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Our Foreign-born Population

A Comparison

All who have studied and given some attention to the immigration problem for the last few years, are aware of the fact that most of our recent immigrants have come from Southern and Eastern Europe. So great has been the influx of people from Italy, Hungary, Servia, Bulgaria, Greece, Roumania, Poland and Russia that the people from Western and Northern Europe who have settled in our country, have, in many cases, been outnumbered.

With their limited education, their many strange customs, prejudices, and various religious ideas and beliefs, these people from the southern and eastern parts of the old world present a far more difficult problem than the people of Northwest Europe who came in so great numbers in earlier days.

Naturally the ease with which people adapt themselves to American ideas and institutions will depend largely upon the readiness with which they master the English language, and the likeness of their home institutions to ours.

From a standard work on immigration, "The Immigration Problem," by Jeremiah W. Jenks, Ph. D., we have

gathered a few interesting facts in regard to the ability of our foreign-born population to speak the English language. Among the below listed nationalities who have lived in our country from one to twenty years and more, we find their English-speaking ability to range at the following percentage: Italians, 30%; Russians, 30%; Hungarians, 24%; Servians, 20%; Poles, 15%; Greeks, 12%. Among the people from Northwest Europe we find this: Germans, 79%; Swedes, 84%; Norwegians, 91%; and highest of all, Danes, 98.3%.

From this little comparison it will readily be seen that there is a very material difference between these two classes of immigrants from Northwest Europe and Southeast Europe. Taking the people who have been here but a few years, the percentage is much lower of course. Still, more than three-fourths of our foreign-born population from Southeast Europe never learn to speak the English language. It therefore seems very evident that if we ever expect to reach these people with the message, it will have to be presented to them in their own language either in oral or written form.

At the close of the year 1900, there were 10,341,000 people of foreign birth in our country. In 1910 this number had increased to 13,516,000. While in 1900, 7,016,000, or 67%, of these people had been the residents of Northern and Western Europe, only 1,832,000, 17%, had come from Southern and Eastern Europe. At the end of 1910 these figures had materially changed. In that year, 6,740,000 gave Northwest Europe as their former home,—49%, or a decrease of 275,000. On the other hand, the people from Southern and Eastern Europe had increased their numbers to 5,048,000, or 37% of the total foreign-born population, an increase of more

than 3,125,000, or 175%. The Italians had increased their numbers by 177%; the Russians, 170%; the Hungarians, 163%; the Roumanians, 338%; and the Greeks even 1089%. During the same decade, the Germans had decreased 11%, and the Scandinavians had only made a gain in their numbers of 16%.

Such a sudden and tremendous change in the make-up of our country's population does, indeed, call for most solemn and earnest thought, together with careful study and attention on the part of our local as well as our union conference committees, and last, but not least, for the attention of every church member throughout the land.

Arrangements have recently been made through the North American Division Conference with the Pacific Press Publishing Association, to supply our literature market with monthly and quarterly periodicals in several of these Southern and Eastern European tongues. A good beginning has already been made in the Italian, in which language we have an eight-page bi-monthly paper, and a twenty-four page quarterly magazine; in the Russian we have an eight-page monthly paper, and work has just been begun on a twenty-four page magazine in the Bohemian language. The magazines are well illustrated, with an attractive cover, and sell very readily. As soon as the International Branch of the Pacific Press is located at the new headquarters in Brookfield, Ill., other monthly papers will be added in the Roumanian, Servian, and probably Polish language. Other languages will be placed on the list as soon as demands warrant such steps to be taken.

Now, we feel very anxious about soliciting the hearty cooperation and assistance of our brethren and sisters throughout the field in giving the mes-

sage to these millions of people in our midst. They are just as much in need of the gospel as the foreigners abroad. We shall be pleased to answer any questions and give any information in regard to these foreigners, their location, their needs, our supply of literature in the various tongues, etc., to all that will write us. Our brethren of the Pacific Press International Branch at College View, Neb., or the writer, who may be addressed at 116 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill., will be glad to hear from those interested in this great home-foreign mission field.

STEEN RASMUSSEN,

Sec. North American Foreign Dept.

Ernest Lloyd Again Home Missionary Secretary

Since the close of the camp-meeting season in the California conferences last year, Brother Ernest Lloyd has been at the Pacific Union College taking advanced work. The union conference committee having re-appointed Brother Lloyd to the position of home missionary secretary, he resumed his work May 1. He writes me that he has been training a class of twenty-two young women at the college. They are to take up work with our magazines during the summer vacation. He will visit the Lodi and Fernando academies and organize similar classes.

