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Our Duty in the Crisis

Events of the past week have brought us to the most trying hour in the history of the world. Our own nation has now joined the belligerent forces in the great world-war, and what the immediate future has in store for us no one but God can tell.

We have looked forward to the time of peril. The great proximity of this hour has been brought before us repeatedly through the writings of the Lord's servant, and now we find ourselves facing the most tremendous crisis in the history of the world. Several years ago this word came to us from the Lord:

"The storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? We need not say, The perils of the last days are soon to come upon us. Already they have come. We need now the sword of the Lord to cut to the very soul and marrow of fleshly lusts, appetites and passions. Minds that have been given up to loose thought need change. 'Girding up the loins of

your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in your ignorance; but like as He who called you is holy, be ye yourselves holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy.'

"The thoughts must be centered upon God. Now is the time to put forth earnest efforts to overcome the natural tendencies of the carnal heart. Our efforts, our self-denial, our perseverance, must be proportionate to the infinite value of the object of which we are in pursuit. Only by overcoming as Christ overcame shall we win the crown of life." Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8, page 315.

A great wave of excitement is now everywhere sweeping over the people, and the exhortation of the apostle, when he declares, "The end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer, and above all things have fervent charity (love) among yourselves, for charity (love) shall cover the multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:7, 8), seems to have been written for this hour. We need to be calm and very considerate in all our utterances, earnestly seeking to know what we ought to do in this trying time.

We should behold the world as a great ship, laden with human freight, wounded to death and rapidly sinking beneath the wave. It is our duty to do everything in our power to rescue the perishing, ere the last hour of probation passes and the world is plunged into the final, irretrievable ruin. Our business is to save men's lives, not to destroy

them. It is the duty of our young people now, as quickly as possible, to prepare themselves for the most efficient service in saving the lost, in relieving the sick and suffering, and in every way following the example of the Great Physician and Saviour of men.

We must exercise the greatest care lest we place ourselves where it will be almost, if not quite impossible for us to render perfect obedience to God's holy law. The heathen world is calling more loudly than ever before for the services of our young people, and if we are true to God I believe the Lord will so order events that it will still be possible for us to carry forward our world-wide work, in the heathen lands as well as at home. We must not lose sight of this one supreme object in this hour of peril.

We should unitedly pray that God will bless those in authority over us in the nation, and that He will so rule in the affairs of men that His name may be glorified and that His truth may be quickly carried to all nations, and the end come.

E. E. Andross.

Greater Earnestness Our Need

If the church is ever stirred up to greater earnestness, it will be through the greater earnestness of its individual members. There is a fatal propensity to get rid of individual responsibility and to think of the responsibility of the body. In reality, there is no such thing as a collective conscience; bodies, as such, cannot be accountable. God will not, as regards eternity, deal with nations, or churches, or families.

It was a fine purpose of an earnest worker, which he thus en-

tered in his diary: "Resolved, That I will, the Lord being my helper, think, speak, act, as an individual; for as such I must die, stand before God and be damned or saved forever. I have been waiting for others; I must act as if I were the only one to act, and wait no longer." This is just the view and the purpose to be taken by each one.

It is as individuals we must act for ourselves, and he who acts for himself in this matter will certainly influence others. Every man acts upon some other man. "Example is influence." The diffusion of the message is like the kindling of a fire, or the lighting of so many torches,—one original flame may, by contact, communicate itself to a multitude of other points.

"If the church is ever made more earnest, it must be by an increased earnestness of its individual members. I am one of these members, and am as much bound to advance in the divine life as any other member. It is but hypocrisy, gross hypocrisy, to lament over the low state of religion in the church, and to desire a revival, while I am not deeply concerned about the state of my own religion, and do not seek a revival of that. I will begin with myself. I will wait for no other, I must be more earnest, and God helping me, I will be."

Let us reject excuses which our own deceitful hearts, and lukewarm, self-centered members, will ever be ready to suggest for self-defense, and be thoroughly convinced that nothing can, or will, be admitted by God, as an apology for a low standard of personal religion. Let us set ourselves vigorously to the work of denying the flesh, watching against sin. Let us plan to give more time to the study of the Scriptures, to meditation and prayer. Let us, in short, intelligently, resolutely, and unalterably make up our minds to enter upon a new course of personal godliness, so new that past attainments shall seem as if they were nothing.

