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Annual Offering for Missions, December 9

"We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, 'My Lord delayeth His coming.' Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning." Testimonies, Volume 8, page 252.

Only a little time is left in which to give the third angel's message to the world. God has commissioned His servants to go out quickly and bring in to the wedding feast the spiritually decrepit, that He may heal them, and that His house may be full.

A quick work cannot be done without constantly increasing men and means. The Creator of myriad worlds is not poor. The wealth of the world is His. But He has made us His stewards. He might have given the angels the work of warning the world, but He desired to give His people a part in the most

important and blessed work ever entrusted to human beings—the work of saving souls.

In almost every heathen land of the whole world God has opened the doors wide before us. Our duty is to enter where His providence leads. Even the heathen themselves, who have heard a little in a round-about way concerning our work, are urging our brethren to send workers to their tribes. The world-field is white for the harvest, but the laborers are few, and the funds are inadequate.

The Pacific Union Conference, and the rest of our churches in North America, set their goal for missions this year at 20 cents a week per member, but on November 1 this union field, comprising the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Western Colorado, was \$26,218.86 short of its goal. In other words, instead of contributing an average of 20 cents a week per member, we had given only 14 cents and four mills per member. The Nevada Mission had raised about 18 cents and two mills; the California Conference, 18 cents and one mill; the Northwestern California Conference, 16 cents and nine mills; the South-eastern California Conference, 14 cents and 5½ mills; the Southern California Conference, 13 cents and nine mills; the Central California Conference, 13 cents and nine mills; the Arizona Conference, 12 cents and six mills; the Inter-Mountain Conference, 10 cents and 9½ mills, and the Northern California Conference, 10 cents and nine mills.

If our people could but sense the great need of the fields beyond, they would, I am sure, give much more liberally. We should famil-

iarize ourselves with these needs, and endeavor to do our part in a financial way to meet them. At this time especially, just before our annual offering for missions, which will be taken in all our churches, Sabbath, December 9, we should seek the Lord earnestly that He may put in our hearts a willingness to sacrifice for His cause. In Christ, God poured out all heaven for us, and shall we consider the surrender of some luxury, or even of something we really need but could, with a little planning, do without, too great a sacrifice for Him.

Every financial budget of needs for the coming year, submitted to the recent session of the General Conference Committee by our workers in the foreign fields, was cut by these laborers to the smallest amount which would carry on the work without loss. But when we were, as a committee, compelled to go over these budgets, and saw that they called for an appropriation aggregating \$778,000, in order properly to carry forward our General Conference work for 1917, and thus provide in a modest way to answer some of the most urgent calls that are coming to our laborers on every hand; and then, when we were compelled to cut these down in almost every field, to the extent of more than \$98,000, even after we had taken about \$40,000 from the surplus of the Sustentation Fund, and appropriated it to the mission fund—when we had to make this heavy reduction in our appropriations, I say, we determined in our hearts that we would go back to our fields, and do our best to set this matter before our people in the strongest possible light, awakening them, if possible, to the necessity of provid-

ing in an adequate way for the progress of this message in all the dark lands of earth.

Marvelous strides are being made in China, and Korea, and especially in the Philippine Islands and other islands of the East Indies, and in South America. Elder W. W. Prescott, who had just returned from South America, told the members of the General Conference Committee of his thrilling experiences. It is recognized throughout South America that religious liberty in Peru was granted as a result of the work of Seventh-day Adventists. This was carried against the determined opposition of the Catholic church, and that in a Catholic country, but God wrought marvelously in behalf of our work.

Among the Inca Indians, in the Lake Titicaca region, the work is progressing much faster than our workers can follow it. Many native chiefs came to Elder F. H. Stahl and the members of the Mission Board who were visiting Peru, and with tears, each pleaded that we would send a missionary to his tribe to preach the gospel, offering not only to furnish us a site for a mission, but to put up the buildings, to furnish school buildings and a home for the missionary, and to provide all we might need in that line. Already more than 400 Indians have united with the church, and many hundreds of others have accepted the faith, at least in name, but have not yet been received into church fellowship.

