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Earth's New Year Cry

A Happy New Year!—Oft is heard
This cheering, helpful word;
But hearts about us, pained and sad,
Heed not the words so glad.

Sad hearts by war's dread hand laid
low

With double share of woe,
And little ones in want and cold
Cry out with pain untold.

Sad mothers, crushed upon the road,
Borne down with galling load;
Strong men and youths alike despair
Neath tasks they can not bear.

O sin, what havoc thou hast
wrought!

What bitter sorrow brought!
Earth's bleeding hosts the ages long
Have been a sad, sad throng.

But Hope has set a star on high,
And One has heard the cry;
And souls that faint with pain and
grief.

In Him may find relief.

Come, Saviour, come and bring re-
lease.

Make all earth's sorrows cease;
Come, quickly come, nor longer stay,
Bring earth's glad New Year's Day.

Max Hill.

Leading Questions Relating to Christian Experience

1. Do you read and study the Word of God daily? You partake daily of physical food. You feel that your body needs this, and indeed it does. If you were to go for a single day without food, you would feel the lack of nourishment. Does not your soul need daily nourishment in the same way? Reading the Word of God two or three hours on the Sabbath will not make up for the lack during the week, any more than a large weekly meal would supply your physical needs for seven days.

2. Do you have family prayer? There are many professed Christians who do not, and there are some Seventh-day Adventist families where this good old-time practice has fallen into disuse. What is your experience? Are you so crowded with your business, with the cares of your farm or shop or office, that you have no time to gather the members of your family around the family altar? Failing in this, how can you expect God to work for your sons and daughters? With what confidence can you seek Him to work for their salvation when you fail to cooperate with Him?

3. Do you seek God by yourself every day? You cannot depend upon family worship to maintain your connection with Heaven. You cannot depend upon the chapel worship in any institution with which you are connected. The battles with self are fought out alone with God. Are you fighting these battles, and are you gaining victories? There are many members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who are neglecting this daily personal communion. Even ministers have many times acknowl-

edged that they were recreant in this Christian duty and privilege. The measure of our strength will be in direct proportion as we find daily personal communion with the Lord Jesus.

4. Have you put forth during the last few weeks definite personal labor for some soul? How many can answer this question in the affirmative? Have you felt a definite burden of heart to pray for some one in need; for the unconverted? Have you endeavored to encourage some brother or sister, or to reclaim the cold or the indifferent?

These are leading questions that relate to your Christian life, and by their answers you may determine in some measure the state of your experience. They are simple means by which you may maintain a vital connection with the living Vine. If you have no love for the Bible, no love for prayer, no love for souls, do not deceive yourself into believing that you are enjoying a living Christian experience. You are not. Your Christianity is a mere form, a pretense, a hollow mockery.

"Prayer is the Christian's native breath;

The Christian's native air."

If you love the Lord, you will love to commune with Him, the same as you love to commune with your dearest friend. If you love the Lord, you will love to read the messages He has for you in His Word, the same as you love to read letters from absent loved ones. If you love the Lord, you will love those for whom He gave His life, and will love to unite with Him in securing their salvation.

How may this experience of love and joy in Christian service be

obtained? It will come through surrender of self through full and complete consecration. To seek to grasp Christ with one hand while we are laying hold of the world with the other, to be obliged to force ourselves to pray, to study His Word, to seek to help our fellows, because we feel that the condemnation of God will rest upon us if we do not—this is servitude; this is bondage; this is the old covenant relationship. God wants to set us free in Christ Jesus. He desires to give us such an infilling of His love and Spirit that we shall delight in His service; that obedience to His requirements will constitute the chief joy of our existence; that we shall take even the spoiling of our goods joyfully, because we sacrifice them for One we love and for One who loves us. For this service of love let us pray.

F. M. Wilcox.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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

Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Items

The Healdsburg Young People's Society is among the first to reach its financial goal for the Kiangsi Mission.

Friday night, December 22, the Sanitarium Volunteer Society gave an interesting program in the form of a dialogue on the "Winning of Margaret."

It was a pleasure to meet with the College Missionary Volunteer Society last Wednesday. A strong, well-organized work is carried on this year under the leadership of Brother Floyd Ashbaugh and his associate officers.

A brother and sister recently went to China town in Santa Rosa and raised \$3.75 in about an hour and a half. From the interest manifested by the Chinese, they were impressed that a good work might be done in the future by supplying these people with literature in their language.

