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Sunday Law Agitation in California

The Barbers' Union in San Francisco and the Retail Grocers' Association in Southern California are doing all in their power to enlist support for one or more Sunday bills, which they propose to present to the California legislature when it convenes in Sacramento January 8. The barbers have succeeded in securing the editorial support of one or more large metropolitan newspapers, while the grocers are pushing their campaign through their official paper, published in Los Angeles. The barbers held a meeting in Carpenters' Hall, San Francisco, on the evening of November 29, to lay secret plans for their campaign. They are making a strenuous effort to obtain the help of all the other labor unions. In this connection it should be remembered that the butchers', barbers', and grocery clerks' unions were unitedly in favor of a Sunday law when the 1913 legislature was in session in Sacramento, and did their utmost to push it through. The California State Grocers' Association in-

roduced a Sunday bill at that session, through its secretary, but it was not passed.

A new situation in the Sunday campaign seems to be developing, in that the liquor interests appear to be swinging into line behind the advocates of religious laws. It is reported that the liquor dealers of Sacramento have voluntarily agreed to close saloons on Sundays and at midnight on other days of the week, in order to prevent the "drys" in that county from promulgating a local option law, which would close the saloons entirely. In view of a vigorous campaign for regulation of the saloons, which has been carried on through a large San Francisco daily paper, for the purpose of preventing prohibition, and the fact that saloons in other towns are beginning to close on Sunday, it now looks as though the saloons will this year favor Sunday closing laws, and perhaps unite with the so-called "reformers" to bring them about.

The National Reform Association has its representative in the person of James S. McGaw in Southern California, and we know that the chief aim of this organization is to bring about strict Sunday observance by law. Although no Sunday bill appeared on the ballot in California this year, we must expect that the question will come before the legislature soon.

In Arizona a movement is on foot to introduce religion into the public schools, the Arizona Teachers' Association having drafted a bill for that state embodying this question. This bill will be presented to the Arizona Legislature at its session opening January 8, with a recommendation by the teachers, that it be passed. The proposed law will also provide,

it is said, that all educational matters in that state be placed under the control of a board consisting of seven members, appointed by the Governor for a term of seven years, one to be appointed each year, and no more than four to belong to one political party. This board will have power to grant teachers' certificates. The bill also provides for county educational boards. If religion is to be taught in the public schools of Arizona, it would rest with this board to say what instruction should be given.

Dr. McGaw is also agitating in Southern California in favor of religion in the public schools. Thus an effort is being made to bring the church and the state together.

As a people we know that the exaltation of Sunday by civil law is a sign of the end. In the Testimonies, Volume 7, page 141, we read that "the substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity and the earth will disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

"The great conflict that Satan created in the heavenly courts is soon, very soon, to be forever decided. Soon all the inhabitants of the earth will have taken sides, either for or against the government of heaven. Now, as never before, Satan is exercising his deceiving power to mislead and to destroy every unguarded soul. We are called upon to arouse the people to prepare for

the great issues before them. We must give warning to those who are standing on the very brink of ruin. God's people are to put forth every power in combatting Satan's falsehoods and pulling down his strongholds. To every human being in the wide world who will give heed, we are to make plain the principles at stake in the great controversy,—principles upon which hangs the eternal destiny of the soul. To the people far and near we are to bring home the question, 'Are you following the great apostate in disobedience to God's law, or are you following the Son of God, who declared, "I have kept My Father's commandments."?'"

F. A. Coffin.

Order at the Lord's Table

In modern times it is generally true that the teaching in I Cor. 11:33 is heeded—to "tarry one for another." Yet some still overlook the plain admonition, and each one partakes of the emblems as soon as he has been served. This practice, however, is not common, and it is hoped it will soon disappear entirely.

Another custom more serious and much more common we desire to consider—more serious because it exists in the practice of officers who should be "ensamples to the flock." The apostle admonishes us: "By love serve one another." In this service no one should serve himself, and a deacon should not assist in breaking the bread, nor should he take a receptacle from the table or place it upon the table when he returns from serving the congregation.