We are very glad indeed to have Brother Lloyd take up his former work as secretary of our home missionary department for the union conference. The Lord has greatly blessed his work along these lines in the past, and we feel confident Brother Lloyd will be blessed as he resumes his former work in behalf of the extension of our home missionary endeavors through all our churches.

Brother Lloyd will attend the camp-meetings, and do all he can to revive and extend this line of work. There can be no question but that the times demand greater efforts along these lines than we have ever put forth in the past. Every sanctified heart is now to be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power. The work cannot close until all our people are actively engaged in missionary work for their neighbors, as well as investing their means and giving of their children for mission work in the foreign fields. We solicit the hearty cooperation of all our people in making this effort, to be carried forward by the

union and local conference home missionary secretaries, a blessed success throughout our field. E. E. ANDROSS.

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work which Brother J. L. Humbert is having: "One day last week he traveled fifty-two miles, and the report shows thirteen hours, one exhibition, one order. His report for two weeks showed that the number of hours were nearly twice the number of exhibitions. This is on account of the long distances between the places in some parts of the country. Pray for him that the Lord will bless, guide, and encourage him in his efforts to get the message to those people who may have no other opportunity of hearing it."

To every person ordering 200 copies of the Anti-tobacco *Instructor*, one address, one order, the *Instructor* will give a copy of either of the three following books, especially good for boys and girls: "Stories Worth Rereading," "Tiger and Tom," or "The King's Daughter." In addition to this premium, the papers will be furnished at two cents a copy instead of two and one-half cents, the price of less than 200 copies.

To every person ordering 500 copies of the Anti-tobacco number, the *Instructor* will give an excellent \$2.50 reference, self-pronouncing Bible, and furnish the papers at two cents a copy.

Brother J. L. Humbert, who is canvassing in the Inter-Mountain Conference, traveled ninety-five miles during the five working days of a recent week, and in reporting writes as follows: "You see I was on the road quite a bit; but the Mormons and Mexicans were good to me; so were the Gentiles. The route I took over into the Indian Creek station was a rough mountain horse or burro trail for about ten miles, and then over a very rough wagon road. Autos cannot get into Indian Creek. There is only one road (outlet same as inlet). The walls of the Indian Creek Valley are perpendicular sandstone, averaging in the neighborhood of 2000 feet. I made a descent of about 3000 feet one day, and received orders for \$16.25 worth of literature. Entertainment free. Was invited to stay longer." Pray for the Lord to direct Brother Humbert in his good work.

"Divine love has been stirred to its unfathomable depths for the sake of men, and angels marvel to behold in the recipients of so great love a mere surface gratitude. Angels marvel at man's shallow appreciation of the love of God. Would we know how Christ regards it? How would a father and mother feel, did they know that their child, lost in the cold and the snow, had been passed by, and left to perish, by those who might have saved it? Would they not be terribly grieved, wildly indignant? Would they not denounce those murderers with wrath hot as their tears, intense as their love? The sufferings of every man are the sufferings of God's child, and those who reach out no helping hand to their perishing fellow-beings provoke His righteous anger. This is the wrath of the Lamb. To those who claim fellowship with Christ, yet have been indifferent to the needs of their fellow-men, He will declare in the great judgement day, 'I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity.'"—"Desire of Ages." page 825.

A sister in Chicago has just sent in an order for 144,000 Present Truth Series to be systematically used in missionary work, 6000 copies to be mailed to her on Thursday of each week until all the printed numbers are mailed, and then 6000 each of the forthcoming issues as early as they are ready to be mailed, all to be sent systematically to selected lists. This is the largest single individual order ever made for periodical work. It is the beginning of a work long expected and greatly desired—a work of the individual members of our churches. The church has known for some time that the message cannot be finished by our workers alone, but that the lay members of the churches must become the real working element of the denomination. But they have not known just how they were to work. They have not had literature adapted to the needs of the people and at the same time cheap enough to enable them to use large quantities. Now, having the desired material in the Present Truth Series, they are gradually assuming the responsibility that the Lord laid upon them when He called them to follow Him through the acceptance of His special message for this time. Other large orders are sure to follow this order for 144,000. The time for a great work by the laity with our literature is dawning.

FIELD TIDINGS

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres., G. A. Wheeler, Sec'y-Treas.

Items of Interest

Three persons were baptized and one rebaptized at Bakersfield last Sabbath.

Sister Katherine Hale has connected with the tent effort at Bakersfield. Good reports come to us from there.

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell came to Fresno to-day. They expect to spend a few days in our conference visiting some of our larger churches.