Across the lake from our mission is located a missionary representing several denominations, who has been laboring among the Indians in that locality for seven consecutive years, and during all that time has never had one convert to Christianity. He had heard of Brother Stahl's work among the Indians, and sent word to our workers that he would like to accompany them when Brother Prescott visited the mission. They went by his station, and he accompanied them to our mission headquarters. He was greatly surprised to see what was being done, and became very deeply interested in the faith. The brethren hoped he would embrace the truth as a result of his visit, and what he had seen.

Elder Prescott brought back an urgent request for seven families to fill the most pressing of these new calls, but instead of being able to send seven families to the Inca Indians to answer the most urgent calls that it seems to me ever came from those sitting in darkness to God's people who have the light of life, we were only able to provide for the sending of four families, because of the shortage of our funds.

Elder Prescott told of a company of 70 persons, living in the interior of Brazil, who received some reading matter from some one who embraced the truth, and had all come out into the truth without ever having heard a minister preach this message. He told other similar experiences; in fact, it seems as if the apostolic days were back with us once more. At another time delegates from five different localities visited our workers, and with tears, plead with them that someone be sent to preach this message to them.

In the Philippine Islands more than 1500 believers have taken their stand, and lately as many as 175 have accepted the truth from one tent effort, and have been baptized.

Signs on every hand tell us the work will close in just a little while from this. Only a little longer will God spare the guilty inhabitants of this world. Already we see manifold evidences that the end is right upon us. "The most awful disasters are following one another in quick succession." The bloody war in Europe seems to-day no nearer its close than it did a year ago. It has involved about one thousand million human beings in the struggle. Millions are being slain. Recent reports say the daily death rate is 37,000. This is the average for every day since the war begun in 1914, and includes those who have perished as a direct result of the war itself. Besides this, millions of civilians have been killed. Apparently the very best of the human family, young men, intelligent, bright and strong, as well as the children and fathers and mothers, have been given to the cannon and the sword.

If God can permit so many millions to be destroyed as have been destroyed in this war since it be-

gan, can you tell me on what basis of reasoning He must intervene to stop this awful slaughter before the whole world is destroyed by it? If they can be destroyed why can not the rest of the world be destroyed? Are not they as good as the rest of the world? It seems so. Can it be possible that the whole earth is to be covered with the slain in just a little while from this?

"Everything," we are told, "is preparing for the great day of God. Time will last a little longer, until the inhabitants of the earth have filled up the cup of their iniquity, and then the wrath of God, which has so long slumbered, will awake, and this land of light will drink the cup of His unmingled wrath. The desolating power of God is upon the earth to rend and destroy. The inhabitants of the earth are appointed to the sword, to famine, and to pestilence." Testimonies, Volume 1, page 363.

Why, then, is not all the world involved? Because these lands where the war is raging have had a better opportunity of hearing this message than the poor Chinese have had, or than has been given the other dark heathen lands. But have not we, in the United States, had a better opportunity of hearing the message than Europe has had? Then why war there, and not here?

God, and not President Wilson, has kept this country out of the war. Doubtless God has used our President to help accomplish this, yet the glory should not be given to man. Peace, it seems to me, has been preserved in the United States for one reason, and one reason only—not because we are better than the people of other lands, but because this is the source of supply for our mission work all over the world. God has a care for His work in all the world, and He will not permit the resources to be cut off from the army of His workers that are now stationed in the various heathen lands. I believe that if we are faithful He will continue to hold the winds of strife here in this land until our work has been accomplished throughout the world, until the message has gone to the multitudes who, through their tears,

are earnestly pleading with God to send them help, who, though they do not know what they need, have honest hearts and desire to know the right way.

I never have had my heart more deeply stirred with what God is doing in the world and how He is waiting to co-operate with His human agents as soon as they will place their all upon the altar of consecration and be willing that the angels should separate them from every worldly thing.

I believe it to be the duty of God's people to place their children and their substance on the altar of consecration, to give of their means more freely than they have ever done before to help finish this work in the shortest possible time, and thus to prepare a people to stand in the hour of trial and before the Son of God as He comes in His glory.

