificed in giving willingly of his means, and the Lord gave him prosperity in money matters. He left his home to work for the Lord, and the Lord gave him happiness and many answers to prayer, and souls as stars in his crown. Truly the service of the Lord is worth everything in this life, as well as in the life to come. Will not every Sabbath-keeper so live and labor as to share in these rich blessings?

Missionary Department.

A Bible Study for Missionary Meeting

God's Call to Service and Its Importance

1. What did Jesus do when on earth? Acts 10:38.

"The Saviour's life on earth was not a life of ease and devotion to Himself,

but He toiled with persistent, earnest, untiring effort for the salvation of mankind. From the manger to Calvary He followed the path of self-denial, and sought not to be released from arduous tasks, painful travels, and exhausting care and labor. He said, 'The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.' This was the one great object of His life. Everything else was secondary and subservient. It was his meat and drink to do the will of God and to finish His work. Self and self-interest had no part in His labor." "Steps to Christ," page 97.

2. What should we do? 1 John 2:6.

3. What are we to do? 1 Cor. 3:9.

"God might have committed the message of the gospel, and all the work of loving ministry to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this unselfish ministry." "Steps to Christ," page 99.

"But no one will ever enter heaven who is not a laborer together with God." "A Call to Service," page 11.

4. What has God given to us? 2 Cor. 5:18.

5. How does it effect us?

"The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us,—to engage to the extent of our ability, in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them. Strength comes by exercise; activity is the very condition of life. Those who endeavor to maintain Christian life by passively accepting the blessings that come through the means of grace, and doing nothing for Christ, are simply trying to live by eating without working. And in the spiritual as well as in the natural world, this always results in degeneration and decay. A man who would refuse to exercise his limbs would soon lose all power to use them. Thus the Christian who will not exercise his God-given powers, not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength that he already had." "Steps to Christ," pages 101, 102.

6. What question does the Lord ask of us? 1 Chron. 29:5, last part.

7. What high commendation did

Jesus once give? Mark 14:8, first clause.

8. To how many has work been given? Mark 13:34.

"The Church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world, and the obligation rests upon all Christians. Everyone, to the extent of his ability, talent and opportunity, is to fulfill the Saviour's commission. The love of Christ, revealed to us, makes us debtors to all who know Him not. God has given us light, not for ourselves alone, but to shed upon them." "Steps to Christ," page 102.

9. What have all done? Rom. 3:23.

10. What is the result of sin? Rom. 6:23.

11. What was Christ's work? Luke 19:10.

12. What is our work? John 17:18.

"The end is near! God calls upon the Church to set in order the things that remain. Workers together with God, you are empowered by the Lord to take others with you into the kingdom. You are to be God's living agents, channels of light to the world, and round about you are angels of heaven with their commission from Christ to sustain, strengthen, and uphold you in working for the salvation of souls." Testimonies, Volume 6, page 436.

"The day of the Lord is approaching with stealthy tread; but the supposed great and wise men know not the signs of Christ's coming or of the end of the world. Iniquity abounds and the love of many has waxed cold.

"There are thousands upon thousands, millions upon millions, who are now making their decision for eternal life or eternal death." Testimonies, Volume 6, page 406.

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The ninth annual session of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California will be held in connection with the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at 141 Carr Street, Los Angeles, Cal., for the purpose of electing the officers of the corporation and transacting such other business as may come before the body. The first meeting will convene at 2 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1916.

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You doubtless have noticed on the last page of the RECORDER a place for your address, indicating your desire to have the paper go to you during the year 1916. For some months now we have been sending this paper to all our people in this union conference, as far as we could secure their addresses, whether they were subscribers or not. We are sure you have appreciated this, but it is hardly possible for us to continue this indefinitely. We now urge you to send in the subscription price of the paper, which is 50 cents for one year, ordering it to be sent to your address. You cannot afford to be without it, we are sure, and the union conference cannot afford to send it to all our people free of charge.

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The following sad news conveyed in the following cablegram was received at the Pacific Press Monday morning, December 20, from Tokyo, Japan:

"Clarence Hall dead. Notify friends. (Signed) DeVinney."

We have no information regarding his death further than this. Brother and Sister Hall sailed for Japan March 20, 1915, where he had been given charge of our publishing interests. Brother Hall had had a long experience in this

line of work in the Pacific Press, and was thoroughly capable. His death will be a great loss to Japan. They had been in their field but a short time when death came to this faithful servant. We have every reason to believe that Brother Hall was proving to be a very efficient worker, but his labors are over, and he is at rest. Why this has been permitted, we cannot say now, but some day we shall know. All unite in extending sincere sympathy to the family that are left to mourn. We are assured that it will be but a little time until the morning will dawn, and those who sleep in Jesus will awake. Let us earnestly pray that God will support and strengthen Sister Hall and children in this hour of great trial. This is another call for greater faithfulness on the part of those to whom this message has been committed, that the glorious morning of deliverance may be hastened.

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The following special club prices on our periodicals hold good till February 1:

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This year the tract societies are the club-makers. All orders, therefore, must be sent through them. They will promptly order the papers desired direct from the house issuing them.

The Safer Place

Mr. Len Broughton said in a sermon that he found great joy in the belief that when God gave a man a definite duty He assumed responsibility for His servant's safety until the duty was done: that during the discharge of a duty the divine hands (in some special sense, if that can be) are about us. "Is it safe to work among the lepers?" was asked of Sam Higginbottom, the missionary to India, whose service has been blessed to the outcasts. "Yes," was the answer, "it is safer to work among lepers, if it is my work, than to work anywhere else."—Selected.

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