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Our Duty in the Present Crisis

No people ever appreciated more fully the pure and holy principles upon which our nation was founded than have Seventh-day Adventists. "In that grand old document which our forefathers set forth as their bill of rights—the Declaration of Independence—they declared: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' And the Constitution guarantees, in the most explicit terms, the inviolability of conscience: 'No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office of public trust under the United States.' 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'" Great Controversy, page 295.

"The framers of the Constitution recognized the eternal principle that man's relation with his God is above human legislation, and his rights of conscience inalienable. Reason-

ing was not necessary to establish this truth; we are conscious of it in our own bosoms. It is this consciousness which, in defiance of human laws, has sustained so many martyrs in tortures and flames. They felt that their duty to God was superior to human enactments, and that man could exercise no authority over their consciences. It is an inborn principle which nothing can eradicate." Congressional Documents (U. S. A.) Serial Number 200, Document Number 271.

At the time of the birth of our nation "the Bible was held as the foundation of faith, the source of wisdom, and the charter of liberty. Its principles were diligently taught in the home, in the school, and in the church, and its fruits were manifested in thrift, intelligence, purity, and temperance. . . . It was demonstrated that the principles of the Bible are the surest safeguards of national greatness. The feeble and isolated colonies grew to a confederation of powerful states, and the world marked with wonder the peace and prosperity of 'a church without a pope, and a state without a king.'" Great Controversy, page 296.

"Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity." Great Controversy, page 441.

These principles ever have been sacredly cherished by all lovers of liberty, and it is the duty of every one who enjoys these heaven-sent blessings to do all in his power to maintain them inviolate. God has, in a marvelous way, wrought in the birth of our nations, and in its unparalleled prosperity. He has preserved it as the home of religious and civil liberty.

We have now reached a crisis in the history of the world and in the history of our own nation. God would have the principles of civil and religious freedom in our government preserved. Unquestionably it is the duty of Seventh-day Adventists to contribute as largely as possible to the preservation of these holy principles.

In the bill now pending before Congress, provision is graciously made for the exemption of all who conscientiously object to bearing arms. It provides that "nothing in this act contained shall be construed to require or compel any person to serve in any of the forces herein provided for who is found to be a member of any well organized religious sect or organization, at present organized and existing, whose creed forbids its members to participate in war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed of said religious organization."

As a people we have ever been non-combatants. This was the position taken by the denomination at the time of the Civil War. The following is a statement of the principles of Seventh-day Adventists, laid before the Governor of Michigan by the General Conference committee of this denomination, August 3, 1864.

"To His Excellency, Austin Blair, Governor of the State of Michigan: 'We, the undersigned, Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, respectfully beg leave to present for your consideration the following statements:

"The denomination of Christians calling themselves Seventh-day Ad-

ventists, taking the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, are unanimous in their views that its teachings are contrary to the spirit and practice of war; hence, they have ever been conscientiously opposed to bearing arms. If there is any portion of the Bible which we, as a people, can point to more than another as our creed, it is the law of ten commandments, which we regard as the supreme law, and each precept of which we take in its most obvious and literal import. The fourth of these commandments requires cessation from labor on the seventh day of the week, the sixth prohibits the taking of life, neither of which, in our view, could be observed while doing military duty. Our practice has uniformly been consistent with these principles. Hence, our people have not felt free to enlist into the service. In none of our denominational publications have we advocated or encouraged the practice of bearing arms." *Review and Herald*, Aug., 1864.

In 1865 the General Conference reaffirmed these same principles.

We do not accept exemption from the performance of military duty because we fear to suffer. On the contrary, we cheerfully lay our bodies upon the altar of sacrifice for the glory of God, and the good of our fellowmen. Following the example of our Saviour, we ask not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give our lives, as necessity may require, a ransom for many. We stand ready to serve all men everywhere, and our country in any capacity where we are not required to disobey the supreme law of Jehovah. We pray for our friends and for our foes, that men everywhere may be quickly brought to truly know the Lord, and that peace and good will may be restored to this distracted world by the glorious coming of the Prince of peace.