Shall we not, then, make our annual offering a most liberal one, that we may bring our field up to its quota of mission offerings, and more important still, hasten the giving of the message and the coming of our blessed Lord?

E. E. Andross.

An Exclusive Periodical

A Missionary Volunteer leader had worked hard to make her society a success. She studied the needs of the young people, and tried to have such programs as would meet those needs. She worked out Bible studies in the small hours of the night; and had still others in mind.

One day a copy of the "Church Officers' Gazette" fell into her hands, and "in it," she said, "I found the very thing I was planning for, and in much better shape than I could possibly have prepared it. And then there were so many other things, such a richness of materials and suggestions, that it has lifted a great burden from my mind."

But this leader did not go to the other extreme and make the "Gazette" an excuse for doing nothing. She understood very well that the best tool is of little value unless it is used wisely. She knew that such an excellent array of facts, illustrations, and suggestions must be as-

simulated by the individual before they can be properly presented; that much study and prayer are necessary to success.

Is your church making use of the "Gazette?" Is the General Conference Committee mistaken in thinking that such a paper should be published even though it does not meet expenses? Ministers, church elders missionary secretaries and Missionary Volunteer officers answer, "No it is just what we need."

This is our one exclusive periodical. It is not meant for general circulation, but is for the classes mentioned above. It is published for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of our local church work. The elder, missionary secretary, and Missionary Volunteer leader and secretary should by all means have it.

It is perfectly proper to pay for the subscriptions out of the church expense fund, although many officers prefer to subscribe for themselves. It is 50 cents a year, or 35 cents when two or more copies are sent to one address. Order from your tract society.

M. E. Kern.

Notice to Sabbath School Workers

All who have satisfactorily completed the study of any part or all of the studies of the present series of the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course, are entitled to a certificate. Only three requirements are necessary:

1. Send your name and address to your Conference Sabbath School Secretary.

2. State whether or not you have completed the three studies included in the Course. If you have not taken all the studies, name those which you have taken. The three studies are as follows:

"The Seven Laws of Teaching."

"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work."

Training Course Articles in the "Sabbath School Worker."

3. Write a short paragraph setting forth the points on each study which have been of greatest help to you.

The certificate is issued in Washington, and the above information must be sent to the General Conference Sabbath school secretary that the certificate may properly be made out.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.

St. Helena Sanitarium

Our patronage, except for a short time just before and just after election, has kept up remarkably well. And a fine class of patients has fallen to our lot.

A new cement walk on the fourth floor, connecting the lobby with the chapel and the small cottages near by, is an improvement that will be much appreciated by both patients and workers at the sanitarium.

Dr. N. H. Chamberlain and wife of Oakland, are here for rest and treatment. Dr. Chamberlain is one of the most popular and successful physicians on the coast, and his name is a household word in many homes.

Dr. Elsie B. Merritt, who has been away for some time on a much-needed vacation, has returned with her mother and taken up her accustomed duties. We are glad to see her back and so are the students.

Sister E. E. Andross has been with us several weeks, and is making good progress healthwise. We hope and pray that this may continue as long as she remains with us, and that the highest expectations on her behalf may be realized.

We very much regret that Dr. G. E. Klinger, our medical superintendent, has decided to enter private practice. He will be greatly missed at the sanitarium. Our hope and prayer are that he may abundantly prosper and be a worker for God wherever he may locate.

We have had ample time to test out our new treatment rooms, and they surpass, if possible, our highest expectation of them. They undoubtedly contributed much to our enhanced patronage. The efficiency of the medical staff is certainly increased by them and the other facilities included in the new building.

At its recent meeting the Sanitarium board decided to open a branch dispensary and treatment rooms somewhere in the Oriental field, to be maintained financially by the sanitarium and manned by its graduates. This will do more to stimulate interest in the foreign field than any thing else that might be done.

Mrs. D. W. Learned and daughter, Mrs. Grace Curtiss, of Kyioto, Japan, have been with us for some weeks, and expect to spend the winter here. Their husbands are members of the faculty of the Doshisha University of Japan, a Protestant missionary college, that is quite famous in missionary annals. We appreciate very much their presence with us as we do all workers from the foreign fields.

