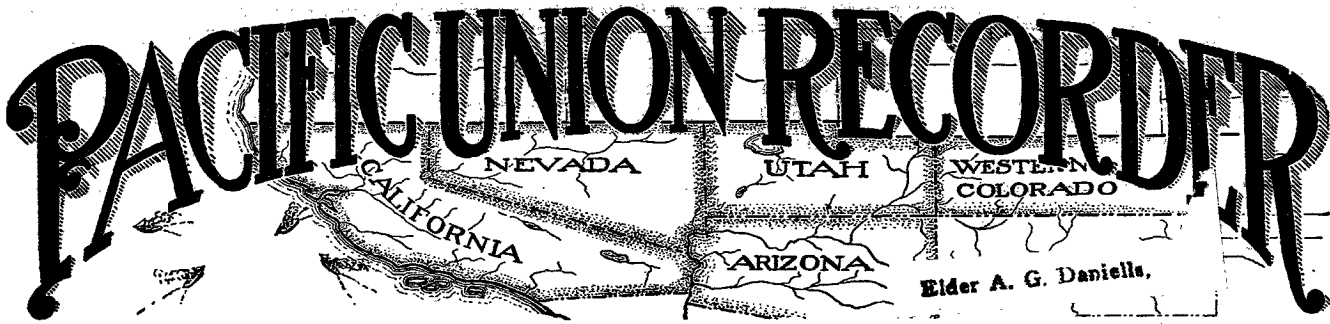


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The Questionnaire and Religious Conviction Against War

Every registered man under the selective draft who has not been called to the colors must answer a series of questions in a pamphlet which the government has termed, "The Questionnaire." The local boards will commence sending out this questionnaire to registrants about December 15. This new policy being adopted by the war department "not only repeals all preceding regulations, but cancels all exemptions and discharges which have been granted by local boards under the present system. This will restore every man to his original status, and the local boards will send a questionnaire to every man who is not in the service."—"Official Bulletin."

According to the "Official Bulletin" dated November 24, "registrants are required to fill out the questionnaire, in accordance with instructions contained therein, and return to the local boards within seven days from date of notice. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment for one year, and may result in the loss of valuable rights

and in immediate induction into military service."

One series of questions in "The Questionnaire" will be of special interest to Seventh-day Adventists. This series of six questions are as follows:

Q. 1. Are you a member of a religious sect or organization whose creed forbids you to participate in war in any form? If so, state the name of the sect and the location of its governing body or head.

Q. 2. State the date and place of organization of your local church.

Q. 3. State the number of adherents of such sect in the United States.

Q. 4. When did such sect adopt opposition to war as a part of its creed?

Q. 5. When, where and how did you become a member of such sect?

Q. 6. Give the name and location of the particular local congregation of which you are a member."

These questions are all plain and should be carefully answered. Of course, in answering question No. 1, all our members are familiar with our denominational name and know that its governing body is the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and its location is Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Some may not have at hand statistical information to enable them to answer question No. 3; also same may not have historical information needed in answering question No. 4.

According to the Statistical Report of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the second quarter of 1917, there were, June 30, 1917, 80,000 adherents of this denomination in the United States.

In the matter of historical facts

regarding answering question No. 4 the following is to the point. There appeared this resolution in the "Advent Review and Sabbath Herald," dated May 23, 1865, adopted at the third session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held in Battle Creek, Mich., May 17, 1865:

"Our Views of War

"Resolved, That we acknowledge the pamphlet entitled 'Extracts from the Publications of Seventh-day Adventists, Setting Forth Their Views of the Sinfulness of War,' as a truthful representation of the views held by us from the beginning of our existence as a people, relative to bearing arms.

"Our Duty to the Government

"Resolved, 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.

"Resolved, That this Conference request the Executive Committee of the General Conference to prepare an article for publication setting forth our view of the teaching of the Scriptures on the subject of war."

Of course, in answering question No. 4, the short answer would be, "May 17, 1865," but the matter quoted above gives the actions verba-

tim. The Seventh-day Adventist denomination has consistently adhered during their entire history to the action taken in 1865 regarding war.