There are lines of service which Seventh-day Adventists may perform at this critical moment which are just as vital to the preservation of the principles of liberty for which our nation stands, as that which may be performed by those who bear

arms. In an appeal to the nation, our honored President sets forth this truth in a most emphatic way, as follows:

"It is evident to every thinking man that our industries, in farms, in ship yards, in the mines, in the factories, must be made more prolific and more efficient than ever and that they must be more economically managed and better adapted to the particular requirements of our task than they have been; and what I want to say, is that the men and women who devote their thought and their energy to these things will be serving the country and conducting the fight for peace and freedom just as truly as the men on the battlefield or in the trenches. The industrial forces of the country, men and women alike, will be a great nation, a great international service army—a notable and honored host engaged in the service of the nation and the world, the efficient friends and saviors of free men everywhere. Thousands, nay hundreds of thousands, of men otherwise liable to military service will of right and of necessity be excused from that service and assigned to the fundamental sustaining work of the fields and factories and mines, and they will be as much a part of the great patriotic forces of the nation as the men under fire. . . .

"Upon the farmers of this country, therefore, in large measure rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations. May the nation not count upon them to omit no step that will increase the production of their land, that will bring about the most effectual co-operation in the sale and distribution of their food products? The time is short, it is of the most imperative importance that everything possible be done and done immediately to make sure of large harvests. I call upon young men and old alike and upon the able-bodied boys of the land to accept and act upon this duty, to turn in hosts to the farms and make certain that no pains and no labor is lacking in this great matter."

Many of our people are engaged in various occupations that are not essential, either to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, or

to the production of those things which are most necessary to the life of the nation in this crisis. Is it not the duty of all believers in this message who are located with their families in the cities to arrange as quickly as possible to locate in rural districts, taking part in the production of foods that will be so greatly needed in the very near future? For years we have been urged to leave the cities, and locate our families in the country. We have been slow to heed this counsel. Unquestionably the Lord, who sees the end from the beginning, was seeking to prepare his people for just such a crisis as that into which we are now brought.

We must never forget that our first and highest duty is to God. We should give our best energies to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, thus helping to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus. Our duty to God, and our duty to man do not conflict.

The conditions now prevailing in the world constitute the most positive evidence which could ever be given that the end of all things earthly is rapidly approaching. This calls for redoubled effort on our part to save the lost. We must, therefore, make liberal provision for our army of missionaries scattered over the world, who are depending upon the home land for their support. We must continue the supply of new recruits to those great fields, whose doors are now so widely open, and whose voices are so urgently calling for additional help. Our young men and women must prepare as quickly as possible to enter these doors to respond to these calls. In an ever-increasing stream, our offerings must flow out to these fields, causing the desert to rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

Thus, when wars shall cease unto the ends of the earth, when our glorious King breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder, when He burneth the chariot in the fire, the redeemed of the Lord from every nation shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, "and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy;

and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

E. E. Andross,
J. L. McElhany,
B. E. Beddoe.

In behalf of Pacific Union Conference Committee.

Military Registration

The passage of the conscription bill in its final form by Congress is assured. This measure becomes law with the President's signature, and a registration day will be fixed by proclamation. Every man in the country, whether a citizen or an alien, between the ages of 21 and 31, will be required to register. A heavy penalty carrying from three months to one year imprisonment is provided for all who fail to register. Every effort should be made to see that all who come under the provisions of the law are informed of the time and place of registration.

No exemptions from military service on the ground of religious convictions or on other grounds can be secured except by registering in harmony with the requirements of the law. According to press reports, question 12 on the registration card will be, "Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?" A satisfactory answer to this question by members of a religious organization that is recognized as non-combatant will exempt them from bearing arms.