There is such a thing as starting afresh, as forgetting the things that are behind—and so must it be with him who really would be in earnest. He will wake up from his slumbering, dreamy profession, saying "I have

slept too long and too much; I must throw off the spirit of sloth, and give all diligence to make my calling and election sure." When the spirit of hesitation gives place to the spirit of readiness, we shall see greater things accomplished for the cause we love. "Then the work will move forward with solidity and redoubled strength." God has better things in store for us if we will but have them. Let us only be in earnest in prayer, in faith, in labor, and in hope, and who can tell the day of awakening, of blessing, is near? May God help us to be in earnest about delivering His message to those about us during the present year, attempting greater things for Him, and expecting greater things from Him.

Ernest Lloyd.

Advanced Teachers and the Fireside Correspondence School

Probably our advanced teachers generally do not understand the benefits they might receive from the Fireside Correspondence School. They suppose the school to have been established solely for elementary or younger teachers. To aid was doubtless its chief these classes purpose; but it also offers considerable advanced work, and will have more in the future. A few advanced teachers have found this out, and have availed themselves of the advantages offered by the Fireside Correspondence School. And they have consented to allow us to refer to their experience.

Prof. M. S. Reppe, of the Danish-Norwegian Seminary, Hutchinson, Minnesota, writes as follows:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the F. C. S. course in New Testament Greek I. But while I have enjoyed it, the enjoyment did not come because the course was so easy that it required little work. The lessons are well planned and fully illustrated, and the course is up to the standard required by colleges for New Testament Greek. Students having the prerequisite knowledge of English grammar make no mistake in taking this course in Greek. I have got so much good out of it that I have deemed it wise to begin the study of

Greek II in the Fireside Correspondence School.

"My eyes have been opened to the great value of this school to our people. There is certainly no excuse for anyone to complain because he does not have the opportunity of getting an education. The school is within reach of all. The tuition is reasonable, and one can study at home or while on a journey."

Similar to this is the experience of Prof. R. B. Thurber. Professor Thurber has been principal of the Holly Academy, Michigan, and of Elk Point Academy, South Dakota. For several years he was principal of the Meiktila Technical School, Burma. He is now on the faculty of the Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich. Writing from Rangoon, Burma, he says:

"I am fully satisfied with the good I have received from the study of church history. I want to emphasize my appreciation of the strength of the courses, and the good judgment shown in the selection of textbooks which put the powers of the student to the stretch. You may quote me as a missionary as saying that I believe the establishment and successful work of the Fireside Correspondence School is the most important advancement our denominational educational system has made in recent years.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed these psychology lessons. I have studied them at spare moments during busy days and exacting labor, on the trains and in public places, and under the cool and restful shade of the pine trees of the Shan Hills. I bid goodbye to these lessons with regret."

Since the foregoing was written, he has completed our course of study in logic.

Those who are interested in the plans of the Fireside Correspondence School for advanced study, are invited to write to C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

I hate a thing done by halves. If it be right, do it boldly; if it be wrong, leave it undone.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others can not keep it from themselves.

The Status of the Sunday Bill

April 2, 1917, the Sunday bill in the California Legislature, which had been on the third reading file for more than a month, came up for final action. A good many important speeches in opposition to it, and some amendments, were offered, the principal one of which was to eliminate from the bill the Sunday saloons as a privileged or exempted class. That received 47 votes out of the 80 membership, and was carried.

Mr. Morris, the author of the bill, then moved to reconsider, and on April 5, by making promises that he would eliminate from the bill the thought that the saloons were a daily necessity, but have it that the saloons occupy another place in the bill, he succeeded in getting the open saloons placed back in the bill. Of course, this means that the bill must again go to the printers, and will probably come up for consideration by the 10th of the month, the result of which will be given through the "Recorder."