Our new post office is a decided improvement in our facilities. It is a credit to the government and to the sanitarium. Built on to the end of the store next to the engine room, it is 15 by 24 feet, and has every appointment required by the United States Government. Finished in dark oak in front and grained redwood within, it presents a pretty appearance. The new combination lock boxes are very convenient.

An entirely new system, known as the "light" system of telephones, has been installed in the sanitarium and on the entire hillside, doing away with the two systems heretofore in use. Every phone is a long-distance phone, and much greater promptness is secured by having an attendant at the desk all the time. A new booth has been built into the alcove at the end of the call boys' bench, dispensing with the booth that cumbered the place before.

October 26 the sanitarium gave a banquet to the business and professional men and their ladies of St. Helena. About 50 persons were present from the town, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. F. B. Mackinder, editor and proprietor of the St. Helena "Star," was toastmaster, and many happy speeches were made and applauded. The menu was much enjoyed, and all

went home with pleasant remembrances of the sanitarium.

A Thanksgiving dinner was given to the helpers, who usually dine in the restaurant, to which the members of the faculty and their families were invited. It was given in the helpers' dining room, in which three long tables were spread with appetizing viands appropriate to the occasion. After-dinner speeches were made by the manager, medical superintendent, and others. A spirit of cordial good fellowship prevailed, and all seemed to heartily enjoy the occasion.

The change in the post office necessitated an alteration in the arrangement of the store. The grocery department has been placed on the end opposite the new post office, and the dry goods have been brought over next to the big door that connects the store and the post office. The manager's desk is inside the post office, but so placed that he can see the entire length of the store. The post office can be shut off entirely by closing the sliding door, which is about six feet wide.

We were highly favored in having our dear brother, Elder J. N. Loughborough, with us this winter. He has a bright, sunny room on the fifth floor. It is well warmed, so that he is perfectly comfortable. Am glad to say that his health is very good. He is gaining in weight from week to week. His stories of the early days of the work, especially in this state, and the difficulties that were met and overcome, and the manner in which this was done, are exceedingly interesting.

Brother Fred Payne, who was with us so long in different capacities, but latterly as superintendent of the call boy service, has left us. Brother Allen Moon took his place for a time, but owing to changes in the business office he was required there, and Brother R. R. Cook, from the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, has been appointed to his place. Brother Cook was formerly in the Boulder City Sanitarium before coming to the coast. Sister Cook plays for parlor worship and gymnasium, and is very

much appreciated. We rejoice to have these two consecrated workers with us. May their stay be long!

R. W. Munson.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

E. A. Curtis, Pres.

J. F. Gaster, Sec.

Salt Lake City and Ogden

On the evenings of November 14 and 15 it was my privilege to meet with the church in Salt Lake City. The services were well attended, and the time was given largely to the consideration of the interests of our Missionary Volunteer and home missionary departments. Our people here seem to be anxious to do all they can to give the message to others in the city, and are glad to cooperate with Elder M. A. Hollister, who is in charge of the work.

Wednesday morning I visited the church school. There are 17 pupils in attendance, and the work is moving on very nicely. While there the children were organized into a junior Missionary Volunteer society. They seem to be earnest and anxious to learn to work for the Lord.

Friday and Sabbath were spent with the Ogden church. A number of our people were visited in their homes and two public services held in the church. Elder H. G. Gjording is located here, and is faithfully shepherding the flock as well as reaching out into new fields with the message.

W. M. Andress.

Cisco, Greenriver and Provo

Wednesday, November 8, I started west from Grand Junction, visiting some of our church companies in Utah.

The first stop was at Cisco, a little village in the middle of the desert, about 225 miles east of Salt Lake City. There are only a few believers at this place, but those who are in the faith seem to be earnest and zealous. A day was profitably spent visiting in the homes of the believers and studying further with them the precious message that draws us from the world and makes of us a peculiar people. A night meeting was held, and well attended. Sev-

eral here are preparing for baptism. Due to the fact that Cisco is located in the midst of a broad desert region, it will be necessary for the candidates to travel many miles in order to find water sufficient for this purpose.