While we are living in solemn times, all should exercise caution against any excitement and hysteria. This is a time for calm deliberation, and the advice of James 1:19 should be heeded: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak."

E. E. Andross,
J. L. McElhany,
B. E. Beddoe.

In behalf of Pacific Union Conference Committee.

Declaration of Principles

The following action was taken by the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, April 18, 1917, at

its meeting in Huntsville, Ala., and filed in the office of the Assistant Secretary of War, at Washington, D. C.:

"To the proper authorities:

"In behalf of the Seventh-day Adventists in the United States of America, the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists respectfully submits the following statement:

"We believe that civil government is ordained of God, and that in the exercise of its legitimate functions it should receive the support of its citizens. We believe in the principles upon which this government was founded. We are loyal to its constitution, which is based upon the principles of democracy, and guarantees civil and religious liberty to all its citizens.

"We deplore that our nation has been drawn into the horrors of war, and shall continually pray that the God of heaven may speedily bring peace to our country.

"We have been non-combatants throughout our history. During the Civil War our people officially declared:

"That we recognize civil government as ordained of God, that order, justice and quiet may be maintained in the land, and that the people of God may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. In accordance with this fact, we acknowledge the justice of rendering tribute, custom, honor, and reverence to the civil power, as enjoined in the New Testament. While we thus cheerfully render to Caesar the things which the Scriptures show to be his, we are compelled to decline all participation in acts of war and bloodshed, as being inconsistent with the duties enjoined upon us by our divine Master toward our enemies and toward all mankind."

"We hereby reaffirm the foregoing declaration. We petition that our religious convictions be recognized by those in authority, and that we be required to serve our country only in such capacity as will not violate our conscientious obedience to the law of God, as contained in the decalogue, interpreted in the teachings of Christ, and exemplified in His life."

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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

St. Helena Sanitarium

Last year was the banner one of the sanitarium. Experience leads us to expect a light patronage in the fall and winter; but December, 1916, brought us a heavier patronage than last June. The average number of patients during the first quarter of 1917 was two and one-half times what it was during the same period in 1915.

While we appreciate the fact that sanitarium work is becoming more and more popular, and while we realize that practically all institutions are enjoying a heavy patronage during this winter, yet we feel that this increase in our patronage is due to a large extent to the united, devoted services of a large body of contented helpers, who have the keenest interest in the success of the work for which this institution stands, and we consider this spirit of harmony and co-operation the greatest business asset which we possess.

During the past winter we have accommodated a good class of patients. In previous winters we have not expected to have our more expensive rooms occupied. But this winter we have not had sufficient of this kind of rooms to meet the demand.

The completion of our new building has been a great asset. The increased volume of business has not been due to an influx of tourists from the eastern states, for a retrospect of the past twelve months shows us that 94 per cent. of our patients came from California, also that only one and four-tenths per cent. came from the Eastern states.

The work of our nurses' training school is being established on a higher basis. Our new class numbers 31. The preliminary education on the average is far in excess of what we require. Some of our matriculants have college degrees; Several have 14 grades of school work; and a large number have 12

grades. This is very encouraging to us, in view of the fact that in September, 1918, we must increase to 12 grades our educational requirements for admission.

We are installing a new demonstration room, to assist in practical instruction of our nurses. Our X-Ray and special electrical department has been doing heavy work, so much so, that it has been impossible for the apparatus to carry the volume of work, and has required during the last few months the installation of two more high-frequency coils.

The medical staff is composed of Dr. William J. Johnson, formerly of Paradise Valley Sanitarium, National City; Dr. L. H. Butka, of Middletown Sanitarium, New York; Ida S. Nelson, who has for some time carried our list of lady patients; and Dr. Elise B. Merritt, who confines her work to nose, eye, ear, and throat work. We look forward to a very busy summer's work this year.

F. B. Jones.

Conference Notes

The interest at Lakeport keeps up well. A minister has advertised meetings to "show us up." Many are deeply interested in the truth.