B. E. Beddoe.

Winning Souls

Each church member, who has tasted the goodness of God and the joy of sins forgiven, should definitely plan to try to win one soul for the Lord this winter. It is a most blessed work and it will bring joy to the soul. Perhaps you can reach some back-slidden one who has lost his hold on God. Try it. Show an interest in him and in his soul's salvation. Perhaps he became discouraged and lost his experience because the church was cold toward him. Try to regain him by love. Or you may find some one who is just hungry to have you speak a word of hope to him. Speak it, and your own soul will be cheered. Love will show you the way. When your own heart is filled to overflowing with this blessed message, you will find some heart, longing for a message of cheer. Let us plan to win one soul this winter. Pray for help to do it.

N. P. Neilsen.

FIELD TIDINGS

ARIZONA

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Mexican Work in Arizona

It has been so long since the readers of the "Recorder" have seen a report from the Mexican work in this conference that some may think it has been forgotten entirely, but we wish to assure them that they are mistaken. We have been too busy to stop long enough to write.

Following the Safford camp-meeting, Brethren Augustine Sanchez and Ismael D. Sanchez and the writer came to Nogales, and after much difficulty secured a lot on which to pitch a 35-foot round tent. The city has a very strict ordinance, prohibiting the erecting of anything but fire-proof buildings in the fire limits, and the fire limits take in nearly all of the inhabited part of the city. So

when we asked permission to put up our tent, we were promptly told that it could not be done. But we firmly believed that the Lord had a place somewhere for us, and began to search for a location outside of the fire limits. Every place found had some insurmountable objection, and we began to wonder if it would be possible to hold a meeting here after all.

One day I chanced to drop into the city clerk's office. He remembered the application that I had made to the chairman of the fire committee, and said the reason that I was refused so emphatically was that I was a Protestant, but that this man was not all the board of trustees. He then advised me to see the mayor, which I did. The latter gave me not only the desired permit, but referred me to his head bookkeeper, who had just the lot we needed in the very best location in the city. He was glad to let us have it, and we have been holding meetings there every night since October 2.

We believe this was brought about by the hand of the Lord, for every one who has accepted the message here lives in the immediate neighborhood of the tent, and it seems that there is no interest anywhere else in the town, but rather the strongest opposition. So that which we took for a most discouraging omen only served to drive us to the very place the Lord had in mind; for had we received the desired permit at first, we should have pitched the tent far from the present location, and perhaps these eight precious souls would not have found the truth at this time. Truly the Master works in wondrous ways.

There has been every evidence that the adversary was stirred mightily from the very first, but his wrath has helped the cause. In searching for a tent location, we had occasion to interview nearly every prominent man in town, and to tell him about our message. This was a help when we began working in the Harvest Ingathering, for when we called on them we were not entire strangers. Although our work is little known here, we have been able to gather in almost \$60.00, and there is considerable to do yet.

Among those who have taken their

stand is the former leader of the Methodist missionary society, and her example is stirring up considerable interest among that people. She was undoubtedly the most active member of the church, and her loss is causing no small excitement. She is working just as hard now for the message as she used to for what she once thought was right, and is visiting and pleading with her former associates to come out from Babylon. There is still a large field to work, and we expect to put in the winter here. We ask that the brethren will remember us at the throne of grace.

F. M. Owen.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

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Conference Items

We are glad to report that Elder E. A. Curtis has improved so that he has been able to return to his home at Glade Park.

By the time these lines are read, the Chache Creek brethren will have their new church building ready for services, and best of all, it is paid for.

Let all determine to put more energy into the Harvest Ingathering campaign, for we are nearing our goal,—too near the mark to slacken our efforts. For every one to unite means victory.

Elder C. L. Snodgrass reports a splendid interest in the meetings he is conducting near Cedaredge. Let us ever remember our workers in prayer, that God will give them power in winning souls.

At this writing, Brother J. L. Sauder, our energetic field agent, is in the western part of the conference, looking for recruits for the colporteur work. If our people could realize the shortness of time, and the importance of this branch of the work, we are confident many would lay down their present occupations, and, with truth-laden literature and hearts burdened for souls, go into the whitened harvest fields to work till Jesus comes. Why be an idler in the market place? "The Master calleth for thee."

To many of the readers, the week of prayer will have closed by the time this reaches them. We trust that all have received such a blessing during this week, that as never before we shall be witnesses for God and His truth. We pray that, as God's people see the magnitude of the work before us, the nearness of the end, and God's benevolence toward His children, we, as recipients of His blessings, will show our gratitude by a liberal annual offering. "God gives to us regularly, freely, abundantly. Every earthly blessing is from His hand. What if the Lord should cease to bestow His gifts upon us? What a cry of wretchedness, suffering, and want would go up from the earth!... He calls upon us to return to Him a portion of the abundance He has bestowed on us." Volume 9, pages 49, 50.