J. O. Corliss.

Three More New Foreign Magazines

Two new regular foreign quarterly "Signs of the Times" magazines have been added to the list published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Brookfield, Illinois. These are the French, succeeding the French paper formerly published in South Lancaster, Mass., and the Hungarian, published for the first time. These magazines, attractive, up-to-date in appearance and filled with articles on present truth, will be welcomed by our churches within reach of people of these nationalities. They will be issued quarterly at subscription price of 40 cents a year each (Canada and foreign countries, 50 cents). Quantity prices are uniform with the German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, Bohemian, Italian and Yiddish, namely, \$4.00 a hundred; 5 to 50 copies, 5 cents each (Canada and foreign, 1 cent higher).

The third new publication is a "Signs of the Times" magazine in Roumanian just coming from the press. This is similar to the others,

but as yet not planned for regularly. Further numbers will be published as the demand warrants. Quantities of this may be secured for \$5.00 a hundred (Canada and foreign, \$6.00).

This gives a splendid line of foreign magazines with which to reach thousands of our foreign speaking people. Every one can circulate them. Most encouraging letters are coming from those into whose hands some of these magazines have fallen.

The Russian field is being served with an eight page monthly "Signs of the Times" paper, whose subscription price is \$1.00 a year; in clubs, 80 cents (Canada, \$1.10 and 85 cents). This is eagerly read by Russians, and is exerting a wonderful influence where circulated.

Thus, to an extent, the instruction to multiply our publications "in many languages" is being carried out. The time has come for them to be given a large circulation. All can have a part in this. Further information will be furnished by your tract society, to whom all orders for these and other supplies should be sent.

A \$200 Donation

A letter from Elder F. W. Paap to the "Signs" office tells of interesting meetings he is holding in Southern California. In each service he gives attention to the "Signs of the Times" 100,000 campaign work, and encourages the increasing of clubs. He writes: "Yesterday, March 31, I spoke at the Long Beach church, and took up the 'Signs' question. We received 205 new yearly subscriptions, and at the close a good brother whose heart was touched gave \$200 cash with which to purchase literature. Praise the Lord. We received over 130 new subscriptions at Loma Linda in a rather small meeting."

The "Signs" Weekly Campaign

The campaign in the interest of the missionary paper, the "Signs of the Times" weekly, has had considerable momentum the past few weeks. The publishers state that in an incredibly short time the list went up to 40,000. Just now is the time to place this mighty soul-winner in the homes of the people. Its weekly visits are bound to have effect on the readers.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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

Conference Notes

"God is our refuge and strength." Every believer should exert himself to give the message to his neighbors.

Sister M. M. Lester will spend some time with the work at Santa Rosa. She has been doing Bible work at Vallejo.

Elder H. E. Lysinger recently visited Fort Bragg. He met with the church at Fort Bragg the 24th, and reports increasing interest.

Elder A. Nelson reports a good interest in the meetings being held at Lakeport. Brother R. L. Shoemaker is associated with him.

The writer met with the church at Vallejo the 24th. On account of increased church membership, the church school buildings will have to be enlarged.

The stirring events taking place are a thrilling call for greater liberality. The perishing millions in heathen lands urge us to greater sacrifice than ever before.

Elder B. E. Beddoe spent the fore part of the week of prayer for the schools at the Pacific Union College. The church schools were blest in this season of seeking for greater power.

Early reports from the churches indicate a very generous offering for Africa. There must be no retreat now. If every member will place all on the altar, there will be sufficient to finish the work in all the world.

The tithe continues to increase, larger offerings are being given to missions and many are accepting the truth. Let us thank God and take courage, and work and give with greater earnestness and a deeper consecration to the Lord for the finishing of the work.

Since the last report, the writer has visited the churches in Humboldt County, and spoke in the churches at Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville, Fortuna, and Pepperwood. There is interest everywhere, and many are deeply stirred.

Plans for the erection of the Humboldt Intermediate school have been perfected and ground has been broken for the foundations. Leading business organizations and citizens have given generously of money and material. The price of the land has been given our brethren, and they have promised the labor necessary. A principal has been engaged for the next school year, and everything seems to promise success for the enterprise.

J. Adams Stevens.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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

Briefly Stated

Camp-meeting at Recreation Park, Fresno, May 24 to June 3. We hope to see you there.