Wednesday morning, December 20, a Missionary Volunteer Training Band was organized at Pacific Union College, for the purpose of developing young people's workers. About 30 promising young men and women joined. We hope to hold the weekly meetings for this band, studying methods and plans for working with young people and children.

C. S. Prout.

Convention at Sanitarium

A Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Convention was held at the St. Helena Sanitarium Friday night and Sabbath, December 15 and 16 for the benefit of the Calistoga St. Helena and Sanitarium churches. The first meeting was held Friday night at 6:45, the study being on the importance and value of prayer bands, given by Elder J. L. McElhany. At the close of his excellent talk, many reports from various prayer-band leaders, showed that an active interest has been manifested in this work.

At 7:30 in the chapel, after appropriate preliminaries, Elder J. Adams Stevens gave an inspiring talk of 15 minutes, his subject being "The Call of the Hour to the Missionary Volunteer." The writer followed with a few remarks on the need of a greater passion for souls, after which Elder McElhany spoke, concluding the hour with a consecrational service.

Sabbath morning, at the 10:45 hour, we were glad to have with us Elder E. E. Andross, who spoke on the theme of the relation of every church member to the finishing of the work. This was a stirring appeal of 30 minutes, which made very impressive upon our minds the necessity of greater missionary activity in view of the closing hours of this earth's history. Brother Ernest Lloyd followed by a practical message on our agencies for Christian services and their use. At the close Elder Stevens and the writer spoke on the necessity for organized effort in working for souls and the importance of holding regular missionary meetings. The need of these meetings was felt by nearly all present, and many arose to pledge

their hearty support and cooperation in such meetings. We are now planning in a definite way for good old-time missionary services.

The Sabbath afternoon meeting was conducted as a local society hour. First, the subject of "The Society Programs, Their Nature and Object," was forcefully presented by Brethren Floyd Ashbaugh and John Blackwelder. The next points considered were qualifications and education of local leaders, given by Elder McElhany and discussed by Brother Lloyd.

Elder R. W. Munson's very interesting paper, on the system of reporting, was greatly enjoyed. The questions which were collected during the day, were then answered. It was surely inspiring to see the active interest manifested by our people throughout the convention. In conclusion, Elder Stevens gave a summing up of the points presented.

The special music, which was rendered so effectively by different Sanitarium members and Pacific Union College students, was a potent factor in making for success in the program.

C. S. Prout.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.

Oroville

At the close of the tent effort held at Marysville last August, it was decided that a tent effort should be held at Oroville. Accordingly the tent was shipped to this place, and meetings were begun September 3. The attendance was good from the very first, and the last night of the six weeks of meetings the tent was filled with an attentive audience. At the close of the tent effort the conditions and needs of the little company demanded a suitable place for conducting public worship. Plans were laid and solicitations begun, resulting favorably in the erection of a neat building.

This building has already proved a blessing to the company, and we believe will become a still greater light as the work progresses.

A three weeks' tent effort has just been concluded, and as a re-

sult of the church and tent effort combined, eight dear souls have accepted the truth.

While the public effort has now closed, the interest has not ceased, for we have made arrangements with at least a dozen others for further study, and feel confident that with patient effort and the Lord's blessing many of these will also take their stand for the truth.

We feel grateful for having some small part in the Master's vineyard, and trust with the Lord's blessing we shall be able to do a greater work in the future.

M. J. King,
J. W. Rich.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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

Bakersfield Greetings

The year 1916 is not yet closed, but we are full of good cheer because we see a successful finish. No rain can destroy, no frost can blight, God's harvest. His fruit is gathered in where moths do not corrupt and thieves do not break through and steal.

Figures have always held a charm for me, but when they represent soul consecration, true worship, and lives consecrated to the finishing of God's last message to a lost world, they become freighted with living interest.

The total of all money handled by the Bakersfield church during 1916 up to December 16, is \$4,880.43. Of this amount \$2,429.82 has been paid in tithe. The twenty-cent-a-week fund is an assured thing for this year. This has been done by the rank and file of the faithful membership. We have had no windfalls and no one to make especially large offerings. The Ingathering fund has reached nearly double the amount gathered last year, and we are not through. During the year we have paid a tract society debt of long standing. A street improvement debt has also been hanging for some time. The church has made a successful effort towards clearing this up. What has not been paid in cash is covered by pledges, payable before the first

of the new year. Our librarian has collected and paid in to the tract society over \$209. A tent meeting was conducted, extending over six weeks, and the expenses—\$141.84—were met from the offerings taken, with a small surplus. The balance of the total is distributed among the various funds, such as "educational," "Ellen G. White Memorial," "religious liberty," etc.