December 5.

H. E. Lysinger.

Salt Lake City Church Notes

Wesley Andress is meeting with success in handling the home workers' books.

Brother C. L. Roberts has taken up the colporteur work, and is doing well selling "Bible Readings" in the city.

J. L. Sauder left Monday for Grand Junction and other points in Colorado in the interests of his department work.

An auto party went into the country last week in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work, and secured in cash and produce a little over \$12.00.

The church is planning on a spiritual feast during the week of prayer. Elder H. E. Lysinger promises to be with us during the last three days of the week.

C. H. Bates and one of the other brethren went into the country for a couple of hours Sunday morning and collected, for missions, \$3.30 in cash and produce.

While the Salt Lake City church reports difficulty in securing large donations in the Harvest Ingathering work, yet we are gradually plodding on toward our goal of \$300, and are determined to keep at it till the amount is raised.

We are laying plans for the general meeting to be held here December 27 to 30. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance from the churches in this part of the field as well as by those who are isolated. The church is arranging to lodge those who come, as well as to provide some free meals.

An interesting letter from Brother William Jensen was read recently to the church. He tells of some of the experiences he has been having in military camp. In spite of the fact that it had been weeks since he had seen another Adventist, he was of good courage and determined to be true to his God. W. M. Andress.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Our Annual Offering

There are many urgent appeals for funds in these strenuous times. There are appeals for the Liberty Loan Bonds, for the Red Cross work, for help to assist the starving millions of Belgium, the destitute Armenians and the Y. M. C. A. war funds; but all these appeals are only "extras" on account of the war, and do not in any wise lessen our responsibilities toward the mission work in the dark heathen lands. The great heathen fields need to hear the gospel story as much as ever. A person could not well plead the war tax an excuse for not paying his house rent, his milk bill or his telephone bill. These must be paid just the same as before, and the war tax is something extra, which we must pay because of the war condition.

Thus it is with our responsibility toward the mission work. It has not lessened, but rather increased because of the war. The people are calling for the light. The whole world is astir, and the hand of Providence swings open the doors in the dark lands of earth and urges the missionary forward. We must enter these open doors and give the last warning message. We must supply the men and the means. The annual offering is to be taken up in all our churches on Sabbath, December 15. It should be the largest offering we have ever received, for the times demand it. Let us make it so. Soon the work

will be finished and all the heart- and we will go home to Father's house.

N. P. Neilsen.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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Conference Notes

The way some of our churches have taken hold of the renewing of their clubs of our good denominational papers is encouraging. However, some of the churches have not considered this matter as yet, and we fear that unless immediate attention is given to the renewal and increasing of the clubs, a curtailment of home missionary activities will be necessary on account of the increased cost beginning Jan. 1, 1918. If your church has not considered renewing its clubs, call the attention of your missionary secretary and church elder to it immediately.

One of our brethren writes as follows: "I wrote to some relatives, who do not profess Christianity, soliciting a donation in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering, hoping to receive probably \$5.00. Imagine my joy on receiving a letter from them yesterday enclosing a check for \$20.00!" Have you tried all your relatives to make sure that they have not a \$20.00 check waiting for the Lord? We have a very short time in which to finish the Harvest Ingathering work this year. If you have not been in the field, you may be denying some one in the home land and some one in foreign fields a knowledge of this message.

Do you know any one in your church that is not a subscriber to the "Recorder"? You do! Then when you finish reading this paper, lend it to him and invite him to subscribe.

S. Donaldson.

December 7.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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In the Field

The writer has just returned from a profitable trip through Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, meeting with our churches in that

part of the conference, and visiting some of the isolated members.

Three encouraging meetings were held with the Santa Barbara church, which resulted in the reorganization of the missionary society. Definite plans were laid to hold weekly missionary meetings, and carry on more aggressive work with our literature. About 30 yearly subscriptions were secured for the "Signs" weekly, and a number of our small books were bought for missionary work. The church has placed a standing order for the Present Truth leaflets, and will work a given district of the city with all the 24 numbers, then work another section in like manner, following up the interest thus created by holding Bible readings. The Santa Barbara church members have worked hard during the last few weeks, and rejoice that they have exceeded their Harvest Ingathering goal.