Elders A. G. Daniells and W. T. Knox will doubtless have many interesting and instructive things to tell us at our camp-meeting regarding the mission work in the great heathen fields of the Eastern world. Plan to hear them.

Last Sabbath afternoon Elder E. H. Adams, together with some others from the Fresno church, met with the Raisin City Sabbath school. We are sure that our smaller Sabbath schools appreciate such visits from time to time.

Sisters Lida Ackley and Alice M. Mann were at Shafter last Sabbath and met with our German church in the forenoon and with the English Sabbath school in the afternoon. Our church is growing in numbers, and there is a strong call for meetings to be held at this place.

The writer was called to attend a meeting of the union conference committee this week at Glendale, where important matters were considered. Among them were plans to "summon all our people to universal action." We are living in no

ordinary times, and surely every one should do his very best to give the message of truth to others.

Brother C. L. Davis, our field secretary, attended the canvassers' institute recently held at Lodi Academy. Writing from there under date of March 30, he says: "We have had a busy week at the school in the institute work, which gives promise of good results in canvassers. The Lord has given us freedom in our work, and the students seem to appreciate our being here."

Last Sabbath two persons were baptized and another united with the church on former baptism at Dinuba, where the writer had the privilege of uniting with the church in their quarterly services and of baptizing. We enjoyed a good meeting. Quarterly services were held with the Reedley church in the afternoon, and a number of our Dinuba brethren and sisters were present at this service also.

Only one-half as much as a postal card! This is now the weekly price of the "Recorder." It is surely worth much more than that. It is our determined aim to get every Seventh-day Adventist family in our conference to take this good paper, that we may have a medium through which to reach our people every week. We are living in solemn times and there are important matters which we wish to present to all our people from time to time. So let our "Recorder" friends introduce it to those who are not now taking it. Speak a good word for it and roll in the subscriptions.

Writing under date of April 5, Elder F. E. Brown says: "You will be interested to know that the work is progressing nicely at Lemoore. Last Sabbath six stood up requesting membership. Last Sunday night the Christian minister gave a discourse on the Sabbath question, or rather read to us what he had copied from Elder Canwright. It was quite tame. Our people were there in a body and he thanked me publicly for the courtesy, and treated us very kindly. He allowed me to make my announcements to review him, after which he urged his

people to attend. He said that he did not think he could be present. I expect to review him in our church next Friday night."

N. P. Neilsen.

April 6.

War and Peace

Twenty-six cents a day for war, Twenty cents per week for peace.

According to figures given in the April "World's Work," the Central Powers are paying 26 cents a day per capita to carry on this awful struggle for supremacy.

The children of the King of the universe have pledged to pay into His treasury the small sum of 20 cents per capita each week, but sad to say, they have not been faithful in this, and as a result, our work of preparedness is neglected.

Our King has reserved for His use a portion of the income of His children for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the kingdom on earth, and in times of extraordinary need, the King asks His subjects to come with their means to the "help of the Lord against the mighty." Such a time has been reached. Will not every loyal son and daughter of the King now rally around the standard by paying a full tithe and making liberal offerings to missions?

We are glad to be able to report a good increase in tithe and offerings in the Central California Conference for the first quarter of this year as compared with the same period of 1916.

"The Lord wants His people in these days to believe that He will do as great things for them as He did for the children of Israel in their journey from Egypt to Canaan." Volume 9, page 271.

What a blessed privilege to be connected with this mighty and glorious preparedness movement that is to result in making ready a people to meet the King when He comes in His glory.

G. A. Wheeler.

"Fate's Decree"

Under the above heading, the following interesting and significant editorial appeared in the "Clovis (California) Tribune," Friday, March 23, 1917:

"Into the vortex of the world's war our country has been drawn, by that mysterious fatality that has attended this great carnival of murder and destruction. In a few hours, perhaps, certainly and surely within a fortnight, the zone of war will surround and encircle the globe, and the fate of nations and of millions of men will rest and abide with the fortune of the world's greatest conflict.

"It would seem that the beginning of the end is at hand, and that the prophecy, in the book of Daniel, eleventh chapter, can be foreseen in the mighty catastrophe that has overtaken the children of men; and yet as a people standing on the top of a smouldering volcano, we go right on following after the frivolous and foolish follies that flit before us, and shut our eyes to the impending disasters that are in sight.