A brother has recently taken his stand for the truth at Calistoga, where there is a call for a series of meetings. Elder W. H. Saxby met with them May 5.

Elder H. E. Lysinger reports additional interest at Napa and Vallejo. The Sunday night attendance at Napa has increased. Some will be ready for baptism soon at both places.

Brother S. Donaldson is visiting the churches in the northern part of the conference in the interests of the Universal Service Movement. He reports 32 "Signs" subscriptions taken at Ukiah. Definite plans are laid for thorough house-to-house work.

Elder Alder and Brother Bond began meetings in Crescent City the evening of May 1. Some have become much interested. He says it

is refreshing to note the way the new brethren at Smith River are keeping up with their twenty cents per week. He asks, "Why can not some of our older churches get as much delight out of this part of the work?"

Camp-Meeting Rates

Word has been received from the railroad bureau with reference to camp-meeting rates, informing us that the usual reduced fare has been granted. This will be one and one-third of the regular fare for the round trip, on the receipt-certificate plan. Tickets will be on sale at all stations of the railroads in California from June 5 to 17, and will be honored for return June 7 to 19. The agent says, "Please impress upon your delegates the necessity for their complying strictly with the conditions outlined above." That is, a certificate receipt must be secured when buying the ticket to come to the camp-meeting. This receipt must be signed by Brother Donaldson after arriving on the camp ground, and it will then enable you to secure the one-third fare returning. Buy your ticket to Healdsburg, Cal., over any of the railroad lines. And plan to come for the whole camp-meeting.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.

Stockton Camp-meeting

The Northern California camp-meeting will be held at Oak Park, in Stockton, June 21 to July 1. These are the same grounds that we occupied last year, and are granted free, with the same privileges as before. Several places were considered before we decided to hold the meeting at Stockton.

There is no other location so accessible to all our people. The conveniences are perhaps the best. A large attendance at this meeting is expected. The times were never before as ominous as now. We are now entering the time of trouble that the Lord has told us would come upon the world, just before probation's close, and "while Christ is in the sanctuary." "Early Writ-

ings," old edition, Supplement, page 1.

This world is surely slipping from our grasp; no man can tell what another year will bring to us. Our sons and our daughters are now with us, and we hope for the best attendance of our young people that we have ever had. Unless God shall work for them in a special manner, they will not all be with us another year.

This meeting will be given to the spiritual interests of both parents and youth. The lambs of the flock will not be forgotten. How good God has been to us in lengthening out our time of peace, leaving our loved ones with us, while for almost three years many of our brethren and sisters in Europe have had no home, and they know not where their sons are.

Let all, parents and children, begin now to lay plans to come. This may be our last meeting which all can attend together. I believe that God will manifest His power to save in a way that we have never seen before. Remember the time, June 21 to July 1.

Clarence Santee.

CALIFORNIA

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

Notes

Subscribe for the "Recorder" today. The price is only 25 cents a year.

Elder A. Brorsen reports a good interest in the Monday night cottage meetings at Hayward.

Mrs. McElhany assisted in the program on Young People's Day at the Richmond church.

The church recently organized at Martinez is prospering. Their meetings are held in the Baptist church.

Our camp-meeting will be held in Beulah Park, East Oakland. This is a beautiful place for a camp-meeting. The date is July 5 to 15. Begin now to plan to attend. In addition to union and local conference workers, we expect to have with us Elder R. C. Porter, of the Asiatic

Division Conference; Elder W. T. Knox, of the General Conference, and Elder G. B. Thompson, of the North American Division Conference.

I am using 70 copies of "Signs" per week in house-to-house work; have sent in several short term subscriptions and one yearly. Many have expressed their interest in its perusal, and we are making friends in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Oak Grove. We are planning to visit every home in this vicinity, hoping and praying that some sheaves will be gathered into the heavenly garner as the result of our efforts in this place. James Taphouse.