The Greenriver church is one of the youngest in the conference, but the members seem to be of good courage and determined to do their best in keeping up in all lines of the work. It was a pleasure to meet with them over the Sabbath. A meeting was called for Friday evening, which was well attended. The services of the Sabbath were also well attended, and the Lord drew near in blessing His people. The evening service was devoted to the interests of our Missionary Volunteers, who took an active part as opportunity was afforded.

Upon reaching Provo, I was met at the train by Brother A. E. Provonsha, and taken to his home for entertainment, where a meeting of the believers had been arranged for that evening.

Some of our people of this pace have moved away, and others have died, until the church is not as large as formerly. Those who remain, however, seem to be determined to press on in the work, and do all they can to win others to the truth.

W. M. Andress.

BOOK WORK

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
Week Ending November 10				
Inter-Mountain				
"U. S. in Prophecy"				
J. L. Humbert	22	2	\$15.50	\$20.50
"Bible Readings"				
F. H. Jenks	22	6		19.00
Home Workers'				
Miscellaneous				16.25
2 Agents	44	8	\$15.50	\$55.75
Week Ending November 17				
"U. S. in Prophecy"				
J. L. Humbert	42	17	\$18.20	\$56.20
"Bible Readings"				
F. H. Jenks*	12	4		14.00
G. W. Hewitt	24	5	5.25	22.25
"Easy Steps"				
J. L. Sauder §	2	21.75		9.75
Home Workers'				
Miscellaneous				7.75
4 Agents	78	28	\$52.95	\$102.20
Deliveries: *\$112.50; § \$74.50.				

Southern California				
"Bible Readings"				
W. B. Dannells	31	12	\$ 2.00	\$46.00
F. W. Ross	35	17	8.50	39.50
"Great Controversy"				
Raymond Gunn	26	5	.65	17.15
"Practical Guide"				
Ottie W. Smith	13	3		13.75
4 Agents	105	37	\$11.10	\$116.40

Week Ending November 24				
Central California				
"Practical Guide"				
F. O. Jensen*	21	9	\$5.75	\$47.25
"Bible Readings"				
B. T. Meyers †	23		4.75	75.75
"Controversy"				
J. W. Beardslee §	13	1	1.25	4.25
3 Agents	34	33	\$11.75	\$127.25
Deliveries: *\$124.25; †\$20.50; §.50.				

Inter-Mountain				
"U. S. in Prophecy"				
J. L. Humbert	42	8	\$13.75	\$ 31.75
"Bible Readings"				
F. H. Jenks*	19	5	21.25	17.25
G. H. Hewitt	33	15	8.25	63.25
D. T. Snideman	50	8	6.30	32.30
J. L. Sauder §	3			10.00
Miscellaneous				25.35
5 Agents	144	39	\$49.55	\$179.90
Deliveries: *\$17.75; §\$6.00.				

Northern California				
"Great Controversy"				
F. M. Butterfield	21½	5	\$ 3.40	\$19.40
"Bible Readings"				
L. A. Reynolds	35	9	7.90	35.90
"Daniel and Revelation"				
James Sims	30		5.75	20.25
3 Agents	86½	14	\$17.05	\$75.55

Southeastern California				
"Bible Readings"				
Stanley Porter	2			\$ 6.00
"El Rey"				
W. F. Mayers	11			16.50
"Past, Present and Future"				
C. O. Carpenter	4			6.00
Miscellaneous				
B. E. Tefft				7.50
4 Agents	17			\$36.00

Southern California				
"Great Controversy"				
Raymond Gunn	23	9		\$ 27.00
"Practical Guide"				
Ottie W. Smith	19	3	\$1.25	13.75
"Bible Readings"				
F. W. Ross	38	24	5.75	68.50
W. B. Dannells	31	16		66.50
Miscellaneous				
F. W. Mathisen	16	7		39.45
5 Agents	127	59	\$7.00	\$215.20
Totals, 618½ 235 164.90 908.25				
Deliveries, \$356.00.				