"The hour has come for thoughtful men and women to urge less frivolity and more seriousness, more economy and less prodigal waste of manhood and womanhood in the wanton follies of the age, and a more thoughtful, serious effort toward usefulness, that the world shall have been a little better for our having lived in it."

These are surely serious, solemn words to appear as an editorial in a newspaper, but they are true, and we ought to heed them.

N. P. Neilsen.

Pencilgrams

It is interesting to see how the M. V. members are taking hold of the reading course work so they will have an active part in that special program at camp-meeting. We have sent for 18 certificates this week. We must have 100 by camp-meeting time. Everybody read. Two have sent for Standard of Attainment certificates. Let us multiply this by ten before May 24.

The Shafter society is doing a splendid work. They have subscribed for 20 copies of the "Signs" weekly, and are having them go direct to 20 neighbors for one year. If this does not create an interest to hear the message, we do not know what will. Brother Julius Heinrichs, the leader of the society, is wide awake, and desires to learn all he can about

the work of the M. V. S. He has started the task of getting a library of the back reading course books.

Our conference circulating library for the Missionary Volunteers has received an addition of three books this week. Sister Mae Hudson gave "Livingstone the Pathfinder" and "First Book of Birds." Brother Gregory donated "Advance Guard of Missions." Let the good work go on. Who will send us some more? There is a big call for books. We loaned four this morning. Give our young people good reading matter and you have started them on the right road.

Three Missionary Volunteer reports have come in this week. The first one was from Edna Kirk at Porterville. We note they have a membership of 18, and 18 reported. During the quarter 338 papers were given away. The next report came from Armona, N. J. Geverkian, secretary. This society has a membership of 13. Next comes our largest society, Fresno, Mabel Champion, secretary; membership, 70. The record of missionary visits is 278. This looks well for personal work done. We hope every report will come in promptly.

Alice Mina Mann.

April 6.

Young Ladies' Bible Class

Perhaps a more interested class of young people will not be found than the little company who meet at an appointed hour every week at my home for studies on Bible doctrines. The interest has increased so that now a few mothers with their babies, are regular students. At one meeting a teacher in one of the schools was present and seemed deeply interested in the study on the prophecies.

We hope that by the time these studies close these young people will not only be prepared to pass the Standard of Attainment examination, but will be prepared to go out and meet the people and hold Bible studies with them.

Several of those with whom I am studying are keeping the Sabbath, and three or four will soon be ready for baptism.

Mrs. Gertrude Rodman.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres.

W. L. Mecum, Sec.

At San Fernando Academy

Every day our new flag proudly floats from the cupola of the academy.

The academy greatly enjoyed the recent visit of Prof. W. E. Howell. His talks to the students in the homes and at the chapel hour, as well as his counsel to the faculty, were appreciated. It is encouraging to know that we are a part of so great and successful a movement as our schools are proving to be.

One of the most pleasant of the entertainments of the year was conducted by Miss Ada Somerset. It was a February-March evening. Short biographies of many famous people born in these months were given by the students. Appropriate songs were interspersed. A beautiful flag drill closed the program.

On Sabbath, March 24, Elder M. M. Hare, president of the Southern California Conference, and C. C. Morlan, field missionary secretary, gave timely instruction to the church. In these uncertain days, every believer in the truth we profess should be stirred and alive to the work that lies before us. The present is the time for the most aggressive missionary endeavor.

Just at chapel time on April 3, Brethren C. C. Morlan and Ernest Lloyd arrived to present the matter of missionary work with our magazines. After the chapel exercises, a large number of the young ladies spent some time studying methods of work, and considering the different phases of this important line. More definite instruction will be given soon to prepare the students for a part in distributing the printed page in magazine form.

Elder H. S. Prenier, who has carried the Bible work of the academy for the past three years, as well as the pastoral work of the church, has been called to New York on account of the serious illness of his aged father. It is a matter of deep regret that his work must be broken

into before the close of the year; but considering the circumstances, this seems to be the wisest course. He was accompanied by his family. His work will be with the South Lancaster Academy next year. His Spanish classes are being carried by Mr. Elias Chuquiyure, a young man from Peru, and the Bible classes by other members of the faculty.