We are surely living in solemn times. We are in the last days. Someone will be ready to meet the blessed Saviour when He returns. Someone will go home to "Father's house." Let us ask ourselves the question, Shall I be ready?
N. P. NEILSEN.
May 4.

A Holy Convocation

There is no reason why the coming camp-meeting, appointed to be held at Hanford, May 25 to June 4, should not be the best camp-meeting we have ever had in this conference. We are nearing the end of all things, and we must get ready to meet our Saviour. As far as possible all our people should be present. We need the strength that will come to us through seeking the Lord together. Anciently the children of Israel met together three times a year.

We surely need to gather together at least once a year. We cannot afford to let any common or ordinary circumstance keep us at home. Let us come up to this annual feast, bringing the angels of God with us. Pray earnestly that the Lord may bless us abundantly.
N. P. NEILSEN.

Hints Concerning Our Camp-meeting

Our camp-meeting will be held at Hanford. Both the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railways run through this place. Those living on either of these routes should purchase their tickets direct to Hanford. Be sure to ask the agent for a receipt for the fare paid, at the time the ticket is bought, otherwise the reduced rate will not be granted upon returning.

The camp-ground is situated about four blocks north of the Santa Fe depot, and it is about five blocks north and five blocks west of the Southern Pacific depot.

There are some trees on the grounds, but not as many as on the camp-ground last year. Many were glad to see the sunshine last year. We hope that none will suffer from the cold as much as some did a year ago.

As it will be difficult for us to secure a sufficient number of springs and mattresses to supply the whole camp, it would be well for our people to bring bed-ticks along. We shall try to have a supply of straw on hand; and it seems to us that bed-ticks filled with straw are preferable to second-hand mattresses and springs.

We might suggest that in many cases our people supply themselves with folding canvass cots, which could be used from year to year. To quite an extent this would solve the problem of furnishing the camp with beds.

We shall endeavor to do the best we can to make everyone comfortable on the grounds; although we must remember that we cannot expect all the conveniences of the home when camping out. But we can enjoy the blessing of God if we "all keep sweet" and pass the word along.
N. P. NEILSEN.

An Experience

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12:17.

These words of inspiration are evidenced by the effort of some who have employed the most daring and subtle means to thwart the progress of the truth of God. Some laborers in California have recently received anonymous letters, threatening to hang them if they should speak another time, and that they should leave town.

When this means failed to accomplish the desired end, the mayor and trustees received letters of the same character, threatening to burn their property, and hang the "false teachers" if they did not rid the town of them. This new turn having failed, the interested ones received letters threatening them if they did not stay from the meetings. In one case, a house was burned down while the occupants were attending service. This last-named method seems

to be most successful, as people are not willing to risk their homes while at meeting. The above is evidence of what would be, had men the power in hand, and indeed will be. Rev. 13:12, 15.

Never before have I so appreciated and thanked God for two branches of the work, namely, the educational and publishing. We have long been told that we must soon work under unfavorable conditions, and that the time would come when men would no longer be permitted to present the truth. Nothing could more forcibly impress upon the minds of God's people the value of a Christian education that has been wrought out by this people by the divine guidance of God through the spirit of prophecy.

I quote from Testimonies, Volume 6, pages 202, 203: "As Jesus in the temple solved mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth, children who have been rightly educated, will be an astonishment to men who now talk of 'higher education.' . . . In these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up. . . ."

"Our church schools are ordained of God to prepare children for this great work." Thank God for the children and then for the schools of His own planting.

The printed page will do a work of equal importance. When restrictions and conditions become such that the living preacher will no longer be privileged to proclaim the message of truth, an interest will be aroused in the minds of the people concerning truths of which they have heard but little, and a burning desire will come upon them to investigate the truth to that extent that they will gather up those old papers, tracts, magazines, and books that have been "scattered like the leaves of autumn" and in them read the message in its very best setting.

Last summer the superintendent of a Sunday school who had asked his pastor where he might find the Ten Commandments recorded in the Bible and was unable to locate them as the minister did not know, one day found a

magazine in his home on the floor. Giving no thought as to what it was, he placed it on a shelf. A few days later he picked it up again and put it away. The third or fourth time he found it on the floor he was curious to know what it was. As his wife did not know anything about it he began to look it through. When he first opened it up, his eyes fell upon the Ten Commandments.

On suggestion of the deacon he had been reading the New Testament through to find the decalogue. His interest was at once aroused and he became a faithful reader of the magazine. It proved to be the *Signs of the Times*. It is sufficient to say that he is a thorough Seventh-day Adventist to-day.

Again, thank God for this branch of the work. It is the agency that goes before, with, after and all around the living preacher. J. R. PATTERSON.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B.E. Beddoe, Pres., B.M. Emerson, Sec'y-Treas.