It was my privilege to meet with the little company at Santa Maria, where a few of our people are holding up the light of truth. They also ordered some of the Present Truth leaflets and small books to distribute and loan to the citizens of Santa Maria.

At Arroyo Grande we had a meeting with the church on Wednesday evening, at which time consideration was given to the matter of using more literature as a means of bringing to the attention of the people the message for this time. Elder J. R. Patterson, who is working hard in that part of the conference, accompanied me in visiting some of the people in their homes. All were of good courage and seemed anxious to have a definite part in the closing work. On Sabbath, the literature question was considered again, and as their club of 20 "Signs" would soon expire, renewals were arranged for. In addition to this about 10 more subscriptions were secured.

Definite plans were laid for holding a weekly missionary meeting, which will help to stimulate the spirit of any church.

The same missionary spirit noticeable among the adult members of the church is being taught and practiced in the church school. The teacher, Miss Minnie Overman, had arranged a very interesting program,

which was rendered in the church on Thanksgiving evening. The program was in the nature of a missionary meeting, two of the pupils acting as chairman and secretary of the meeting respectively. One item of special interest in the report of the secretary was the number of papers given away, missionary visits, etc. We trust that the spirit of reporting will grow in that church and in every other.

Sabbath afternoon we met with the San Luis Obispo church, and although only a small company, we found them of good courage and willing to do all in their power to scatter the printed page. They ordered a supply of small books to use. Plans were also laid for holding missionary meetings.

We desire to see every church in the conference, where weekly missionary meetings are not held, lay definite plans to hold such meetings. The spirit of prophecy has told us that "the church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes," and the church can never accomplish that purpose unless such meetings are held. Let us have more missionary meetings.

C. C. Morlan.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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Thanksgiving at Paradise Valley

Arriving at Paradise Valley Sanitarium the day before Thanksgiving. I found the holiday spirit in the air. Talk of "turkey" was common, and a peep into the kitchen—to speak to an old friend!—revealed the materials for pumpkin pies, cranberry sauce and roasts, with sweet potatoes and—but I anticipate.

The day had been spent at Camp Kearney with Elder B. E. Beddoe, visiting the boys in their soldier quarters. They are all of good courage, and are well treated. We took dinner—that is, had "mess" with them, and also saw the preparations being made for November 29. The sleeping quarters are under canvass, eight men to a tent; the cooking and eating are attended to in rough but substantial frame buildings one for each company of from 150 to 300

men. Uncle Sam takes good care of his fighting men, though nothing is fancy.

Thanksgiving day was fittingly celebrated at the sanitarium. Two long tables, ranged on the lawn between the wings of the building, were simply decorated, and loaded with good things of the season; and the large company of guests and friends who gathered to partake of the meal found nothing more to be desired. Introduced by the business manager, Elder J. A. Burden, Dr. P. T. Magan made a happy and helpful after-dinner speech, appropriate both to the occasion and to the serious times in which we live. His remarks were based largely upon an expression made by Lloyd George. "It is not so much the things which come to us in life that matter, as it is the spirit in which we meet them." "What can I do to be a blessing to some one else?" was the closing thought.

A musical and literary program was given in the sanitarium parlor in the evening, followed by another talk by Dr. Magan. The overruling providence of God in behalf of His people, was the theme, a fitting close to a day of blessing and help. As one of the guests, I am sure I express the sentiments of all in saying that we were grateful for the pleasures and benefits of Thanksgiving day at Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Max Hill.

Conference and Church School Items

Miss Hengst, of the Brawley school, has a whistle; she also has a prompt school. They are a busy company, working faithfully and cheerfully. Their garden is bringing them in money for missions. I spent one entire day with them, and enjoyed every minute.

A glass of bulbs in the window at the Redlands school attracts attention already; before long the fragrant blooms will be doubly attractive. Sister Rogers and her school also have a prosperous garden coming on. Sanitary and pleasing surroundings are the ideals to which the Redlands church is working for its school.

At Hemet I found a busy company. Sister E. C. Cushman has the first three grades, and Miss Alma Fink has the older ones. A good spirit is evident. I saw some good water color sketches on the wall. Miss Fink is giving studies on the Red Cross work. The morning intermission is devoted to physical culture in the open air, conducted by Sister Cushman.