April 5.

Max Hill.

ARIZONA

J. E. Bond, Pres.

Conference Briefs

Remember the camp-meetings to be held during the summer.—one near Prescott, July 12 to 22, and the other near or in Safford, August 16. Let all plan to attend.

Elder J. O. Corliss spent several days in Phoenix last week in the interests of religious liberty work. His message to the Phoenix church, Sabbath, March 24, was much appreciated.

A Sunday law has recently been enacted by the city council of Douglas. This was done very suddenly, so no opportunity was given us to oppose the measure. This law closes all places of business.

Brother I. T. Reynolds, field secretary, reports five experienced book men in the field, all doing good work. One new man has recently entered the work, and Brother Reynolds now has one man in training.

The public meetings at Glendale closed the middle of March. Three have taken their stand and others are much interested. Brother E. E. Morrow is following up the work here, and we hope for other additions.

Elder G. W. Reaser recently visited the conference, spending one day in Tucson and two days in Phoenix. Brother Reaser occupied the pulpit in the Phoenix church Sabbath, March 17. We were pleased to have him with us.

Elders I. P. Dillon and L. L. Hutchinson report one ready for baptism at Somerton, with others

interested. They have moved their tent five miles to the south to a farming district near the Mexican border. The plan is to work the whole of the Yuma Valley.

Brother F. M. Owen has united with Elder C. D. M. Williams in a tent effort at Peoria. The meeting has now been running two weeks with an excellent attendance. On several evenings the tent has been more than full. It is hoped a company may be raised up.

We now have a good supply of tracts and books in the depository at 615 North Tenth Street, Phoenix, and will welcome your orders. All orders from Arizona should be sent to this address. For the week ending March 31, more than a thousand dollars' worth of orders came to the office from the agents in the field.

We are pleased to announce to the Arizona Conference that our conference office work has been transferred to Phoenix. Brother Frank Lane, who for years was secretary and treasurer of Southern California Conference, has been chosen to fill the same position here. Brother Lane will also carry the tract society work.

A report reached us yesterday that efforts are being put forth to obtain Sunday legislation in the city of Yuma. It behooves us at this time to do all we can to educate the people of this state along religious liberty lines. If we are not alert, the Sunday law advocates will obtain laws in all the cities, which will work hardships upon us.

At the present time a strong agitation is being made by the churches of Phoenix for a Sunday closing ordinance. Petitions are being circulated, and it is expected the measure will soon be placed before the people for their vote. The Phoenix church has endeavored to place a tract in each home and 500 copies of the "Liberty Magazine" have been sent to the leading men of the city.

J. Ernest Bond.

April 4.

No one but thyself can build the foundation of thy character.

BOOK WORK

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
Week Ending March 30				
Arizona				
"Practical Guide"				
F. A. Johnson*	26	12		\$ 55.00
H. F. Price	51	71		301.50
E. G. Truitt§	49	88		368.00
"Past, Present and Future"				
Roy E. Shinn	10	1		4.50
"Bible Readings"				
C. F. Innis	22	9	2.50	33.50
5 Agents	158	181	\$2.50	\$762.50
Deliveries: *\$96.50; §\$34.50.				

California

"Bible Readings"				
F. W. Ross	22	5	\$.75	\$11.25
L. M. Overholt	37	5	.75	22.25
W. B. Dannels*	63	15	3.25	60.25
3 Agents	122	25	\$4.75	\$93.75
*2 weeks.				

Inter-Mountain

"Bible Readings"				
G. H. Hewitt	31	5	\$ 7.50	\$ 31.50
F. H. Jenks	37	11	1.00	46.50
A. E. Robinson	33	8	3.10	43.10
"Easy Steps" and "Bible Readings"				
J. L. Sauder	38	22	2.25	85.25
4 Agents	139	46	\$13.85	\$206.35

Southeastern California

"Bible Readings"				
G. F. Knapp	26	12	\$18.00	\$65.00
"Daniel and the Revelation"				
A. E. Horn	40			48.75
2 Agents	66	12	\$18.00	\$113.75

Southern California

"Practical Guide"				
Ottie W. Smith	30	6		\$ 23.75
"Great Controversy"				
Raymond Gunn	25	5		19.75
"Bible Readings"				
F. W. Mathisen	37½	9		37.25
3 Agents	82½	20		\$80.75

Totals 567½ 284 \$39.10 1257.10
Deliveries, \$131.00.