Church Officers' and Workers' Council

Sabbath afternoon, April 22, nearly all of the church officers and workers of the conference met in the conference hall for a council meeting. In the afternoon Elder E. E. Andross spoke briefly of the troublous times in which we are living. All seemed deeply sensible of the fact that the end is near. Elder Andross' sermon was followed by a devotional service.

The evening after the Sabbath and Sunday morning the time was taken in studying the needs of the mission fields and our responsibility in supplying money to meet those needs. There seemed to be a unanimous opinion that we should be doing more to press the work in foreign fields. The following recommendations were adopted at this meeting. We invite the cooperation of all our people in the Southern California Conference in making these plans effective.

"We Recommend the following plans in the raising of our mission funds:

"1. That all our people, children included, be encouraged to give to our missions, sacrificingly and systematically.

"2. That in every Sabbath school in our conference prior to taking the offering, a few minutes be devoted each Sabbath to a talk or reading on the progress of our work in foreign

missions; that at least one week in advance someone be selected to give this instruction.

"3. That all our homes be supplied with self-denial boxes.

"4. That the Second Sabbath Readings be used regularly in all our churches.

"5. That on at least two Sabbaths in each month the offering be devoted exclusively to foreign missions, and that one of these offerings be taken up following the second Sabbath reading.

"6. That the local elder share the responsibility of raising the mission funds with his church council.

"7. That all our public laborers accept and constantly carry responsibility in this important work, cooperating with church and Sabbath school officers."

After this report was adopted forty-four of those present pledged weekly gifts to missions, varying from 25 cents to \$2.00 each, for the remainder of the year. Already some of the churches are taking up this plan. It should be taken up in every church.

B. E. BEDDOE.

Southern California Camp-meeting

It has been decided to hold the camp-meeting this year at San Fernando, June 15 to 25.

Men are sore troubled and confused by the most terrible perplexities that have ever come upon the earth. Great confusion reigns in many parts of the world. Aside from the light God has given, no adequate explanation can be given for these conditions. We know that "the Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth."

As never before we need the uplifting and unifying influence of the camp-meetings. The end is hastening. We cannot have many more of these annual gatherings. Representatives of our general work will be present. But a few weeks remain in which to prepare to attend this meeting at San Fernando. Orders for tents should be sent in at once so we may know how many tents will be needed.

Volunteer Help Needed

We must put forth extraordinary effort to conduct the camp-meeting without a heavy loss. To do this we need the cooperation of our people. First, we are calling for several men to volunteer their services to erect the camp. If sufficient volunteer help can

be secured two or three weeks before the meeting commences, it will be a large saving.

Those volunteering their time should send their names to the conference office at once. It was voted by the conference committee to pay the transportation to San Fernando, provide board and tents (not bedding) until the opening of the camp-meeting to those giving their services. However, none should come expecting these provisions without having communicated with the conference office and received definite word to come.

We hope that more help than will be needed may be offered. Send in names and addresses immediately.

B. E. BEDDOE.

San Fernando Camp-meeting

In an article that appears elsewhere in this issue of the RECORDER, it will be seen that it has been definitely decided to hold a camp-meeting in the Southern California Conference, and that arrangements have been made to hold this meeting at San Fernando.

A beautiful plot of ground has been secured on which to pitch the camp, and we trust a large number of our people will be in attendance.

The usual custom of furnishing tents with flies and burlap floors will be followed. The 12x17 tents, complete, will be furnished for \$5.00, and 10x12 tents, complete, for \$3.50. A limited supply of rooms, about five blocks from the camp, may be had during the entire meeting for \$4.00 each. Two persons can easily be accommodated in one room. The rooms are furnished with a bed, springs, mattress, dresser, washstand and chairs, so those desiring to occupy a room will need to bring bedding as usual.

Owing to the necessity of having to transport furniture, such as dressers, rockers, etc., from Los Angeles, it will be impossible to have more than a limited supply, and these at prices in advance of what has been charged in the past. Bed springs, tables and camp chairs will be furnished at about usual prices. There will be plenty of good, clean straw on the ground.

The cafeteria and delicatessen will be operated the same as in the past. Persons desiring work in this department should correspond at once with E. G. Fulton at 259 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

A supply of camp-meeting order

blanks will be sent your church elder, who will distribute them at an early date. If for any reason you do not receive one, kindly address the conference office.

We are anxious to provide accommodations for all who attend the meeting, but in order to do this, we want your cooperation, so kindly aid us by sending in your order at once.