The Riverside school celebrated Thanksgiving with a pleasing program and by gathering and distributing fruit, vegetables, flowers, and good cheer. The parents came in for the program on Wednesday morning, and assisted liberally on the children's offering to the Soldiers' Literature Fund. Miss Edith Barnes and the children work together for a successful school.

El Centro is our smallest school in numbers, but it makes up in diligence and accomplishment what it lacks in size. At five minutes to nine, Miss Atwood rings a little bell, and all the children slip into their seats and read the daily assignment for the Junior Bible Year. Then they repeat the Morning Watch, and with a song and a prayer are ready for the day's work. Spelling is receiving good attention, and the children enjoy the drills.

The program committees of our young people's societies can do no better than to follow closely the programs given in the "Church Officers' Gazette." These are prepared by men and women of long and wide experience, and if they are carefully studied week by week, the young people will receive a training that will be worth more than they realize. Hit and miss work does little good in any line of endeavor. Whatever your programs, plan some line of practical work in addition.

The New River school, seven miles from El Centro, is under the capable direction of Brother L. E. Hesselstine. Mrs. H. A. Gober has the first three grades. This is "my" school, and I was glad to find it so prosperous. The three girls of the ninth grade are doing the work well, as indeed are all grades. Thanksgiving day was fittingly observed, the El Centro school and church joining in a picnic

at the home of Brother Byron Rice. The patrons of New River school look forward to the time when they will have an intermediate school, a time not so far in the future, to judge from present indications.

Santa Ana church has recently put in comfortable new seats, but these were not sufficient for the large company that gather there on Sabbath, December 1. Representatives from practically all the Orange County churches were in attendance. The occasion was a visit from Elder B. E. Beddoe, in the interests of the young people. The morning service was a call to conversion and consecration, on the part of old and young; the response was hearty and sincere. In the afternoon, Elder Beddoe gave an account of four boys in the army camps. It is a source of great courage to the churches to know that God is blessing and helping in this new experience. A liberal sum was given to supply our papers to the boys in the camps. A good number of subscriptions to the "Review," "Signs," and "Recorder" was also taken for home and missionary work. This trio of papers should certainly be in every Seventh-day Adventist home. The young people in this group of churches have a great opportunity, if they will band together for service. Work is the keynote of society success.

Max Hill.

EDUCATIONAL

Teachers' Institute

The teachers of the California and the Northwestern California conferences enjoyed a most helpful and beneficial institute at Vallejo, November 29 to December 1 inclusive. A full consciousness of the seriousness of the times seemed to pervade every session and the necessity of a speedy and thorough preparation of our children and young people for their important part in this finishing work was repeatedly emphasized.

The first session was opened on Thanksgiving evening. We felt especially thankful on that day of thankfulness, that Prof. F. Griggs was with us. The evening's discourse

dealt with a vital subject, "Teaching as a Calling." In part the speaker affirmed: "Unless our work has distinctive features, it has no cause for existing." The importance of the gift of teaching, its definiteness as a separate calling and its sacredness in the church were equally emphasized. "No one should use the teaching profession as a stepping-stone to something supposedly higher, for the teacher is as surely called of God as the minister or prophet. The teacher's calling is from heaven, and God has given him the power to respond to that calling. Such a calling is one's vocation, not his avocation. The individual who is called of God must follow his calling as a life work. The success of the apostle Paul was made possible because of a realization of divine summons, and consequently his work and influence far surpass the greatest of earth."

On Friday morning, November 30, Prof. M. E. Cady led out in an address upon the subject, "The Heavenly Pattern." A close parallel was drawn between the ancient pattern of the tabernacle (Ex. 25:40) and the pattern of the Lord's temple erected by Solomon (2 Chron. 2), and the pattern in our possession for an educational temple. "See," the Lord counsels, "that thou make all things according to the pattern." "Does the Bible and the spirit of prophecy bring to view a complete, a perfect educational system, which if Seventh-day Adventists should carry out would be superior to anything in the world? 'What advantage then hath the Seventh-day Adventist?—Much in every way, chiefly because unto them were committed the oracles of God.'" The rest of the day was given over to topical discussions on our leading school problems.