We have received the announcement of the Medical Missionary Summer School, which is to be held from June 5 to July 3 at Loma Linda, Cal. In this announcement we read: "The summer school planned by the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda is designed to give a brief course in the most essential things for this line of work. It is the aim of the college to make the instruction of such a practical nature that it will be of great benefit to our laymen and women, church workers, teachers, and home workers." We trust all who possibly can will arrange to take this course. Write at once to Dr. Newton Evans, Loma Linda, Cal., for an announcement.

J. L. McElhany.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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

Camp-meeting Rates

The meeting will begin Thursday evening, May 24, and will close Sunday evening, June 3.

A rate of one and one-third fare has been granted by all railways from all points in California. Tickets will be on sale May 22 to June 3, coming to the meeting, and from May 24 to June 5, returning. When purchasing the ticket, be sure to state that you are to attend the camp-meeting, and do not forget to secure a certificate from the ticket agent, showing that you have purchased a ticket to Fresno on account of the camp-meeting. If you fail to

secure a certificate, you will not be entitled to return at one-third fare.

To reach the grounds from either railway station, take the street-car marked "Recreation Park," which goes direct to the grounds.

Bring your baggage checks to the camp-ground.

Come early and remain till the close of the meeting.

Tents

The price of tents for the camp-meeting will be the same as in the past, namely, 12x17 tents, \$3.50; 10x12, \$2.50. Burlap for the floors will be 75 and 50 cents. Flies, if needed, are the same price as the burlap, but it is not likely that they will be needed, since there is plenty of shade for all tents. We plan to have tents for all, so it will not be necessary to order a tent in advance.

G. A. Wheeler, Secretary.

Central California Conference Association

The Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will hold its fifth annual meeting in connection with the camp-meeting at Recreation Park near Fresno, Cal., May 24 to June 3, for electing a board of trustees and transacting such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting of the association is called for May 31, at 10 a. m. All delegates are members of the association.

N. P. Neilsen, President. G. A. Wheeler, Secretary.

Conference Items

Elder Eugene A. Brown met with the Fairmead church last Sabbath.

We received \$3015.44 tithe for the month of April, and \$784 on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

At the close of last quarter our Sabbath schools had made a net gain of 153 members over the preceding quarter.

Once more let us extend an invitation to attend our camp-meeting at Fresno, May 24 to June 3. We hope to meet you there.

Our conference office received \$1803.90 Sabbath school offerings for

the first quarter of this year. This is an increase of \$459.60 over the first quarter of last year.

Brother C. L. Davis is attending the canvassers' institute at Pacific Union College this week. Quite a large canvassers' class has been formed.

Elder F. E. Brown met with the Fresno church last Sabbath. He conducted Brother Wintemute's funeral service in the afternoon, assisted by Dr. H. O. Breeden, pastor of the First Christian church.

The sad word reached us that our aged sister, Jennie A. McClannahan, passed away this week. The funeral services were held Tuesday, conducted by Elder F. E. Brown. The deceased was a member of the Selma church.

The writer had the privilege of attending the Sabbath services at Pacific Union College last Sabbath. It is a beautiful sight to see so many of our young men and women gathered at this place, receiving a training for usefulness in the Lord's work.

Owing to a change of plans, Elder W. T. Knox will not reach this country in time to attend our camp-meeting. But we expect Elder A. G. Daniells and Elder G. B. Thompson to be with us, besides a number of ministers from the union conference. Plan to come.

It was found that one of our churches, consisting of 46 families, was taking only 10 copies of the "Recorder" at the beginning of our "Recorder" campaign. Now every family is taking it, or has access to it. This is the way it should be. We expect to continue the campaign until every family is supplied with it. We will thus be able to reach them when we have important matters to present. Now let all who read this note, help us in the campaign.