There is a good spirit in the church. Every one is willing to do his share. A large part of the membership has engaged in the Ingathering. The smallest amount gathered was 10 cents, and she who gathered the most has brought into the treasury a little over \$17.00. As far as we have learned, two people gave \$5 each. All other offerings have been in smaller amounts. This has made it necessary to visit a large number of people. On one trip 500 of the special on the eastern question were distributed, besides securing \$17.00.

We are overwhelmed by the work that ought to be done in this country.

Everywhere are found poor, hungry, suffering people that want the very message that God has given us. We are longing for the time when thousands will be going from house to house studying the Bible with the people. The Ingathering is educating the church membership for this very line. It seems that we can hear the sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees.

B. L. Howe.

December 17.

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.

The Week of Prayer

During the week of prayer I attended the services in various churches. The first Sabbath I was at Richmond. It was a stormy day, which hindered some from attending the meeting, but the Lord was there, and we enjoyed much of His Holy Spirit during the service.

December 5 was spent at Fruitvale, and on the 6th at Alameda. The readings were much appreciated. These were followed by prayers and

testimonies in which nearly all took a part.

December 7 and 8 I was at Hayward. Here our people live some distance apart, but nearly all the members gathered in a private house, and some of the neighbors came in and enjoyed the services with us.

The last Sabbath of the week I was at Martinez. Some of the company live at Concord, so we held the meeting there.

We received the offering at the close, which showed liberality on the part of the people.

Andrew Brorsen.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

E. A. Curtis, Pres. J. F. Gaster, Sec.

Conference Items

We hear that Brother A. R. Robinson is improving now so that he is beginning to walk around, and is hoping to get back into the field soon to continue the colporteur work.

Elder J. T. Spriggs is holding meetings at present in a school house near Dolores. Pray for these meetings that a church may be raised up in that part of the Lord's vineyard.

Brother D. T. Snideman has been taking a few days' rest at home after attending the meetings at Delta. Brother Snideman has nearly all of his deliveries made by C. O. D. parcel post, with fair success.

Brethren F. H. Jenks and G. H. Hewitt have been meeting with some difficulties in securing as many orders as they would like in San Pete county, Utah, but have placed many books in the homes there.

Brother F. S. Chollar, recently of Nevada, is expected to arrive at Palisades in time for the meetings to be held at that place, and then to join Elder W. M. Andress in a series of meetings to be held in the vicinity of Rulison.

Elder E. A. Curtis returned from the meeting of the Pacific Union Conference Committee at the Pacific Union College in time to attend the meeting at Delta December 21 to 24, where all who were in attendance had

a precious season with the Lord. Other workers present at the meeting were Elders W. M. Andress and M. A. Hollister and Brother Ernest Lloyd, the missionary secretary of the Pacific Union Conference.

Brother J. L. Sauder has been experiencing some difficulty in receiving his books in time for a large delivery that he is making at Vernal, Utah, during the holidays. The parcel post is the most convenient and the fastest way of transportation in that territory, but the congestion at this time of the year has been so great that some shipments, which ordinarily require about three days, have taken a week or more to reach their destination.

J. F. Gaster.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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

Harvest Ingathering

Reports from the headquarters at Washington, D. C., give some interesting figures regarding the income from the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Up to December 21, 1916, the reports indicate that the treasurer had received \$76,657.79. This is \$31,682.17 ahead of what had been gathered by this time last year. This is certainly very encouraging. But yet it is \$23,000 short of the goal of \$100,000.

We are led to wonder if all our people did their utmost in this work. If not, there is yet time. My brother or sister, if you have not used your Harvest Ingathering papers, you should do so at once. If you have used all you had, would it not be possible for you to put forth a stronger effort?

Many of our churches have done excellent work. Of course the figures above represent dollars and cents, but not dollars and cents to be used for personal pleasure. On the other hand, these funds are to help our struggling missionaries out on the front, who are endeavoring to give this gospel of the kingdom as a witness to all the world. Doing some work in this line would be an excellent way to start the new year.