Let the officiating elder or elders hand the receptacles to the deacons. When they have served the congregation and returned to the table, the elders shall take the receptacles and set them on the table, and the deacons shall be seated. Then one of the elders shall serve the deacons and his brother elder, and be seated, and the other elder shall arise and serve him.

Thus these principles are heeded and all things are done decently and in order.

C. McReynolds.

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

We wish to call the attention of our people to the twenty-cent-a-week fund statement given herewith. This statement is just a little better than a month ago. Five conferences show an increase during the month of November. There is only one month now in which to finish raising our quota, and this can be done by

each one helping. As both the annual and the thirteenth Sabbath offerings for this quarter come in the month of December, we shall expect a sufficient amount to bring us out on the right side. Already one conference and some of our larger churches have raised an amount equal to their quota or more.

B. M. Emerson.

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund in Pacific Union Conference

To November 30, 1916, Compared with November 30, 1915

Conference	Amt. due	Amt. rec'd	Amt. short	Cents per Member	
				1916	1915
Nevada	\$ 1906.67	\$ 2158.01	*\$ 251.30	22.64	12.39
California	15444.00	13693.26	1750.74	17.73	13.34
Northwestern California	12021.54	10289.80	1731.74	17.11	15.98
Southern California	20620.60	15119.37	5501.23	14.66	13.25
Central California	12603.07	9000.33	3602.74	14.28	13.34
Southeastern California .	15682.34	11009.34	4673.00	14.04	13.89
Arizona	3155.54	1947.91	1207.63	12.34	14.64
Northern California	15415.40	8585.66	6829.74	11.13	8.55
Inter-Mountain	6177.60	3354.50	2823.10	10.86	9.81
Pacific Union Conf.	\$103026.76	\$75158.18	\$27868.58	14.59	13.58

*Amount over

A Strong Finish

We are right in the midst of our Harvest Ingathering campaign. Many wonderful things have happened since this campaign began. Rich and precious experiences have come to the workers. A taste of what all might enjoy has been relished by many, and this for the first time. We are watching with intense interest the progress of this united effort, and the prospects are encouraging. We are very solicitous that this work be continued till the close of the year—not, of course, at the expense of other lines; but should we not urge every believer to finish out their assigned territory, and thus give every family an opportunity to both read the special "Signs" and make an offering to the work of God? If thorough preparation has been made, and the work entered into on the part of all, their efficiency will increase from day to day, and bigger and better results will follow the finishing up of our individual territory—and reaching our goal.

This Harvest Ingathering campaign has served as a wonderful opportunity to train our people to do service for God, how to approach

the people in a kindly, winning way, and how to arouse their interest in divine things. We have fondly hoped that this united effort would arouse our people everywhere to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the work of giving the light of truth for this time to those in darkness.

"Throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. . . . This work can be accomplished only by the whole church acting their part under the guidance and in the power of Christ."—Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, pages 46 and 47.

Many are writing us that they plan to push on in this work and keep it going till the close of the year. They plan to follow up this Harvest Ingathering campaign effort with other literature. They are determined to eclipse all previous records. Others say: "We are behind for some reason;" "We did not get our supplies in time;" "For some reason they were not ordered when they should have been;" "We do not think we can reach last year's mark;" "But we shall try and learn some lessons that will help us out during 1917." We certainly would discount

the latter view. It is not too late for any church, conference, or union conference to make its goal. And if there has been any neglect in preparation, we would like to urge that the matter receive immediate attention. There are conditions in every field that form a basis of failure. In some places it will be one thing and in others something else. If we will ignore these "cant's" and embrace the "cans," "We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us." We are not to talk of what we cannot do. Looking to our heavenly allies, and with confidence in our great Leader, we are to put on the armor and go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God.

We want to secure your fullest co-operation in the plan of finishing this great effort, not closing it out. Many thousands of dollars can yet be gathered and the remaining homes in each respective territory supplied with a copy of the paper. We feel confident that it will pay to give this matter careful attention. A special effort should be made to get all the papers distributed. Let us invite God's blessing—because of our faithfulness and devotion to his cause.