Friday evening Elder J. A. Stevens led in a consecration service. Every teacher present responded to the question. "Why am I in this work?" The testimonies spoke of a delight in serving God in His cause. At nine o'clock on Sabbath morning Elder Stevens brought to our minds again the work of Christ. "He was preeminently a teacher. Christ taught the people, and proved Himself the greatest of all teachers. As Christ's work as a teacher was sacred, so is the work of the modern teacher."

At the morning service Elder J. L. McElhany discussed "The Relation of Our Children to the Finishing of this Work." "We are in the sifting time. We should now as never before prepare our young people for their part in the closing work. Does the world to-day prepare boys and girls for the kingdom of God? Does the education there obtained prepare the youth to say, 'Here am I; send me'? We are told that faith is the key of knowledge, which the educators took away in the time of Christ. There is a close resemblance to-day to such a condition. The Bible no longer exerts a controlling influence on people. It is fashionable to doubt. 'When the Lord cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?' That key of knowledge is to-day taken away from education, and it is the duty of our church schools to restore it."

The afternoon session of the Sabbath was given to assigned topics on our junior work by teachers from the two conferences. Esther Francis, our superintendent, especially pleased those present by telling many of her own experiences in the teaching work and many of the apparent obstacles which were overcome. Almost every phase of elementary school work was touched upon during the institute; many leading problems were discussed and considered.

Not at all the least pleasing feature of the institute was the hospitality shown by the Vallejo brethren.

Just as the lowering sun cast his last rays upon the little church and hillside, and the holy rest day began to close, a male quartet sang of that beautiful, permanent home so soon to come. After all the teachers had arisen in response to a statement of appreciation to the brethren of the church, we were dismissed with the earnest prayer that the great Teacher might use us as His living channels to convey the life-giving truth to our children.

V. Edwards Hendershot.

BOOK WORK

Dear Home Workers:

Everywhere we go, we find parents who are deeply concerned about the welfare of their children. How to stem the tide of evil that threatens

the home is indeed the concern of every true parent.

We have been given some of the most potent helps for this very crisis in home life in our juvenile books, and with a little real interest in the subject and a little earnest effort on our part, we may render our generation a lasting service and save the souls of many young people. The boys and girls of today will be well able to form their ideals of an upright Christian character with the helpful lessons in "Tiger and Tom," "The King's Daughter" and other entertaining and instructive books on our list. Read them yourselves, and then consider that your very knowledge of these splendid books is a talent for which you are responsible. Read them, parents, for your own inspiration first, and then seek to awaken an interest in the hearts of others. Thus you will receive a twofold blessing. The home workers' books find a ready sale now, before the holiday season, but they may be sold the year around, if we see in them the great value they have as factors in character building.

Not long ago a Methodist mother bought from me Uncle Ben's books for her children. This winter a Presbyterian mother bought a couple of other books, and last week a Baptist mother bought two sets of "Tiger and Tom" and its companion volume "The King's Daughter," besides one of our large books.

We must do everything we can to arouse ourselves, and to help those about us to awaken from the death-like slumber that is creeping stealthily over the whole world, lest the wail of the foolish virgins find an echo in our experience.

I might have said the loving word;
I might have done the kindly deed;
I might have heeded God's command
To go and sow the goodly seed.
I might have fed some hungry hearts

With manna sent me from above;
I might have been God's messenger
To tell the story of His love.
In my hands I find earth's baubles;
Oh, I've temporized with sin!
When I might have had true riches,
Now I can not enter in.
Oh Christians, hear ye! fear is sin,
Where God has said to thee, "Fear not."

To stay is sin, when He has said,
"Go ye, my child, this is thy lot."
I beg you see this in the way,

You'll see it at the close of day.
Oh speak the word, or do the deed,
Or go and sow the goodly seed,
Or whatsoever task is given.
Oh do it in the strength of Heaven,
And do not wait till setting sun
Proclaims, "Life's little day is done."

Florence Welty Merrell.

Echoes From Colporteur

The following gratifying information recently came to the writer in a letter from Brother Edward Provonsha, of La Sal, Utah:

"You certainly had quite an experience on your canvassing trip, but there will surely be some good from it. Your trip in this country has set some people to thinking anyway. One night last fall some time after you had gone, I took the mail to Moab. Arrived in town quite late, so went to the little restaurant run by Mrs. —. You sold her a 'United States in Prophecy.' Several were talking about this war, then church and state and the Scripture. One man said he had bought a book from an old gentleman which explained these things. He said it corresponded with the Bible and gave Bible references. He told the name—'The United States in Prophecy.' Mrs. — said she bought one of those books, and went behind the counter, brought it out and gave it to him. He opened it, and read to every one there things about which they were talking, and a whole lot that they had not been talking about. He must have studied the book, as he seemed to know it quite well. Some of the others said they would like to read that book, and she spoke as though they read her copy." J. L. Humbert.