Lodi Academy

One of the most encouraging institutes I have attended in the Pacific Union has just been held at the Lodi Academy. This meeting was held under as favorable conditions as one could ask for in a school. Prof. J. H. Paap and his faculty did all they could to make our stay pleasant and the meeting a real success. The institute was opened by a symposium in the Lodi church on Sabbath, March 24. The speakers were Elder Clarence Santee, Brethren C. L. Davis, E. S. Ab-

bott and the writer. The large audience present seemed deeply interested as the nature and object of this work were presented, and a number of encouraging experiences and facts were related. Several members of this church attended the institute, and will at once enter the work.

The next day the school faculty held a meeting and arranged to give a full hour each day during the forenoon for our class on general instruction, and then placed the entire afternoon at our disposal for institute work. This was greatly appreciated, and contributed largely to the success of the meeting. A canvassing band, numbering about 25, had previously been organized in the school, the members of which attended the institute, as well as eight or 10 others from outside the school, of whom some had been continuously on the "firing line," carrying our important publications to the homes of the people.

The missionary character of this work was strongly emphasized, and the instruction given was of the most practical nature. I believe that this class will give a good account of themselves in the field this summer, and that many souls will be won as the result of their labors.

Brethren Davis and Abbott, field secretaries of the Central and Northern California conferences, were present throughout the meeting, and their assistance and practical instruction were greatly appreciated. The workers will be divided between the two conferences which these brethren represent.

F. E. Painter.

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The nursing course of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists for 1917-18 will begin August 12, 1917.

Unusual advantages are to be had at Loma Linda, as we have a large medical faculty in addition to the various experiences in field, sanitarium and hospital work.

Students should be over 19 years of age and have ten grades of regular school work. Applications are now coming in.

To any who are planning this course, would say, write early for calendar and application blank to

Superintendent of Nurses, Loma Linda Sanitarium, Loma Linda, Cal.

Glendale Sanitarium

The nurses' training school of the Glendale Sanitarium opens August 15, 1917. Those wishing to enter the course and avail themselves of the opportunity of a missionary nurses' training, should address the Secretary of the Training School, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal. 2m

Obituaries

Flohr—Henry Flohr was born August 15, 1828, in Russia, and died March 4, 1917, at Exeter, Cal., at the advanced age of 88 years, 6 months and 17 days. He came to America about 1875 and accepted the message about ten years later in Kansas. He has lived in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. His hope was bright to the end. He is survived by no relatives known to the writer.

E. H. Adams.

Williamson.—Mary Lucy Davidson was born in Kentucky May 30, 1834. While still a small child her parents started West, settling in Missouri for a time. Together with them she crossed the plains in 1852, locating near Santa Rosa, Cal. In 1856 she was married to James R. Williamson, one son and two daughters being born of the union.

Sister Williamson was one of the pioneer believers in California, and she was always an earnest representative of the third angel's message. She died at her home in Santa Rosa Jan. 31, 1917, at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 1 day. A son survives her. She fell asleep with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection.

J. Adams Stevens.

Castle—Cary Franklin Castle was born at Cedar Lake, Mich., July 10, 1882, and died at Healdsburg, Cal., Feb. 1, 1917, at the age of 34 years, 6 months, and 22 days.

On Sept. 5, 1905, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Addie Ried. To this union were born seven children, of whom one son and four daughters survive, together with his companion, his aged mother, three brothers, two sisters, and other relatives.

Brother Castle was born into the third angel's message, his father having been a schoolmate of Sister White, then Ellen G. Harmon, and later was among the first to see the manifestation of the prophetic gift through her. As the result of a terrible injury, Brother Castle was a great sufferer for many weeks before his death, but his faith in a loving Saviour sustained him, and he fell asleep with a bright hope of having a part in the everlasting kingdom.