Space forbids my saying anything in detail with reference to the follow-up work, but we are hoping that this will not be overlooked. Many souls should be won to Christ as a result of this united effort, and they surely will be if we do faithfully our part.

F. W. Paap.

The Church Needs You; You Need the Church

Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, but so much the more as you see the day approaching, is an admonition which applies especially to this time, when we are close to the end. While the world is rushing madly after pleasure, and while temptations are thickening on every hand, we need the spiritual strength to be obtained by association with those of like faith. A recent number of the "West Indian Messenger" reprints from the "Christian Advocate" 20 rules for the up-

building of the church as follows:

"1. Attend all services regularly. If possible, be on time. You need at least five minutes after coming in to find a seat, and to compose body and mind for the service.

"2. Never miss a service needlessly. If you have visitors, invite them to go with you; they will respect you more as a Christian if you are faithful to your duty.

"3. If it rains or snows, make a special effort to go. Our churches stand much in need of storm-proof religion.

"4. Take part in the service. You go to worship, not to be entertained.

"5. Be devout in every attitude; all whispering should be studiously avoided. Find the hymn, and sing it if you can; and share the book with your neighbor.

"6. Speak to strangers, and invite them to come again; a hearty handshake will add much weight to the invitation.

"7. Be friendly to all. Remember handshaking has not gone out of style. A hearty Christian greeting means much by way of cheer, comfort and encouragement.

"8. Accept gladly any work assigned you. If the pastor or some one else is struggling under a load, take hold and help. At least, do not increase the burden.

"9. Always show proper respect for others' opinions.

"10. Never encourage strife, but be a peacemaker. Peacemakers, you know, are called 'the children of God.'

"11. Avoid gossip as you would an enemy. It is one of Satan's best agents for starting church troubles.

"12. Give cheerfully, according to your ability. The Lord has dealt bountifully with you; hence you should be liberal to His cause.

"13. Take a church paper. Church members should keep posted on the affairs of their church.

"14. Think of services through the week, speak of them to others, and pray that they may be attended with divine blessings.

"15. Pray for the sick and the poor. Help the Lord to answer your prayers.

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FIELD TIDINGS

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.

Items of Interest

One person was recently baptized by Elder E. H. Adams at Fresno.

Our people at Hanford, Armona, Lemoore and Island enjoyed having Elder H. S. Shaw with them during the week of prayer.

The writer attended the Union Conference committee meeting at Pacific Union College this week. Many important matters were considered.

We received \$1,353.25 more on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the first eleven months this year than were received for the same period last year. While we are thankful for this increase, it will be necessary for us to put forth every possible effort in order to reach our goal at the end of the year. Let us do our very best.

N. P. Neilsen.

December 15.

The Week of Prayer

Most excellent meetings were enjoyed and rich blessings were experienced during this week of prayer. Nearly all of our churches were visited by some of our conference laborers and the Lord came very near as we sought Him together. So far as reports have come to us, the annual offerings this year were in excess of last year, and in some of our churches more than double. We thank the Lord for this.

The appointed week of prayer is now in the past, but this season of prayer should be only the beginning of a deeper experience in the things of God. We should continue to seek the Lord most earnestly for strength to do His will and win souls to Christ. Each week during the year to come should be a week of prayer. We should daily reconsecrate our lives to the service of God.

N. P. Neilsen.

Church School Items

The following teachers are on the Honor Roll as having taken the teachers' reading course for last year: Bertha Messick, Mae Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stone, Mrs. Lena Morris, Violenty Ryder. We hope to be able to add several more names to this list soon. This reading course is designed to make our teachers more efficient in their work. We would advise school boards to watch this list to see if their teacher's name appears.

Dinuba school has grown to an enrolment of 31, making it necessary to add another teacher and room. Miss Alpha Loper is assisting her sister in the work. We wish that several of our schools would have the same experience. This year we have an enrolment of 420 in the church schools of this conference. This is a gain of more than 100 over last year. May we not soon hope to see the day when every child of Seventh-day Adventist parents shall be in our own schools obtaining the Christian education God has said we should give them?