Special Notice

Owing to the scarcity of straw this year, it may be difficult for us to secure enough to supply the camp with the amount desired for use in

bed ticks. We would therefore suggest that our people bring an extra supply of bedding with them to the camp-meeting. We will be able to secure quite a large number of springs, but probably not enough to supply the whole camp.

N. P. Neilsen.

May 11.

Shafter

It was my privilege, in company with Elder H. Shultz, to visit some of the churches in this conference. We held a short series of meetings with our brethren at Shafter. From the very beginning the power of the Holy Spirit was manifested, and hearts were drawn nearer to God. At the close of the meeting 17 souls were buried with their Lord in baptism and one joined the church on profession of faith.

This was made possible through the faithful work of a consecrated church school teacher and the continuous work of a live church. Oh, that all our teachers and church officers would work continually to win souls to the Master, and then the work would soon be done.

G. A. Grauer.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres.

W. L. Mecum, Sec.

Advance Moves in Home Missionary Work

Our people are cooperating heartily in launching the Universal Service Movement in the Pacific Union Conference. Now is the time to enlist in God's army. Our motto in this conference is, "A work for every one, and every one at his work." Those who engage in this soul-saving work will gain souls for Christ's kingdom, and spiritual strength. If you have not enlisted, do so at once. Note the lines of work suggested by Elder B. E. Beddoe in the "Recorder" of April 19. Select that which you can do best, and begin at once. Send for a few copies of the "World War," by Elder A. G. Daniells, and sell these to your neighbors, or send for a club of "Signs" to use in missionary work near your home. People everywhere are eager to know the meaning and

Tithe and Twenty-cent-a-week Fund in Southeastern California

Three Months Ending March 31, 1917

Church	Tithe		20-cent-a-week	Per wk. per mem.	
	1916	1917		1916	1917
Anaheim	\$ 98.14	\$ 141.36	\$ 36.89	5.23	9.45
Beaumont	87.53	83.05	19.93	9.12	9.02
Brawley	365.76	588.53	104.92	9.77	13.45
Brea		59.45	14.84		9.51
Centralia	45.66	107.11	36.54	5.84	11.24
Colton	72.87	112.79	61.91	8.58	18.32
Corona	28.70			16.36	
El Cajon	312.60	80.75	47.84	19.14	30.66
El Centro	123.16	230.56	35.04	16.63	20.73
Escondido, English	97.25	202.30	71.27	3.67	7.61
Escondido, German	39.25	21.00	18.30	10.11	7.82
Garden Grove	155.27	137.96	32.02	3.55	4.32
Hemet	190.49	189.07	51.62	7.52	6.62
Hinkley	30.00	77.95	13.81	3.79	9.65
Holtville	186.10	148.68	17.92	8.86	3.71
La Mesa	33.45	30.92	23.83	7.56	15.27
Loma Linda	1917.90	3200.00	888.70	16.45	17.17
New River	86.08	215.40	55.77	22.06	12.25
Ontario	115.46	195.37	37.33	2.16	7.17
Orange	83.19	213.49	106.87	5.82	20.05
Paradise Valley	671.83	961.29	294.00	17.19	20.19
Redlands	407.82	754.86	167.68	13.34	18.97
Rialto	105.46	94.48	46.91	19.33	20.05
Riverside	204.28	592.21	162.17	6.85	16.41
San Bernardino	95.45	353.88	56.74	4.45	12.12
San Diego, G St.	1497.30	1174.59	314.78	18.61	11.47
San Pasqual	37.97	63.71	63.30	23.20	18.03
Santa Ana	374.80	293.39	137.71	12.99	13.58
University Heights	463.43	321.98	73.10	9.51	7.12
Personal	103.82	127.37	25.84		
	\$8031.02	\$10773.50	\$3017.58	12.61	12.68

John C. McReynolds, Treasurer.

outcome of the present struggle. Our literature will help them to understand the Bible prophecies.