Canvassers' Institute

It has been planned to hold an institute for our canvassers at Fresno about the first of January. The definite date will be announced later. We are anxious to have our canvassers, and those interested in the sale of our good books, plan to attend this institute. We need to seek the Lord together and to study methods how we may best be able to place our truth-laden books in the homes of the people. Every home in our conference should be visited. Let us hear from you, if you have a desire to attend. N. P. Neilsen.

"Going to Pass the \$100 Mark"

Brother F. B. Desmarets, in sending a recent report, begins his letter with these words: "This week, with God's help, I am going to pass the \$100 mark. God has shown me in every way possible that He is with me. The third day I worked at El Reo, I took an order in every house canvassed from 9 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. To-day I delivered every book but three, and these people were not at home."

Brother Desmarets is surely meeting with rich experiences. He is not only selling books, but is winning souls, which is of far greater importance than large sales. He is very anxious to have some one join him in this work. Who will volunteer? Dear reader, the day will come when hundreds of our people will keenly regret that they did not enter the colporteur work and thus get the truth before many who may otherwise never hear it. But when probation has closed, it will do no good to wish we had entered this sacred work. We should have a dozen consecrated colporteurs in our field this winter. Our workers who are selling the Home Circle Library set and other small books are also meeting with success.

If you are interested in securing a consecrated young man as a partner in the colporteur work in the Southern California Conference, address the undersigned at 417 W. Fifth St., Los Angeles, Cal. Do it NOW. C. C. Morlan.

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and grain ranch. Good wages. A single middle-aged man preferred. For information write to Gustaf Fresk, Tulare, Cal. 3t

The new "Watchman" will be greatly improved. Prof. Arthur W. Spalding has now been added to the editorial staff of the "Watchman" and will furnish the following series: "The Ship of Doom," a narrative in story form of the days of Noah, emphasizing war and bloodshed; "The Last Night in Sodom," also in story form, with an application to the Capital and Labor problem to-day; "The Opening of the Two-Leaved Gates," in story form, referring to the capture of ancient Babylon, and emphasizing corrupt religion; and "Monuments of Mammon," the scene of which is laid in a large modern city. The latter will be a climax capping the three previous articles. These articles will carry special illustration features, and should be widely circulated. How many copies have you ordered?

THE CONSERVATION OF FATS

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the quantity of fat available for food will be much reduced, and the price may reach figures almost prohibitive to any but the wealthy.

This may not be an unmixed blessing to some; for many doubtless make too free use of fats. Fried foods are used altogether too freely, perhaps, and a return to simpler forms of cooking may be a benefit. The peoples of Europe think they can not do without fats, but one of our great food experts made the assertion recently that the appetite for fat is largely a result of training; that the Japanese people keep in excellent condition with scarcely any fat in their diet.

A return to a more nearly fatless form of cooking will have three good results: It will lessen the cost of living, it will release fats for other necessary purposes, and it will probably result in better health for us.

G. H. Heald.

Book Report, Week Ending November 23, 1917

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Arizona						
G. H. Reese & Wife	W. W.	15	50	\$.10	\$13.05	\$13.05
W. H. Spicer*		37	17	1.25	71.25	86.00
2 Agents *2 Weeks		52	67	\$1.35	\$84.30	\$99.05
Southeastern California						
H. A. Hebard and						
F. E. Painter	B. R.	40	16		\$90.75	

Week Ending November 30, 1917

California						
Mrs. Bishop	H. W.				\$15.90	
L. M. Overholt	P. G.	30			25.50	
Dr. Barbour	W. W.				10.00	
Miscellaneous					4.75	
3 Agents		30			\$56.15	
Northwestern California						
Mrs. Frederickson	H. W.				\$ 4.00	
Mrs. Mae May					3.25	
M. A. Reese*	B. R., G. C.	82			65.40	
Mrs. C. E. M. Robinson	H. W.				2.50	
Mrs. Mary Burnham	H. W.				1.50	
Mrs. A. Carter	H. W.				3.25	
Kathryn Waters	H. W.				11.75	
7 Agents *2 Weeks		82			\$91.65	
Northern California						
Rose Lull		24		\$10.50	\$10.50	
James Sims		31		15.90	15.90	
Jeanette Boyd		8		42.25	42.25	
3 Agents		63		\$68.65	\$68.65	
TOTALS		267	83	\$70.00	\$391.50	\$99.05