Island school is crowded to the limit. We found several single seats with two occupants. This school will need three rooms another year, and will become one of the strongest schools in the union. The Laguna school is unique in one respect at least—the pupils prefer staying in to study, rather than go out to play. After just a few minutes intermission, they lined up before the door ready to come in, while the teacher had no intention of calling school for some time. They beg to come in so they may get at their work. It certainly shows interest. All the schools are doing good work, and reports speak of the good interest in the week of prayer meetings.

Mrs. Alice Mann.

The Hawaiian Islands are said to have 87 heathen temples; and a population composed chiefly of Japanese, most of whom are Buddhists, besides thousands of Chinese and many Filipinos, Porto Ricans, Spaniards, Koreans, Negroes, Hawaiians and some Caucasians.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B. E. Beddoe, Pres. W. L. Mecum, Sec.

Pacific Union College

It was my privilege to spend last week at the Pacific Union College, where the union conference committee and the college board held their regular annual meetings. This year there are twenty students at the college from the Southern California Conference. Sixteen of these are taking work in the collegiate grades. Nearly every student is preparing to enter some branch of this work.

Though working under difficulties, the teachers are laboring faithfully, and seem to be accomplishing a good work for the students. Both the faculty and students have settled down for thorough work in the classroom and faithful service in industrial lines.

A good beginning has been made in the erection of the frame work for the main building. Crowded chapel and class rooms, and congested offices alike, emphasize the need of this new building. Thus far, a decided and determined effort has been made to erect this building without borrowing money. Let every member in this conference, who has the interest of our educational work at heart, pray that God will in some way supply the means to complete this much needed building.

B. E. Beddoe.

German Work in Los Angeles

It is reported that there are 40,000 German-speaking people in Los Angeles. For several years some effort has been made to reach these with the third angel's message. Elder G. A. Rauleder has spent considerable time in this city laboring for his countrymen.

At the present time we have two organized churches in Los Angeles. One—the Vernon German—holds its meetings in a hall at Central and Vernon avenues. The other—the Los Angeles German—meets in the conference hall, 417 West Fifth Street. The membership of the former is 12, while there are 14 members in the latter.

Although the membership is not large, a marked zeal characterizes

their activity in home missionary work. In this way the membership is increasing. Both of these churches have done a splendid work this year in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The Los Angeles church approaches the close of this year with a per capita of nearly 40 cents a week in their offerings to foreign missions. The Vernon German church will probably finish the year with an average well above the 20-cent standard.

Encouraged by what had been done, the conference committee took action last July inviting the Nebraska Conference to release Elder C. J. Kunkel for work in the Southern California Conference. In response to our call, Elder Kunkel arrived in Los Angeles the first of December to labor among the German people of this city. We now have two German ministers in the conference, and we believe the Lord will bless these men as they labor in this important work.

B. E. Beddoe.

Rally Day Program

The young people of Los Angeles and adjacent churches held a rally service at the Carr Street church on Sabbath afternoon of the last day of the week of prayer, and it proved to be a day long to be remembered. About 500 were in attendance.

After the congregation sang No. 349, introductory remarks were made by Prof. I. C. Colcord, secretary of the young people's department, on the latest word from Washington, D. C., with regard to the use of the "Gazette" in every society; developing strong, active Missionary Volunteers, and the Morning Watch Calendar for 1917. The morning watch text for December 9 was repeated by all. After singing No. 319, Elder J. O. Corliss led in a fervent prayer.

Then followed Elder W. H. Anderson's inspiring talk to the young people on experiences in starting the mission work in South Africa, and the kind of prepared young people wanted as missionaries on the dark continent. His word-picturing was so vivid that one almost felt as though he were on the very grounds making the cement floors to keep out the giant white ant; or driving

the oxen through the swollen streams; or shooting the gun to scare away the crocodiles before attempting to swim across one of those infested African rivers; or trying to learn one of the unwritten languages. His singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" in one of the native tongues lent much to the realism of the occasion.

A duet, "Lord I Come," was sung by Brethren Colcord and Lloyd. Brother C. C. Morlan, field missionary for the conference, gave an interesting report of the Harvest In-gathering campaign with over \$2200 raised on our goal of \$2800.