The following figures show what has been accomplished in the Southern California Conference during the quarter ending March 31:

Last Quarter, 1916

Number persons reporting	265
Missionary letters written	694
Missionary letters received	251
Bible readings, cot. mts. held	777
Offerings home mis. work	\$ 124.37
Number conversions	3

First Quarter, 1917

Number persons reporting	609
Missionary letters written	830
Missionary letters received	264
Bible readings, cot. mts. held	1339
Offerings home mis. work	\$606.86
Number conversions	21

C. C. Morlan.

Long Beach

The Long Beach church enjoyed a special service on Sabbath, May 5. Mrs. Edna Lawrence, the Sabbath school superintendent, with many helping hands, had transformed the church into a veritable rose garden

—a bower of beauty with singing birds and thousands of the beautiful flowers which God has still left on this sin-cursed earth for our pleasure. This May Day Praise Service was enjoyed by all.

The service which followed,—celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society,—brought to all a deeper consecration and greater interest in the society. A number of readings by the young people and a talk by Dr. Geo. Thomason, on a deeper consecration and individual willingness to be used of God,—brought the close of a most enjoyable service.

ARIZONA

J. E. Bond, Pres.

Frank Lane, Sec.

Conference Items

Let us all plan to attend camp-meeting this summer.

The conference committee met May 3 and considered important matters in connection with the field

work and the locating of workers for the summer. All the members of the committee were present, except Brother Stump. Some of the conference laborers met with us.

The writer recently visited the believers in Nogales, Patagonia, Elgin, St. David and Benson. We hope soon to have the privilege of baptizing some in each of these places.

A young man from Globe, who has been studying the message for some time, came by way of Phoenix a few days ago that he might receive the ordinance of baptism. He was leaving for Canada.

A man and wife were received into the Phoenix church by baptism Sabbath, April 28. These were the fruit of Brother A. L. Whitaker's work. Brother Whitaker reports others keeping the Sabbath at Winkelman.

While visiting near Patagonia last week, the writer met two men and a lady who are keeping the Sabbath as a result of reading the Bible. The lady was brought up in the Catholic faith. These people are expecting to be baptized soon.

Prof. L. B. Ragsdale has been asked to act as principal of the Arizona Conference School the coming year. Associated with him will be his wife and Sister Ellen M. Lambeth, who has had charge of the primary grades the past year. The present year has been very successful, and we desire to make the school stronger each succeeding year.

We would like to call the attention of the members in Arizona once more to the fact that the conference work is now conducted in the Phoenix office. Brother Frank Lane is conference secretary and treasurer, and is also acting as secretary of the tract society. All funds and orders for literature should be sent to 615 N. 10th St., Phoenix, Ariz.

Elder C. D. M. Williams and Brother Fred M. Owen will ship their tent to Casa Grande next week. I am sure the isolated believers living in these districts will rejoice as they see their prayers answered

by these efforts. Shall we not pray more earnestly, if possible, that God will greatly bless in raising up a church of earnest believers in each of these places.

The effort at Gadsden closed the last of April. There was but one convert as a result of this meeting, but we hope the seed sown may yet bare other fruit. The tent equipment has been shipped to Maricopa, where a short effort will be held. Elders I. P. Dillon and L. L. Hutchinson, with Sister Hutchinson, will conduct this series. While this is a very small place, there is some interest, and we hope to see fruits from the effort.

J. Ernest Bond.

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Obituaries

North.—Elizabeth North, nee Shively, was born Jan. 10, 1833, in Stark County, Ohio, and died at Fresno, Cal., Feb. 28, 1917, at the age of 84 years, 1 month and 18 days. Sister North accepted the message at Sigourney, Iowa, about 60 years ago, and was an esteemed member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of that place when the end came. Another one of the generation, some of whom will be living when the Lord comes, has passed away. Two sisters (Mrs. Leah Otto, of Aubrey, Cal., and Mrs. A. D. Long, of Grand Junction, Colo.) and three sons survive her.