W. F. Martin.

NEVADA MISSION

W. S. Holbrook, Supt.

Owens' River Valley

On October 12, in company with my wife, we left the Glendale Sanitarium, with which we had been connected for six years, and came to Bishop, the largest town in the Owen's Valley.

We have a small church here with a good house of worship, and a very good church school.

There are a number of our people scattered through this large valley, but in order to reach them one must have an auto. However, we have visited four families from six to 45 miles out.

The blessing of the Lord was with us during the week of prayer, and all seemed refreshed. Some were sick, and could not attend. We held meetings every night with the adults and every morning with the children at the school. It was indeed a joy to see the children take hold so earnestly,—ten prayers in four minutes and eight testimonies in five minutes, and all under 12 years, excepting one. That is better than older folks sometimes do.

The tithes and offerings are very encouraging considering the small number who can give.

This is a rich valley with a prosperous future before it. Large commercial interests are planned for the coming year. The mining interests and all the big power plants of the Los Angeles Power Company in the mountains near by furnish opportunity for missionary work. We are in our usual health, and of good courage in the Lord.

C. F. Marvin.

EDUCATIONAL

San Fernando Academy

On Thursday, December 15, the sisters of the church entertained the local W. C. T. U. in the boys' parlor. A number of interesting papers and talks were given, and several of the young ladies of the academy assisted with special music, and in serving the simple refreshments. Those who

had the meeting in charge feel that it helped toward a closer union for the fight against intemperance; and the get-together spirit can not fail to be helpful.

Miss Belle Shryock, on furlough from India, and Miss Mamie Warren, both now of the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, spent a week with the academy. Their stay in the girls' home proved very profitable, their assistance in the prayer bands and in the devotions of the home being especially appreciated. On Sabbath afternoon, Miss Shryock spoke to the young people on the work and her experiences in India.

The church-school children invited their mothers and other friends to a special Christmas exercise during the week before vacation. They presented the methods of celebrating this popular holiday in many lands. Songs, recitations, and exercises were well given. Prof. I. C. Colcord was present and took charge of the sale of many useful and pretty pieces of needlework which the children of the school have prepared. The profits of the sale go for missionary work.

Elder Luther Warren spent the week following the week of prayer with the academy, giving his time to the spiritual uplift of the school and the church. Chapel talks and other public meetings were given to the consideration of some vital matters in the Christian life; and a great many of the students availed themselves of the opportunity for private studies and prayer with Elder Warren. On Sunday practically the entire church met for an out-of-door meeting at the home of Brother D. H. Warren. Forenoon and afternoon sessions were held.

The closing exercise of the academy before vacation was a baptismal service, held in the church on Wednesday evening, December 20, Elder Luther Warren administering the rite. Twelve students took part in the solemn service, and three sisters from Loma Linda—two of whom have been studying with Elder Warren—joined them. It was an impressive occasion, and one that gave

great joy to the teachers and students alike. Faithful and thorough instructions had been given them, and it is felt that they will be a strength to the school and to the cause.

"The Story of the Orient," a cantata by Adam Geibel, was recently rendered by a chorus of sixty voices under the direction of Mrs. G. I. Bachman, who has charge of the musical department of the academy. The occasion was one of pleasure and satisfaction to all lovers of sacred music. The "Story" consists in a reading on interesting scenes in the life of Christ, interspersed with choruses, quartets, and other special parts. Mr. E. A. McDonald, of Glendale, gave the reading and solo parts. In addition to the cantata, a number of sacred selections were given; Mr. Warren Adkins of Los Angeles, a baritone solo; Miss Minnie McNaughton, a Scottish song; Miss Jessica Hughes, of Los Angeles, "The Day Is Ended," with violin obligato by Mr. Owen Troy; Miss Verna Magnussen and Mr. Arthur Dalgleish, a duet. The members of the chorus have worked diligently on this cantata, and many of its beautiful passages have become part of their lives. They appreciate the faithful efforts of their director to train them aright.

Max Hill.