The Glendale male quartette rendered one of their selections, "The Wireless S. O. S.," which was fitting to the spirit of the meeting.

Elder B. E. Beddoe, after speaking words on the part our young people should take in the closing work, called for the offering which amounted to nearly \$60, and made the closing prayer in thanksgiving for the blessings of the hour. And thus closed a week of blessings, for all have felt much benefited by the readings, for sins confessed and forgiven, for the yielding to the Spirit's pleading for reconsecration of soul, mind and body to the finishing of the work.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres. J. C. McReynolds, Sec.

Loma Linda

Dr. T. J. Evans has been in attendance at the Pacific Union Conference Committee meeting at St. Helena during this week.

The students of the church school are enthusiastic in the sale of the vegetables from their little missionary garden. A nice sum has already been realized from their efforts. The pupils of Miss Olive Adams raised \$10.70 as their week of prayer offering. The enrolment of the entire school is about 90.

All enjoyed Elder W. H. Anderson's visit last Saturday evening and Sunday morning. He was accompanied by Dr. George Thomason, who brought him by auto from Los Angeles. His strong appeals were

well taken, and it is hoped that some have received an inspiration to prepare for the South African mission fields. His stirring remarks were frequently punctuated by the words, "And what doest thou here?"

Last Sunday while assisting in trimming trees on the sanitarium grounds, Brother Albert Anderson was struck by a falling limb which resulted in a double fracture of his leg and a deep scalp wound. He has been lying in the hospital in unconsciousness due to the resulting cerebral hemorrhage. At this writing he is very low. His wife and four grown children have our heartfelt sympathy in this sorrow.

Sister H. M. Walen, of Fountain Head, Tenn., spent two days here last week. She and her husband are doing a good work for the poor mountaineers of the South. She gave two excellent talks to the Loma Linda student body in their chapel periods. An offering of nearly \$33 was given her by students and faculty to use in equipping the little treatment rooms they have in their school. Our Sabbath school is preparing a shipment of clothing and other useful articles to send prepaid to Sister Walen.

The week of prayer was one of great blessing and uplift for this church. Elder W. F. Martin was with us the first few days, and Brother Ernest Lloyd's help and words of courage were appreciated. Last Sabbath was a good day for all. Elders G. B. Starr and F. M. Burg led out in the consecration service. The Spirit of God was present to soften hearts, and a spirit of loyalty to this world-wide message was strikingly manifest. The amount given by this church as their annual offering for foreign missions is \$636, according to the treasurer's report to date. At the close of the Sabbath service four of the church school pupils were baptized by Elder Burg.

W. A. Nary.

December 15.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.—Proverbs 3:9.

BOOK WORK

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
Week Ending December 1				
California				
"Bible Readings"				
L. M. Overholt	\$	15	6	\$ 24.75
J. E. Roberson		18		8.75
"Practical Guide"				
W. Nelson		18	7	32.50
"Steps to Christ"				
C. B. Secord				19.25
Home Workers'				
Bee Overholt				10.50
Mrs. Barbee		23		27.95
Mrs. W. Nelson				20.00
7 Agents		74	13	\$143.70
*Delivery \$30.00.				
Northwestern California				
"Bible Readings"				
M. A. Reese		39	16	\$6.00 \$60.50
"Practical Guide,"				
W. Lucas		11	4	15.00
Home Workers'				
Daisy Clough		24		19.50
3 Agents		50	44	\$6.00 \$94.50
Week Ending December 8				
Arizona				
"Bible Readings"				
I. T. Reynolds		26	7	\$32.50
California				
"Bible Readings"				
H. T. Emerson		24	6	\$6.00 \$ 26.00
Harold Drew		31	4	5.00 19.00
L. M. Overholt		28	6	27.00
Home Workers				
Mrs. F. Livingston				49.25
Mrs. Walgamott				73.25
Bibles				
J. E. Roberson		8		4.05
6 Agents		91	16	\$11.00 \$198.55
Central California				
"Practical Guide"				
F. O. Jensen		18	6	\$27.00
"Bible Readings"				
B. T. Meyers		3		\$4.75 14.75
"Great Controversy"				
J. W. Beardslee		4	1	.75 3.75
"Heralds"				
*W. E. Whitmore		22	5	10.50
4 Agents		44	15	\$5.50 \$56.00
*Delivery \$4.00.				
Northwestern California				
Home Workers				
Mrs. Bert Owens				\$2.00
Mrs. A. Carter				9.75

"Bible Readings"			
M. A. Reese*	42	5	\$5.65 \$22.25
3 Agents	42	5	\$5.65 \$34.00
* Delivery, \$61.00.			