Our Colporteurs Gospel Workers

Our colporteur work has become so well established among us, that no right-minded Seventh-day Adventist questions its utility as a divine agency for reaching the millions of earth's inhabitants with the message.

Much instruction has come to us through the servant of the Lord concerning this work,—who should engage in it, and how it should be conducted. It is said that rightly conducted "it is missionary work of the highest order," and that "it is ordained of God as a means of reaching many that otherwise would never be impressed with the truth." It is therefore to be conducted "from a missionary standpoint," and never as a commercial enterprise. It is an evangelizing agency, and none should have a part in it whose hands are defiled with sin and whose hearts are not right with God, but only those who have a deep love for souls, and are willing to engage in a self-sacrificing work in order to reach them.

To such as enter the work with the right motive, heavenly angels, though unseen by mortal eye, become their helpers and companions. The work is of heavenly origin, and consequently the heavenly intelligencies are intensely interested in its success.

We cannot explain the marvelous growth and prosperity of this department of our work on any other basis than that it is God's work. Many are the souls rejoicing in the light of present truth through the effort of the godly colporteur, and though he may not have the joy of meeting them personally and seeing the fruit of his labor in this life, he will, if faithful, ultimately enter into the fulness of that joy in the kingdom of God.

In the "Review and Herald" of November 5, 1914, Sister White penned these significant words: "The success attending the efforts of ministers in the field is due in a great degree to the influence of the reading matter which has enlightened the minds of the people and removed prejudice." This is in harmony with the words of the Saviour in John 4:36-38: "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that

soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors."

Thus the minister and the colporteur are co-partners in the work with God, who after all must give the increase, and when the work is finished will rejoice together.

W. W. Eastman.

Gleanings from Colporteurs' Letters

Brother Ross, writing for himself and Brother Dannells, says: "— some one took the trouble to tell the town of our arrival and mission, so we were advertised all over town, and met at the door with a smile and the information that they knew all about our business. Nevertheless we did well. Three bought the book purposely to study the Sabbath question." Their combined reports show \$86.50 worth of orders for the week, and they were working in sparsely settled territory.

It Does Not Pay to Pass By Large Houses

Miss Smith writes: "I had been working on Fair Oaks Avenue and inquired the name of the family living in a large house in the neighborhood. They were not at home at that time, but later I called, although greatly fearing that the visit would be useless, as I expected a maid would answer the door bell. However, as I stepped on the porch the lady of the house was in the hallway and stepped to the door. She did not invite me in, so I gave a canvass on the veranda, and was made happy by receiving an order in the full leather binding with a \$2.00 deposit."

Be Tactful

"I met a Christian Science lady the other day, and she invited me in. A copy of 'Science and Health' on the library table was a warning to present the canvass in a different manner than usual. The lady really was interested in the book and believe would have ordered it, except for financial reasons."

Brother Gunn also has begun work with "Great Controversy." He is meeting with success, and having some interesting experiences. Let us remember these faithful workers at the throne of grace, and pray the Lord of the harvest to send more such into the field.

C. C. Morlan.

MISSIONARY

Home Missionary Meetings

When and Why Should They Be Held

A missionary meeting is necessary to the life of every church. Prayer has been likened to breath, Bible study to food, and missionary work to exercise. Without exercise it is impossible to maintain health and strength. An individual who never exercises becomes feeble and useless. Just so with a Christian who does not labor for the Master. His Christian experience becomes dark, and he withers up. It is therefore necessary to have a missionary meeting to keep the church members active and healthy.

The Purpose of Missionary Meeting

The missionary meeting is held to accomplish several things—to pray for the work, the workers, and the interested people; to report what has been done; to plan for further work; to give instruction in simple plans of work; to attend to the necessary business connected with the work. "Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary work." "An Appeal to Home Missionary Work."

How Often Should It Be Held?

Once a week is none too often to make it effective. It should be held some evening about the middle of the week where it is possible to get the members out during the week. In localities where they are so scattered that it is difficult for them to get together at any time other than the Sabbath, it is well to devote some time on that day to a missionary meeting. Some churches start the Sabbath school earlier, and have half

an hour for the missionary meeting between the Sabbath school and church service. Others devote one half to one hour after the church service to it. Still others have a missionary meeting on Sabbath afternoon, and some devote a part of the Sabbath service each week to it.