B. M. EMERSON.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W.F. Martin, Pres., J.C. McReynolds, Sec'y-Treas.

Our Mexican Brethren

For some time my mind has been much exercised regarding the work among the Mexican people in our conference. As I see them going to and fro on our streets and working on the road and in the field, I wonder how we are going to reach them with the truth. Catholicism has a strong hold among these people. We have found, however, that many of them are ready to receive the tracts and papers. A sister was saying last night that most of the literature that is put in the racks in one of our cities is read by the Mexicans. She says that she has seen them anxious to get the papers, and that they would see and read them, or else put them in their pockets and take them home. They can be seen sitting on the benches along the streets reading the papers. So now is the time to put forth an effort to get the truth to them and warn them. The Lord will bless your labors, and it will help the message on to all nations.

W. F. MARTIN.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

E. A. Curtis, Pres., J. F. Gaster, Sec'y-Treas.

Salt Lake City Prayer Meeting

Why do you attend the prayer meeting? And, by the way, we might ask, Why do you *not* attend? It may be embarrassing for some to answer the latter question; yet I ask, Will your reason for *not* attending be acceptable to God? Is it a reason or an excuse? Below are some reasons for attending the Salt Lake City prayer meeting.

"Because I get a rich blessing." Mrs. L. B. Warrington.

"For the help received spiritually." C. H. Bates.

"For the spiritual benefit I receive." Mrs. M. A. Hollister.

"Because I know the Lord meets with His people, and I receive a rich blessing." Mrs. J. L. Sauder.

"Because of the strength and encouragement I receive, and because God requires it." U. E. Mowrey.

"I always receive a blessing, and it is my *duty* to attend the prayer meeting." Mrs. M. H. Hughes.

"Because I always feel that I receive a blessing, and the Lord is there." Mrs. Cluck.

"The object of the prayer meeting is to draw closer to God, hence my reason for attending." Mrs. H. C. Holloway.

"Because I *love* to meet with God's people, and for the blessings I receive from going." Mrs. A. B. Mundy.

"The prayer meeting is the *blood* of the Christian. It is the place where all of God's people ought to be." Forest Sauder.

"The reason is simple,—I could not get along without the spiritual food obtained during this particular meeting." Johanna Jensen.

"I attend prayer meeting to help me to live a Christian life." Helen Bates.

"I come to meet my Saviour and Friend, where I receive help and strength for the coming days." H. C. Holloway.

"Because God at this time comes very near by His Spirit. The testimonies and prayers of others give me more courage." J. L. Sauder.

"Because a 'book of remembrance is written' of those who meet in His name. Because His coming draws near, and I always receive a blessing." Mrs. M. A. Parry.

"Because it is a good place. I find it keeps me from worldly thoughts and things. I get victory over sins by coming." Mrs. Moore.

"Because I am fearful that God might reveal Himself in some special way and I not be there. I always have received a special blessing. I do not want to disappoint my Saviour." Marie Coombs.

"I attend prayer meeting because it is *right*. We are blessed spiritually by so doing. Also our example is necessary to others." Mrs. U. E. Mowrey.

"When I joined the church, I joined the prayer meeting, and pledged myself to God to have no excuse but sickness. My heart is continually filled with praise and thanksgiving for the prayer meeting." Mrs. L. J. Coombs.

The Lord has said, "Those who are really seeking for communion with God, *will be seen in the prayer meeting,*

faithful to their duty, and earnest and anxious to reap all the benefits they can gain." "Steps to Christ," Pocket Edition, page 123. W. M. ADAMS.

NEVADA MISSION

W. S. Holbrook, Supt.

Owens Valley

Early in September we associated with Brother George Wilkinson for work in Inyo County, Cal. After looking over the field, we pitched our tent at Independence, a small town with a population of about 200. Our interest was good till a five-days' wind storm made people afraid of our tent, so we moved into a hall; but the interest never revived. However one sister who had become discouraged was reclaimed, one new sister took hold, and one brother decided to obey the truth, as a result of this effort, for which we thank God.

In November we moved to Lone Pine, another valley town of about 150, and opened meetings in the town hall. But after three weeks we were forced to stop for two months by three of the worst snow storms in the history of the valley, the snow being four feet deep on the level in some places. In February we re-opened, and God gave us two souls, with three more whom we expect to step out later. I preached four funeral sermons here, and was invited twelve times to speak in the Methodist Episcopal church.

We owe much to the aid of Sister Palls, a lone Sabbath-keeper in this part of the valley.

The Ingathering campaign came right in the midst of our meeting, so I could only cover the town where we were, receiving a little over \$27.00 but I took full burden of the meetings and Brother Wilkinson covered the rest of the valley. God gave him some rich experiences, he receiving \$72.75.