E. H. Adams.

Scott.—Julia Scott was born in Saxony, Germany, Sept. 7, 1830, and died in Glendale, Cal., March 19, 1917, having reached the age of 86 years, 6 months and 12 days. Mother Scott located in Oakland, Cal., 54 years ago, and was one of the first on the Pacific Coast to accept the three-fold message, becoming a charter member of the Oakland Seventh-day Adventist church, where she retained her membership to the end of her pilgrimage. Her surviving children are Mrs. F. H. Smith, of Takoma, Washington; Mrs. C. E. Frisbie, of Oakland, Cal.; and Mrs. G. W. Reaser, of Glendale, Cal. Two grandchildren are engaged in missionary service in distant fields.—Mrs. Melvin Munson in Singapore, East Indies, and Mrs. B. R. Owen, in Seoul, Korea. We are confident that we have laid her to rest for only "the little while" which remains till Jesus comes. The funeral service was conducted by Elder G. A. Snyder.

G. W. Reaser.

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THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1917

The most successful colporteurs' institute ever conducted at Pacific Union College closed last Teusday. A large number of young people are planning on entering this branch of the work at the close of school, some of them for the first time. Let us pray that God will abundantly bless them in their Heaven appointed work.

Brother F. E. Painter, the Union Field Secretary, and Brethren C. C. Morlan, C. L. Davis, E. H. Abbott, G. H. Barbee and H. A. Hebard, the field secretaries from the California conferences, have been at the college for the past ten days in charge of the colporteurs' institute. These were assisted the first few days by several of the conference presidents.

Our Progress

At the close of March our standing on the twenty-cent-a-week fund was 13.28 cents, while at the end of April we find it is 13.48 or a little higher. This would indicate some progress has been made, but in reality we are farther behind. One month ago we were \$10,162.69 short of our goal, but \$13,140.52 is the amount we are short now. We sincerely trust and pray our standing at the end of this month may be greatly improved.

B. M. E.

One Hundred Members

One hundred sheep are mentioned in the parable. The shepherd knew each by name, and missed the one as soon as it was gone. He did not wait for it to return. He did not

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

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dare to wait a week, no not even a day, before going out to find it. He must have been a good shepherd who cared for his sheep.

Here is a church with a hundred members. They are the sheep. The elder is the shepherd of this flock. He must watch them by day and by night. He should know them all by name and should notice when one is gone. Perchance it is backsliding from the Lord, and so remains away from the church. Perhaps it is sick or in distress, and needs a helping hand. The shepherd must not let it remain away for weeks or months before making inquiry. No, the wolves are abroad, and the sheep may perish unless it is found. It must be brought back to the church.

O, that the elder may be acquainted with his flock and know them all by name! Let the clerk give him a list of the members. Let the elder go over this list week by week and make inquiries concerning the different ones. Let him notice if any are gone, and then seek to find them. The Lord will bless this work. May the Lord bless our faithful church elders!

N. P. Neilsen.

Do It Now

The events now transpiring constitute a remarkable fulfillment of the prediction of the Lord's servant, "The final movements will be rapid ones." The rapidly with which momentous events are now transpiring is certainly startling, and it is highly important that we keep in close touch with every believer in the union conference. The "Recorder" is the only medium of communication with our people in this field, and it is quite important that this paper should go into every Seventh-day Adventist home. The instruction found in this and in succeeding issues will prove to be invaluable, and this issue should be preserved for future reference. The elder of each church should immediately see that every family is a subscriber.

E. E. Andross.

Camp-Meeting Dates

Table with 3 columns: Location, Name, and Dates. Rows include Central California (Recreation Park, Fresno), Northwestern California (Healdsburg), Northern California (Oak Park, Stockton), Nevada (Reno), California (Beulah Park, East Oakland), Arizona (Prescott), Inter-Mountain, Southern California, Southeastern California (Anaheim), and Arizona (Safford).