BOOK WORK

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
Week Ending December 8				
Inter-Mountain				
"U. S. in Prophecy"				
J. L. Humbert*	40	8	\$13.95	\$ 33.95
"Easy Steps"				
J. L. Sauder	5	6		21.00
"Bible Readings"				
F. H. Jenks	20	10	.75	38.75
D. T. Snideman	40	7	2.50	24.50
G. H. Hewitt	24	8	4.50	32.50
5 Agents	129	39	\$21.70	\$150.70
*Delivery: \$4.50				

Week Ending December 15

Inter-Mountain				
"Bible Readings"				
D. T. Snideman	40	12	\$16.05	\$64.05
F. H. Jenks*	13	2	.75	\$ 4.75
G. H. Hewitt	28	5	7.50	25.50
"U. S. in Prophecy"				
J. L. Humbert	42	12	15.35	42.35

"Easy Steps"				
Miscellaneous				28.00
Home Workers				
Miscellaneous				55.60
4 Agents	123	31	\$39.65	\$220.25
Delivery: *\$0.75; \$16.50.				

Week Ending December 22

Arizona				
"Bible Readings"				
I. T. Reynolds	\$	25		
*Delivery, \$180.00.				

California				
"Bible Readings"				
L. P. Warner	5	3	\$1.25	\$ 11.75
Home Workers				
Mrs. F. Livingston				19.35
2 Agents	5	3	\$1.25	\$31.10

Central California				
"Practical Guide"				
F. O. Jensen*	46	20		\$99.50
"Great Controversy"				
J. W. Beardslee	14	1	6.50	9.50
"Heralds"				
W. E. Whitmore	16			
3 Agents	76	21	\$6.50	\$109.00
Delivery: *\$76.50; \$26.50; †\$15.00.				

Inter-Mountain				
"Bible Readings"				
D. T. Snideman	17	4		\$14.00
G. H. Hewitt*				
"Easy Steps"				
J. L. Sauder				\$
Home Workers				
Mrs. J. L. Sauder	†			
Miscellaneous				
4 Agents	17	4		\$14.00
Delivery: *\$102.50; \$35.75; †\$16.95; ‡\$89.95.				

Northwestern California				
"Bible Readings"				
M. A. Reese*	41	9	\$8.10	\$39.10
"Practical Guide,"				
R. A. Jorgensen	19	3	\$ 3.00	\$ 17.00
2 Agents	60	12	\$11.10	\$56.10
Delivery *\$46.00; \$5.75.				

Southeastern California				
"Practical Guide"				
Messrs. Nelson and Hanson*				
	16	6		\$21.00
Home Workers				
Mrs. H. E. Farmer	12			12.85
Agnes Smith				25.25
K. Fries				5.00
Mrs. Barr				9.00
Mrs. McPherson				35.00
Mrs. S. Bryan				18.50
Mrs. Nightingale				5.25
Mrs. A. Y. Broyles				3.75
W. F. Mayers				5.00
10 Agents	28	6		\$140.60
*Delivery \$2.40.				

Southern California				
"Bible Readings"				
F. W. Ross*	20	4	\$1.50	\$ 14.00
W. B. Dannels	20	14		54.00
"Heralds"				
Lee Nagel	20	11	.50	28.75
"Practical Guide"				
Ottie W. Smith	12	1	.75	4.25

"Great Controversy"				
Raymond Gunn †				
Home Workers				
Mrs. Esther Menard	6			3.85
6 Agents	76	36	\$2.75	\$104.85
Delivery: *\$32.00; \$4.25; †\$18.00.				

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Why Did He Permit It?

In writing of his experiences during the week, Brother Ross says: "Have had some fine experiences. Stopped at a little store and canvassed a rough looking man. He told me to come back in three quarters of an hour, and his wife would be at liberty to talk with me. I did so, and booked an order for a half leather in his presence. Afterwards I stopped in and had a little talk with him. He told me he never allowed a book agent on the place, but for some reason he had listened with interest to me. Now, this man did not know why he had done that, but I know. The Lord will go before us and prepare the way, and I know this was the case here.

"The first day out this week I was afoot away back in the mountains when night drew on. Came to a house after dark and told them my business, and asked for lodging, which was granted. Had a good talk with them at supper, and after eating I booked an order for a half leather, with 50 cents reduction for my board and lodging. The next morning after breakfast when I was leaving, they came to me with the 50 cents, saying I needed it worse than they did. So the Lord furnished my board and room free. I truly thank Him for what He has done for me."

Brother Ross believes in praying for the Lord to prepare the way.

C. C. Morlan.

Crushed by a Stone

Failure marked the attempts of great men, Napoleon pre-eminently among them, to break the power of those seven short words found in Daniel 2:43, "they shall not cleave one to another." Carlyle B. Haynes, in the February "Signs Magazine," wants to tell your neighbors why it could not be done. "The World's Waterloo" is the title of this superlatively good article.