Mrs. Bradley furnished the music and assisted in house-to-house work till she became ill and had to leave the valley for an operation.

While our results were not large, we thank God that He sent us to the valley, and we rejoice at having a part in this glorious message.

W. H. BRADLEY.

"Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."

BOOK WORK

Victories in Service

I have practically finished my delivery at Indio, Cal. The dear Lord did bless. All honors are His only. This is twenty-two feet below sea level. It has been hot here, already reading 105 degrees in March. I see so much for which to thank and praise the Master that words fail me.

He is good and His mercies are new every morning.

Have been especially blessed in delivering the Mexican (Spanish) orders. I pray a host may be won for Christ's kingdom as a result of all these blessed pages of truth that the Lord enables me to sell. I feel thankful for the prayers of the dear ones everywhere who remember me by name at the throne of grace.

The Most High does hear and answer. Have been kept in trying climates so I could finish the work and not be laid up by sickness. Trust to go north soon to work in northern California. The end hastens on apace. O, let us hasten, too!

WALTER HARPER.

To Our Canvassers

"Thus said God the Lord, He that created the heavens, and stretched them out; . . . I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." Isa. 42: 5-7.

Surely the Lord is fulfilling His word to those who go out with the printed page in Central California. Only yesterday, while in company with Brother Jensen, we visited a minister's home, sold a book, receiving \$1.00 in advance payment; after which they favored us with some music, both vocal and instrumental. Before parting, we had a season of prayer. We enjoyed a great blessing in this home, and felt sure that the angels of the Lord met with us.

At the camp-meeting to be held at Hanford, it is our plan to give due consideration to, and organize, our colporteur work for a strong campaign during the year; and we invite all who feel called to take advantage of every opportunity.

Tract Society Sales, California Bible House Comparative Statement for First Quarter, 1916, 1915

Sent	Conference	Subscrip.	Trade	Educat'n'l	Bibles	Tracts	Periods.	Total
1916 California	-----	\$1157.39	\$369.81	\$ 73.60	\$135.20	\$ 96.19	\$2317.88	\$4250.07
1915 California	-----	797.26	238.91	76.56	103.60	63.19	1739.57	3019.10
1916 N. W. Cal.	-----	448.96	263.96	62.39	78.92	37.06	894.23	1785.52
1915 N. W. Cal.	-----	626.35	259.75	65.70	19.75	28.64	564.75	1564.94
1916 Total	-----	\$1607.35	\$633.77	\$135.99	\$214.12	\$133.25	\$3212.20	\$6035.59
1915 Total	-----	\$1423.61	\$498.66	\$142.26	\$123.35	\$ 91.83	\$2304.24	\$4584.04
Gain in sales, \$1451.55.								D. R. SPERRY, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1916

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Inter-Mountain						
J.L. Sauder	----- E.S.	36	3		\$ 15.00	\$102.25
Mrs. Parry	----- E.S.	8	3		9.00	
D.T. Snideman	----- B.R.	21	14		51.00	26.40
G.H. Hewitt	-----					122.25
J.L. Humbert	----- U. S. in P.	50	13	13.50	46.50	
5 Agents	-----	115	33	\$13.50	\$121.50	\$250.90

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 1916

Arizona						
James Hara	----- P.G.	50	25		\$117.50	
Central California						
F.O. Jensen	----- P.G.	25	8	\$ 1.50	\$ 38.50	\$ 5.25
A. E. Horn	----- D.R.	23	4	5.00	20.00	
Ruth Strever	----- B.R.	8	1		3.00	1.50
Iva Garner	----- B.R.	8	1		3.00	
J. V. Pierson	----- Seer	26	6		9.00	
J. W. Beardslee	----- G.C.	35	11		33.00	
B. T. Meyers	----- B.R.	39	10	1.50	33.50	
J. W. Allen	----- H.M.	8			20.50	15.50
C. Sanford	----- H.W.			1.75	1.75	
9 Agents	-----	172	41	\$9.75	\$162.25	\$22.25
Northwestern California						
M.A. Reese	----- B.R.	45	8	\$10.00	\$ 36.00	
C. W. Lorenz	----- B.R.	38	13	.50	39.50	
Ukiah Church	----- Arma.		82		13.00	
Sebastopol church	----- Arma.		29		7.25	
Miscellaneous	----- Arma.		25		6.25	
2 Agents	-----	83	157	\$10.50	\$102.00	
Totals for Union	----- 17 Agents	420	256	\$33.75	\$503.25	\$273.15

Our canvassing class at Fresno was well attended Sunday morning, and many thrilling experiences were related during the hour. This plan of meeting once a week has proved to be an encouragement to the workers.