Northern California

"Great Controversy"			
G. W. Winn	29	10	\$10.25 \$45.25
F. M. Butterfield	32	2	26.60 32.60
"Daniel and Revelation"			
James Sim	32	2	24.50 32.50
"Bible Readings"			
L. A. Reynolds	35	5	5.00 23.50
"Heralds"			
Mrs. Bessie Hibbard			40.50
5 Agents	128	19	\$66.35 \$174.35

Southern California

"Bible Readings"			
F. W. Ross	21	9	\$ 26.75
W. B. Dannells	24	7	.60 28.10
"Practical Guide"			
Ottie W. Smith*	19	3	11.50
"Heralds"			
Lee Nagel	16	7	16.50
"Great Controversy"			
Raymond Gunn	49	6	17.00
Home Workers			
Mrs. E. Wendard	13		11.10
Mrs. Moline	3		1.75
Mrs. J. H. Neely	5		5.00
Louis Odom	9		6.15
9 Agent	129	62	\$.60 \$123.85
*Delivery \$24.00; \$Two weeks.			

Totals, 558 174 95.10 824.95
Deliveries, \$119.00.

Inter-Mountain

Brother J. L. Humbert, who is working the scattered territory in northeastern Utah, is still meeting with good success. His letters are full of courage and good cheer. In his travels through this section of the country he has met several isolated Sabbath-keepers. Not having the privilege of meeting with those of like precious faith, they had become rather careless in their way of living. We hope that the admonition and good cheer brought to them by this faithful worker may be lasting. The Lord is also blessing him in meeting with those not of our faith who are hungering for the truth.

Brother F. H. Jenks is still pushing forward the work in San Pete County. The Lord is blessing his efforts. A short time ago he made a very good delivery in that section.

Brother Hewitt has joined him, and we feel that these two men, working together, will make a good team. May the Lord direct their paths is our prayer.

Brother D. T. Snideman, who is laboring near Grand Junction, sends in letters of good cheer and courage. He reports having met several who are hungering for the truth, and with some of these Bible readings will follow. Surely the Lord is preparing the way for the faithful colporteur to carry the last message to many who are hungering for it.

Brother A. R. Robinson has been sick with the rheumatism for the past seven or eight weeks, and has suffered much pain during that time. He is still confined to his bed, but is very anxious to recover and get out into the book work again. May the readers of the RECORDER remember him before the throne of grace, that the Lord may see fit to heal him, and that he may in full consecration render faithful service to the Lord.

I have heard that books can not be sold in Utah. Some think, too, that we can not successfully carry on our work on holidays, but for the encouragement of those who think thus I wish to relate my past week's experience, Thanksgiving being one of the days of this week. Having other work to take part of my time Monday and Tuesday, I did but little canvassing, securing two orders in the morocco binding. Wednesday I put in eight hours, received five orders; Thursday (Thanksgiving), eight hours, with six orders. Friday being preparation day I worked but four and one-half hours, gave eight exhibitions and received eight orders. The value for the day amounted to \$34.00. In all I put in 30 hours, gave 49 exhibitions, and received 21 orders at a value of \$91.00.

I hope that some who may read these lines will hear the "still small voice" calling them to take up the banner under Prince Emanuel and help press the battle to the very gates, and not from a financial standpoint but for the good that will come from placing our truth-filled books in the homes of the people.

J. L. Sauder.

Our Magazines

Why not sell them? I hear some one say, I can not. I could not sell anything. Listen: You could at least deliver them. Some are sold before you take them out. How? Well, the last one they had sold it; it created a desire for it. A lady told me a few days ago that she bought one every time the saleslady came, but that she had not called for a long time. I sold three there.