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Sister Matilda Erickson is the author of a new book for young people, called, "Alone With God." It is 50 cents in cloth binding. Our tract societies have it.

We learn that the first edition of "Captivity and Restoration of Israel" the new book by Sister White, has been exhausted, but that a second edition is to be issued as soon as paper is obtained on which to print it.

Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference, left Los Angeles last Sunday for Huntsville, Alabama, to attend the Spring Council of the General and the North American Division Conference committees.

Our people in the Southeastern California Conference should take note that after careful consideration, it has been decided to hold the camp-meeting for that field from August 16 to 26, instead of August 30 to September 9, as first announced.

Brother Ernest Lloyd, formerly home missionary secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, has recently connected with the circulating department of the Pacific Press. Brother Lloyd is now visiting our schools listing magazine agents for the summer vacation.

The City Council of Douglas, Ariz., recently passed a Sunday closing ordinance, and the church element of Phoenix is making a strenuous effort to secure the passage of a similar measure there. Our brethren are doing all in their power to pre-

vent the passage of this ordinance in Phoenix.

Prof. M. E. Cady, educational secretary of the union, recently spent several days in the Southern and the Southeastern California conferences and San Fernando Academy, in the interests of the educational work. He returned to Oakland the middle of the week.

The Pacific Union Conference Committee was in session at the union conference office April 2, 3 and 4. Several conference workers were also present. A number of items received consideration, but the main object of the meeting was to lay plans for the future whereby it will be possible to more effectively place the truth before the people of the world.

As the Present Truth War Special was printed as No. 5 of the series for this year, and as it will not be a standard topic of the regular series after this year, and as other changes in the series will probably be made during the year to meet emergencies, thereby still further confusing the numbering of the series, it will be best for all to order hereafter by the subject rather than by number only. It will be but little more trouble, and will insure against disappointments in having orders filled with numbers not desired.

A bill providing for reading the Bible in the public schools is pending in the California Legislature, and still another bill providing that all employees of state institutions be given one day of rest in seven, but naming no particular day on which all must rest. Elder W. M. Healey is in Sacramento in the interests of religious liberty. Elders J. O. Corliss, Healey and N. W. Kauble were present at a hearing on the Sunday bills, held in the Senate Chamber March 12, and spoke in favor of freedom of conscience.

The Nevada Legislature, at its recent session, passed a Barbers' Sunday law, requiring all barber shops in cities having more than 10,000 inhabitants, to close on the first day of the week. At present the bill affects Reno only. However, it is an

opening wedge for still further religious legislation. When a State has once committed itself to this kind of laws, it is always easier for advocates of religious enactments to secure further legislation of the same kind. The penalty for violation of this new law is a fine of from \$25 to \$100, or imprisonment for not more than three months.

The British troops, opposed by the Turks, are battling their way toward Jerusalem from the south, and are reported in news dispatches to be within 20 miles of the city. Under date of March 29, the "Los Angeles Times" printed a dispatch from London which said that "the complete success reported to-day carries the British line straight across Palestine from the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean and enables the two wings of the army to move simultaneously upon Jerusalem, to the north of Hebron, or El Chalil, and upon Jaffa, the port of Jerusalem, directly north of Gaza." Another dispatch, appearing in the "Times" of March 8, said that the British forces based on the Suez Canal accomplished what was believed to be an impossible feat in crossing the desert that lies between the Canal and Palestine.

Reduction in Price

During these days when prices of almost every commodity are soaring, we are astounded to learn of something decreasing. At the recent meeting of the union conference committee, the subscription price of the "Recorder" was reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents a year.

These are perilous times in which we are living. It is impossible to know what a day or even an hour may bring forth. In view of these conditions and the necessity of our people being in close touch with the advancement of the message, it was decided to make the reduction. The "Recorder" should be making weekly visits to every Seventh-day Adventist home in this territory. We trust each church member will appoint himself a committee of one to see that the "Recorder" is going into every home in his church.

All subscriptions paid for at the old price of 50 cents, and received since this action was taken, will be entered for two years. E.