Trust we may meet many at our coming camp-meeting, May 25 to June 4, who will assist in this great movement to hasten the coming of our Lord in the clouds of heaven.

C. L. DAVIS.

Why the Canvassing Work?

Many times I have wondered why I am in the canvassing work, and why I stay in it. Sometimes the way looks dark ahead, and it seems there is not a single ray of light. Sometimes the finances are very low. These things have made me wonder *why* I remain in

this work. I have really never understood why I stay until recently by chance I ran across the March 3 issue of the RECORDER. I looked at once to see if there were any mention of the book work. I read Brother Reese's experience telling what kept him in the work, and I find it is the same with me.

It is the constraining, impelling power of Christ that keeps us at it when the way grows hard. He gives us courage, also comforts and strengthens us when trials and afflictions come. My one desire is to so place myself that He can use me and give me strength and courage to stay in His work until it is finished. I ask for your prayers that this may be granted to me.

F. W. ROSS.

MISCELLANY

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WANTED.—Papers and books wanted for free distribution by parties whose business requires them to travel over several counties and meet many persons of different nationalities, who may not otherwise have opportunity of hearing the truth. Can use tracts and papers or books in any language, especially Portuguese, Italian and Japanese. A good supply of English tracts, "Signs of His Coming," and "The End of the World," for distribution, also the small book, "The World's Crisis," for loaning, will be especially appreciated. Address all literature, post-paid, to Mrs. J. E. Bruner, Box 484, Fallon, Nev.

Obituaries

KENISON.—The subject of this notice, Lizzie E. Kenison, was born March 29, 1861, and died in Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 16, 1916. She had been a constant sufferer for some years, but at last dropped away suddenly from heart failure. One daughter, an only child, besides the husband, survives to mourn the loss of a faithful, Christian companion, and an earnest, loving mother. For a little more than thirty-one years she had lived as the devoted wife of Brother H. A. Kenison, and had loved the third angel's message for twenty-eight years. Sister Kenison was one of our pioneer church school teachers, and wise in winning souls to the truth. Words of comfort were spoken at the funeral gathering by Elder A. S. Marchus.

ALLEN.—Louis Ray Allen was born May 5, 1849, in Pike County, Indiana. On April 28, 1867, he was married to Balzora Cottingham. During 1898 Brother Allen was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 1901 he came to California, and was a resident of Napa Valley till his death, which came suddenly March 31, 1916. He had worked hard all day. After supper he went out to feed the horses, and on the way back to the house fell dead. Brother Allen was known to all as a faithful follower of the Master. There survive him a wife, four sons, three daughters and fourteen grandchildren.

We ask the reader's prayer in behalf of Sister Allen, who is very feeble and feels keenly the loss of a kind and loving companion. S. T. HARE.

LYMAN.—Llewellyn Lyman, aged 5 years and 20 days, died April 14 at San Pasqual Valley. The parents, Edson and Jessie Lyman, recently came from San Jose, and they have the sincere sympathies of all about them in the sudden and unexpected loss of their dear little boy. He was indeed a sweet, earnest child. He loved to commit and recite the memory verses in Sabbath school. He was faithful in his childish devotions and gave evidence of love for the Saviour. He was laid away in the little graveyard in the valley just as the setting sun ushered in the Sabbath. As the mourners left the grave, the wild song birds filled the air with their melody as they poured forth their evening carols. The parents feel that they have left their dear child in the Mas-

ter's care until He shall send His angels to gather His people to meet Him in the air, at His soon coming. Services were held Sabbath forenoon by the writer. R. S. OWEN.

ISRAEL.—Miss Lizzie Redford was born in Baring County, Kentucky, November 10, 1836. From there the family moved to Warsaw, Mo., where the father died during the Civil War. In 1864 they moved to Union, Union County, Ore. At this place she became acquainted with M. C. Israel, and they were married May 22, 1867. Here their two daughters, Jessie and Mary, were born.

In 1874 they went East to visit Mr. Israel's parents, the father being upon his death bed.

Mrs. Israel was converted when fifteen years of age, and united with the Missionary Baptist Church. While on the visit East, she with her husband heard and accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith, and at a camp-meeting held at South Lancaster, Mass., in August, 1875, they were baptized by Elder S. N. Haskell. The family returned to California, and united with the Laguna Street church in San Francisco in 1876.

In 1885 they were sent with the missionaries who went to Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania. In 1897 they returned to California. Their home was in Oakdale, where on the night of Tuesday, the 4th of April, she had a stroke of paralysis, and was found unconscious the following morning. She continued in this condition until her death Friday, the 7th, at 7 A.M.