This "Cry for Bread" number has a particularly striking cover that shows a loaf of bread just beyond the finger tips of a number of outstretched hands. Two splendid articles on this important topic are among the features. They are "Lengthening the Bread Line," and "Cornering the Earth." Nor are these all.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1917

Elder E. E. Andross and Elder G. W. Reaser visited Oakland last Sunday to attend a meeting of the California Conference Committee.

Elder J. W. McCord conducted the quarterly meeting at the Glendale church last Sabbath afternoon, being assisted by Dr. H. F. Rand and Brother C. E. Kimlin.

Brethren B. M. Emerson and James Howarth returned to the union conference office from St. Helena late last week, after an absence of about five weeks. During this time they visited Fresno, Lodi, Oakland and Santa Rosa, checking the conference books at each of these places, besides the work done at the St. Helena Sanitarium and Pacific Union College. They were in St. Helena during the meeting of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, December 10 to 15.

Dr. L. M. White, of San Bernardino, recently connected with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to assist Dr. O. S. Parret, the medical superintendent. Some improvements to the building and grounds have been made, including cement sidewalks, gutters and retaining walls, and an arch over the driveway, at the entrance of the grounds. A liberal spirit was shown by both patients and employees in helping to pay for these improvements. The auto truck, recently added to the vehicle department, is proving a great convenience.

A series of four general meetings is being held in the Inter-Mountain Conference. These meetings are being attended by Elder E. A. Curtis,

Brother Ernest Lloyd, Elder M. A. Hollister and Elder W. M. Andress. Elder B. E. Beddoe will assist in the meeting at Palisade, Colo., December 28 to 31. The meetings yet to be held are at Provo, Utah, January 4 to 7, and Ogden, Utah, January 11 to 14. A meeting was held at Delta, Colo., December 21 to 24. Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference, was to have attended some of these meetings, but was unable to attend on account of other pressing duties. At these general meetings the various departments of the work—missionary, educational, young people's, and Sabbath school—are given study, and plans laid for each.

An Important Matter

The "Liberty" Magazine for the first quarter of 1917 contains the decision of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, granting full religious liberty to our people. It also contains the arguments which were made before that court, setting forth our views upon religious liberty. This is the first decision of a supreme court which has recognized our religious rights under the Constitution to work or carry on merchandising on Sunday. This important decision ought to be placed in the hands of every judge and lawyer in the country.

Almost all our conferences have a limited amount of religious liberty funds on hand, and so are unable to send this special issue to all these prominent men of the legal profession. Let all our people plan to give a liberal offering on Religious Liberty Day,—the fourth Sabbath in February,—so that the conferences can do this important work. Can not some of the churches, home missionary societies, and young people's societies undertake this work locally? The "Review and Herald" has the name and address of all these men in every state, and will mail this special number of "Liberty" to individual addresses at 5 cents per copy.

The "Liberty" magazine is doing a wonderful amount of good in molding public sentiment and breaking down legal barriers and prejudice. Now as never before is our opportunity to work. Now is the time to become a subscriber for "Liberty," as the special club extras are offered, enabling subscribers to secure a yearly "Liberty" magazine subscription at 25 cents.

C. S. Longacre.

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Pacific Press Pub. Assn.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the annual meeting of the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, a corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of California, will be held at the office of the association on Villa Street, in the town of Mountain View, county of Santa Clara, state of California, on the 22d day of January, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The election of directors for the ensuing year, the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new by-laws, or such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the members of the association.

By order of the directors.

C. H. JONES, President.

H. G. CHILDS, Secretary.

See notice of special meeting.

Special Notice

While the regular annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association will be called according to the date given in the foregoing legal notice, yet on account of the general meetings to be held in Mountain View in connection with the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention, February 5 to 15, at which time a large number of our members will be present, the regular annual meeting will be adjourned, no objection being offered, to Monday, February 5, 1917, at 10 a. m. At this time, all the business that is usually transacted at the regular annual meeting will be presented for consideration.

We therefore extend a hearty invitation to all the members of the Pacific Press Publishing association to attend this meeting on February 5.

This change in plan is suggested to accommodate many of the leading members of the association, including General Conference representatives and others who will be in attendance at the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention to be held in Mountain View on the date mentioned above—February 5 to 15.

By order of the directors.

C. H. JONES, President.

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