In some cases where it is difficult to get members out to both prayer and missionary meetings during the week, both are held on one evening, each taking three quarters of an hour. In some cases the missionary meeting is held one week, and the prayer meeting the other.

How to Increase the Attendance.

The entire church, young and old, should attend the missionary meeting, just as far as possible. In many cases the attendance at first is small, but by persevering efforts it can be increased.

A good announcement of the missionary meeting should be made each Sabbath. This should be worded differently from week to week, so as to attract attention. An announcement should also be written on the blackboard, and placed in different conspicuous places, sometimes where it will be seen by everyone on entering the church, and sometimes near the rostrum, where it will be seen by all during the service. Sometimes such an announcement as this might be made:

Missionary Meeting. Tuesday Evening Next, 7:30. Subject, "Experiences in Soul-saving."

Church membership150
Attendance at last missionary meeting 70

Absent 80
Were you one of them?

Ingenuity should be used continually to direct the attention of the people to the missionary meeting, and to their duty to attend and support it. If this is done, and the meetings made interesting, the attendance will increase.

How to Make Missionary Meetings Interesting. The Lord Himself, through the spirit of prophecy, tells how to make missionary meetings interesting. "Let them (the young) have a part to act, and from week to week let them bring in their reports,

telling what they have experienced, and, through the grace of Christ, what success has been theirs. If the missionary meeting were a meeting where such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, it would not be dull, tedious and uninteresting. It would be full of intense interest, and there would be no lack of attendance."

That which will make the missionary meeting interesting will be **work- ing members who bring in good, live reports.**

Bishop Hall, being asked what would resurrect a dead church, replied, "Give it a missionary leader." If there are any dead churches among us, or any feeble ones on the road to death, let us find a missionary leader for them, start a good missionary meeting, and set the members to work.

Missionary Dept.

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in training for the medical work, and a few are teaching in the home land. But in 1914 the list has grown to 22; and yet only one college graduate, and no one from the ministerial course. The list of academic graduates is a good one,—material for college students and future graduates ready for work.

Then 1915 came, and the line which filed into the chapel from the rear was a long one,—a round 50, just one less than the entire number of the previous four years. Thirteen persons received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The other courses offered were well represented.

"Sixteeners" were a class about equal in number (49), and also representing the various courses, to the class of 1915. Seventeen were from the college course, including two from the medical school at Loma Linda; four from the ministerial, and six ready for church school work.

Up to date there are 55 applications for the class of 1917, distributed as follows: College, 13; normal, 8; pre-medical, 9; ministerial, 2; business courses, 2; music courses, 3; and 18 from the academic course. Many now completing the 14- and 16-grade courses took much or all of the academic work here,—a good

sign of solid growth and development along the right line.

The faculty realize to some extent the responsibility resting upon them in guiding and instructing this large number of young men and women under their care. Pray for us and the student body of the college, which is the property of, and whose interests and success are bound up with, the Seventh-day Adventists of the Pacific Union Conference.

A. Earl Hall.

The Wireless Station of the Lodi Academy

No modern invention causes such a sense of wonder and mystery as transmission of wireless messages. Mysterious as wireless may seem, yet in reality it is a very simple matter, easy of explanation, and so readily understood and mastered that mere boys can build and equip serviceable wireless stations, and send and receive messages. This has been done at the Lodi Academy.

Wireless is yet in its infancy, and every one associated with it realizes much is yet to be done.

A class in wireless has been organized, and the instructor explains and teaches the principles, operation and construction of wireless transmission in the simplest and clearest way. Our sending set is in operation, and the receiving set will be complete soon.

One of the students of Lodi Academy has installed a wireless set of about the same size and power as the one here. The students of the class will have the opportunity of communicating with this station, which will be very helpful to them in connection with their class work.

The object of this study is to show the young men what to do and how to do it in wireless telegraphy, telephony, and power transmission, and to point out what has been accomplished in the past as well as what still remains to be done.