One of our colporteurs, while canvassing, met a lady who said: "I do not want the book, but am so glad you called, as I want the 'Life and Health' if you can get it for me." Her subscription for a year was given.

A gentleman, when I showed him the magazine, said, "Yes, I want it." He gave me a dollar.

Have you noticed the new "Signs Magazine"? It is a beauty in size, style, and contents. It contains less paper than the old one, but more and better articles. One sister is selling from 200 to 400 a month, and works only a few hours each week. Two small boys in San Diego are selling 300 copies a month. What can you do?

Send all orders to Southeastern California Tract Society, 309 Loring Bldg., Riverside, Cal.

H. A. Hebard.

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The January "Gazette"

With the January issue the "Church Officers' Gazette" begins its fourth year of publication. This plan of a special paper for ministers, church elders, missionary secretaries, and Missionary Volunteer officers has proved to be a great blessing to our work. The paper has become an indispensable tool in the hands of these church workers for the successful accomplishment of their work.

Aside from the regular Missionary Volunteer programs,—junior and senior,—in the January number, there are four articles which every Missionary Volunteer officer should read and study: "Senior Society Leaders," "Junior Society Leaders," "The 1917 Goal," "The Budget Plan."

Every church elder should not only take the "Gazette" himself, but should see that the Missionary Volunteer officers have it, for whatever pertains to the success of the young people also pertains to the success of the church.

Let subscriptions be sent in to your tract society at once, so as to begin the new year with the new plans and programs for 1917.

M. E. Kern.

Obituaries

Wells.—Ellen Francis Wells was born in Crawford County, Penn., December 22, 1833, and died at Richmond, Cal., December 1, 1916. She was united in marriage to Mr. Wells in 1848. To them were born nine children, seven boys and two girls.

Her husband died 29 years ago; four of the children have also passed away. Five remain to mourn their loss of a dear mother. She was converted when quite young, and joined the Presbyterian church. Eight

years ago she embraced the doctrine taught by Seventh-day Adventists, and remained faithful to the time of her death.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by E. C. Chapman.

Andrew Brorsen.

Thatcher.—Claude Seldon Thatcher was born in Canton, S. D., Aug. 28, 1883, and died at Glendale, Cal., Nov. 22, 1916. Funeral services were held in the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist church December 1, 1916, by the writer.

Brother Thatcher accepted the Adventist faith at the age of 11, and united with the church at Arroyo Grande, Cal. He was a member of the Healdsburg College class of 1902-3; also of the 1908 class of nurses at the St. Helena Sanitarium. He was married to Miss Bessie Edwards, a member of the same class one year after their graduation. His health failed three years ago while still actively and earnestly engaged in his chosen work of ministering to suffering humanity.

His struggle for life during the past three years—in the hope of re-entering the work he loved so well—was characterized by great fortitude, patience and love. He awaits the call of the Master at the resurrection of the just. God grant that all of the loved ones who survive him may be reunited in an unbroken and unbreakable family when the sleep of death shall be broken by the voice of the Archangel.

George A. Snyder.

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"16. Pray for the pastor. His usefulness will be greatly increased by the daily prayers of all the people.

"17. Pray for some unsaved soul in particular.

"18. Pray, pray, pray! Keep prayed up-to-date. No Christian should be back in his prayer accounts.

"19. It is a great deal braver to do something to better conditions than to stand around and criticize. If you mean to help along, don't get in front and block the way. Get behind and push. You will then

see how little you feel like finding fault with the burden bearers after you have shouldered your part of the load.

"20. In short, pray, praise, push and keep sweet!"

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The Morning Watch Calendar for 1917 will be ready very soon. Order now. Price, 5 cents; 6 cents, post-paid.

When does your "Review" expire? January 1 the price will be advanced to \$2.25 a year; \$1.25 for six months. All orders received by tract societies before January 1 will be entered at the old rate.

November 3 the American Bible societies gave notice of a raise in price of about 30 per cent. Some of our tract societies are selling at the former low price, however, while the present stock lasts. If a Bible is needed, better buy now.