She was well known and loved in the community, and a very large company of sympathizing friends gathered at the funeral, which was held Sunday, the 9th, at 2:30 P.M.

Elder M. C. Israel is well known among Seventh-day Adventists, being one of our aged ministers. While for a short season he lays his companion to rest, who for many years has faithfully joined him in his labors, his faith is grounded firm that she will be restored to him when the Saviour shall call His own. The Christian's hope shines the brightest when he is called to lay loved ones in the grave. "They shall come again from the land of the enemy." CLARENCE SANTEE.

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"God is our refuge and strength, a very pleasant help in trouble; therefore will not we fear."

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THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1916

L. M. Bowen, manager of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and College of Medical Evangelists, spent several days last week at St. Helena attending board and committee meetings.

Elder E. E. Andross went north the evening after last Sabbath to attend meetings of the St. Helena Sanitarium and Pacific Union Conference board at St. Helena the fore part of the week. He was accompanied by Dr. P. T. Magan.

The school and home buildings of the Lodi Academy are receiving a much-needed coat of paint. This is the first administration of this nature that they have undergone since the construction of the plant in 1908. The students are doing the work.

"Have you made that missionary garden yet? Don't forget that we can increase our mission funds by setting a hen and raising the chickens for that purpose. We might set aside some fruit trees and give the proceeds of the fruit to the Lord's work."

Elder K. M. Adams, who with his wife, Florence Kime-Adams, went from the Pacific Coast a few years ago to take charge of the Singapore Training School, writes that the institution is prospering. The enrolment is 77. The school has been recognized by the government. Nineteen of the students soon will enter the work, five have recently been baptized, and fourteen more will be ready soon.

The Missionary Volunteer Department has established a junior Standard of Attainment. A "Bible Doctrines" examination based on the second half of the McKibbin Bible Lessons No. 4 has been prepared. Church school teachers or junior leaders, or parents who have children desiring to take this

examination, should write to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. In September, examinations will be sent out in both "Bible Doctrines" and "Denominational History." Those who desire to pass in "Denominational History" should read "The Great Second Advent Movement."

Word comes through the *West Indian Messenger* that Brother Arthur F. Haines and family are to return from Jamaica to the States. He is said to be planning to locate in Mountain View. Brother and Sister Haines have been in the tropics nearly seven years. "He was first located in Colon," says the *Messenger*, "and served as foreman in the printing office. After the fire that burned down the plant, the business was removed to Cristobal, Brother Haines was chosen as manager of the Watchman Press, in the place of Brother F. H. Raley, greatly adding to the burdens he was already bearing. As foreman Brother Haines has labored untiringly for the advancement of the work."

Prof. A. W. Russell, of Fallon, Nev., writes: "I have some very interesting readers. One is a public school teacher, a university graduate who returned from the university with her belief in God entirely gone. She is now very interested, and has just finished reading Elder Loughborough's book, 'The Great Second Advent Movement,' and says it is the best book she ever read. A young man graduate from the University of Nevada was present at the meeting when I took up the subject of Daniel 11. It made a deep impression upon him, and he is to take further readings."

Brother J. F. Gaster, secretary for the Inter-Mountain Conference, writes of an experience in the canvassing
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Reading Racks

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The May *Life Boat* is the seventeenth annual special prisoners' number. The article on the Great American Curse, by the editor, will be valuable campaign literature against the cigarette. "Success Through Blasted Ambitions," by Dr. Magan, "The Most Fortunate Imprisonment in the World," "A Light in the Shadow," "Fire-swept Nashville," "Comforting Sad Hearts," "Experiences in Africa," and "The Flat Rock School," are a few titles of articles in this number. Profusely illustrated. Send 10 cents for a sample copy. Address *The Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill., or your tract society.

Conductor is Impressed

Alighting from his train a conductor was attracted by a pretty picture lying on the grown. Upon picking it up he found it to be a portion of a *Signs Magazine* cover. An interest was aroused at once, and he lost but little time in looking up our tract society in his city, where he arranged to get the magazine regularly. He and others will look at the June cover at least twice before laying it aside.

CAMP-MEETING DATES, 1916

Central California	- - -	May 25 to June 4
California	- - -	June 1 to 10
Northern California	- - -	June 6 to 18
Southern California	- - -	June 15 to 25
Northwestern California	- - -	July 20 to 30
Southeastern California	- - -	August 3 to 13
Arizona	- - -	October 12 to 22
Inter-Mountain	- - -	About October 1