Any one wishing to visit the wireless station of the academy is cordially invited to do so.

W. T. Hammond.

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It is not what a man gets but what a man is, that he should think of. He should first think of his character and then of his condition. He that has character need have no fear of his condition. Character will draw condition after it.

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Our Gift to God

Long and cruel has been the reign of sin. Terrible have been the results that have followed in its wake. One after another of the human family has gone down in death until this world has become one vast burying-ground. Men, with all their scientific skill and ingenuity, stand powerless before the hand of death. We would all have faced a condition of despair were it not for the gift of God to us. He gave His only begotten Son that we may be redeemed from death and ransomed from the grave. Without this gift we would have had no hope beyond the tomb, and all would have been lost.

What value, then, can we place upon God's gift to us? Nay, let me ask, In the hour of death, what would you give could your loved one be restored to you once more? How much would you be willing to sacrifice to have those lips, sealed by death, unloosed so that they could speak to you again?

What, then, should be the measure of our gift to God? Should we not first give ourselves, and then lay all upon the altar to be used by Him as His providence may indicate? Would this be too much? Can we afford to let the week of prayer pass without doing this? This season of prayer brings us to another annual opportunity for reconsecration and giving an offering to Him in return for His matchless gift to us. Shall we do it?
N. P. Neilsen.

Each word we speak, whether light with folly or heavy with wisdom, has weight sufficient to turn the balance of our lives for or against God.

Improved

You will hardly recognize the "Signs Magazine" when you see the January number. From now on, its size and shape will be the same as the Harvest Ingathering special. This is the size so many magazines have adopted and that has become justly popular with the reading public. Here are some improvements that will be observed: Larger, brighter, better illustrated pages; one size smaller, easily-read type; improved headings; more carefully prepared articles, shorn of every non-essential.

Have You

Ever been at your wits' end to know how to give a quarterly review that is different from the last one you gave, and the one before that, and the one before that? Have you felt the interest in the reviews waning? Have you noticed the older members as well as the children getting restless before you were half through? Have you felt that the whole school would appreciate something new and out of the ordinary? Have you wondered how you could have a pleasant and profitable surprise for the next time? If you have, you are the one that will appreciate the December number of the "Sabbath School Worker," for it gives a review that is different from anything we have ever had. It touches every division in the school.

"Review" Week

Every reader of this periodical will be interested to know what is meant by the above title. We hope December 16-23 will be a memorable date in the minds of thousands of advent believers. Why?—Because on this date their subscription will begin for our church paper, the good old "Review."

We are not satisfied with our present subscription list. We desire that every Sabbath-keeping family shall enjoy the rich, spiritual repast provided in the columns of the "Review and Herald." We have received hundreds of letters from "Review" readers who without exception declare they could not get along without

this faithful minister, this pastor of the flock. We fully endorse this statement, and agree that one must be a subscriber to the denominational voice in order to keep pace with the message.

We are hoping that every "Review" reader will do something to increase the subscription list. Ten thousand more than are now taking it should do so. Are you one of this number? If you are a subscriber, will you not put forth an earnest effort to secure a new subscription to the present list? We are counting on you. Old price till January 1.

F. W. Paap.

EDUCATIONAL

The Graduating Classes of Pacific Union College

The value of an educational institution is not to be judged wholly by its buildings, appliances or apparatus; by the number of, or the degrees held by, its teaching force; by the number or brilliancy of the student body; or by the size of the graduating classes.

President Butler, of Columbia University, has said that such an institution is to be judged by the productive ability of its teachers and students. Quality not quantity is the rule here as well as elsewhere. And yet if a school did not increase in attendance, or in the size of its graduating classes, it could be said that something must be wrong.

Pacific Union College may well be proud of those who have completed courses, including those who compose the seventh class,—the class of 1917.

The first class (1911) consisted of four members. One is now in China, another has since taken the college degree, and the third is a college senior. In 1912 the number had increased to ten, one completing the college course. Of the six who have since taken college work, five received their degrees from this school.

Turning to 1913, we find that 15 received diplomas from the school. Some are in the mission field; some

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