Pneumonia, la grippe or just a common cold—whichever it is,—the January "Life and Health" tells how to treat it and how to avoid it. Five to 40 copies cost 5 cents each; 50 copies or more, 4 cents each. Ask your conference tract society.

"Captivity and Restoration of Israel" is the last book written by Sister E. G. White. It fills the gap between the closing chapters of "Patriarchs and Prophets" and the first chapters of "Desire of Ages." A limited edition has been printed on thin paper. The book contains 722 pages, is bound in limp red leather, and costs \$2.00 Your tract society has them.

The Southern California Conference is within about \$600 of its Harvest Ingathering goal, and within \$5501.23 of its foreign mission quota for 1916. Churches in that conference which have reached or exceeded the Ingathering quota are: Arroyo

Grande, Furlong, Gardena, Glendale, Los Angeles German, Rivera, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Sawtelle, and Vermont Avenue.

An attempt to close one of our church schools at Brantford, Ontario, by bringing a truancy charge against two parents whose children were attending our school, was made recently by the city authorities, probably because of religious prejudice. However, the Lord helped our brethren, and a decided victory was gained for the truth. Do we appreciate our church schools as we ought? All our children of grammar school age should be under the instruction of our consecrated teachers.

Friends of Elder and Sister Frank F. Oster, missionaries to Persia, will be sorry to learn that typhoid fever has been added to other troubles which have come to them. Sister Oster, who formerly was Miss Florence White, and who is a daughter of Elder W. B. White, has been suffering severely with this disease, but at the time Elder Oster wrote from Tabriz, on October 1, appeared to be recovering. Two Persian Sabbath-keepers have recently come to the states, being first fruits of the work in Tabriz.

A new subscription list is now open. It is called "Present Truth," January list. It closes January 1, 1917. This list is for all classes including relatives and friends and general missionary names. It will doubtless exceed the present September list of 30,000. To this January list will be sent a copy of the new "Present Truth" every two weeks throughout the year—twenty-four numbers in all, containing the same subjects, in the same order, as printed in the old "Review Extras." Subscription price is 25 cents for the year. Names for this list should be sent in before January 1.

Are you enjoying a commission from the sale of home workers' books? Many of our busy sisters are spending a few hours each day placing hundreds of our small books in the homes of neighbors and friends. A sister in Humboldt County sold

\$7.00 worth in a few hours. Sister Barbee sold \$11.30 worth in five hours one day in Oakland, collecting \$3.00 in advance payments. Our children's books are not filled with fairy tales. Our books are just what the people want for their children. A prospectus showing samples of all books, can be obtained from your tract society for 50 cents.

Dangers seen and unseen are constantly threatening the lives of our faithful foreign missionaries, but God is marvelously protecting them. Brethren A. G. Stewart and N. Wiles are making regular visits among the villages of the Big Nambus cannibals in the New Hebrides islands. On their last circuit they visited a new village, and learned later that just at that time the natives were busy preparing for a cannibal feast. They were unharmed, although Brother Stewart just escaped stepping on a poisoned spike which had been set as a trap for the bushmen. A native called out to warn him, but before he understood his foot had grazed the spike. How much our missionaries and workers need to be upheld by our prayers, and supported liberally by our means.

On Furlough

The arrival in San Francisco of the Steamship "China" Tuesday, December 12, brought to our shores Brother and Sister Frederick Lee and their two children of the Central China Mission, and Sister B. Miller and son Percy, from the East China Mission. After spending a few days in sunny California, Brother and Sister Lee go on to the home of Sister Lee's parents in Falmouth, Maine. Sister Miller and son continue their journey in a few days, also going to the state of Maine.

Our prayers and sympathies are with these good people, who have returned to the home land to rest and recuperate in health, preparatory to further service in the Lord's work.
H. B. Thomas.

An Ingathering Experience

Recently I wrote to a mining friend who is interested in our work. I sent him a paper and followed it up with a letter suggesting that he make another investment in the work. (He gave \$10 last year.) He replied at once, stating he had been prospered and enclosed \$25.00.

I. P. Dillon.