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1917

The Glendale Sanitarium band rendered an acceptable program on the sanitarium lawn Thanksgiving afternoon. The band is under the leadership of Clarence H. Jones. Miss Susanne Wessels gave a violin recital at the sanitarium Tuesday evening, November 27, which was much appreciated by patients, nurses and visitors.

Our Newest Mission

Recently the North American Division Conference decided to establish a mission for the benefit of the Navajo Indian, a tribe which numbers approximately 30,000, which is located near where Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico meet, the greater portion being in Arizona.

The place chosen for this mission is located about 18 miles north of Thoreau, a station on the main line of the Santa Fe railway, in New Mexico. Six hundred and forty acres of land have been secured, in a very picturesque section of the country, and upon the border of a beautiful lake. The locality, as translated into English, has been known to the Navajo Indians for many years as "Lake Grove," hence the name "Lake Grove Indian Mission" was chosen to designate our newest mission station.

The committee appointed by the North American Division, to plan for the erection of a home for the missionaries in charge of chapel and school, and a dispensary, met at the mission December 3 and 4. As soon as lumber and other material can be hauled to the site, their buildings will be erected.

The advisory committee is composed of the presidents of the Southwestern Union Conference, the Pacific

Union Conference, the Mexico Conference and the Arizona Conference, and the superintendent of the mission, Brother Orno Follett. The latter, who already has a good start in acquiring the Navajo language, with his wife and three children, is occupying temporary quarters at the mission station.

In the absence of Elder E. E. Andross, the writer was requested to meet with the committee.

Thus another link has been welded in the chain of giving the last message to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people." Ought not this new mission to have special mention in our prayers, to the end that some of the Navajo people may become obedient to the truth, and, being snatched from the abyss of heathenism, finally unite with us in praising the Redeemer around the throne, for the great redemption purchased for us at the price of Gethsemane and Calvary?

G. W. Reaser.

An Unusual Situation

Seldom, if ever, have our Sabbath schools been called upon to relieve so desperate a situation as that which is presented to us in the object of the next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. There is no need in all our foreign work that is more urgent, more appealing, than for literature to be provided for the nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples in the Asiatic Division. Native believers are waiting with outstretched hands for the truth-filled papers, books, and leaflets which they can so easily sell to the millions who must hear this truth before the work can be finished. There is in some of these places a veritable famine—a famine for the printed message of the third angel. One would think that the real difficulty would be to get the literature carried to the homes of the millions in these lands, but, no, the problem now is to get the message printed.

Imagine the tenseness of a meeting like this: The superintendent of these far-away mission fields assemble at a central point with two or three of the leading General Conference visiting brethren. Each man has brought from his field his budget of items with the approximate cost—so much for the wage of workers, so much for the maintenance of the work already started, so much for the abso-

lute necessities, so much to fit out the little printing plant that willing, faithful colporteurs need not quit their work for the lack of the printed page. Each man in accordance with his instructions from headquarters has already pared his budget of items and costs down to the quick. The columns are added. The totals are brought together. The grand total for the whole field is staggering. It is far beyond the amount that can be counted on as coming from us to the mission fields.

What can be done?—Only one thing. Items in the budget must be cut down. Again the lists are gone over. And with every stroke of the pencil each heart grows heavier.

A superintendent of one of the fields arises and asks, "Brethren, does this mean that we cannot have our little printing plant?"

"That is what it means," was the reply.

And the man who had arisen sank back in his seat with a blanched face, tear-dimmed eyes, and a prayer to God for help. Strong men wept with him, but the work of cutting out items from the budgets still went on.

Now, brethren and sisters, those men **counted** on the Sabbath schools giving \$30,000 on December 29. But that is **all** they counted on from us. With a burden on my heart, such as I have seldom carried, I ask you, Is that all we are going to give? Remember, every dollar given beyond that amount will help put back some item of need in the publishing work which is now stricken from the budget. At the recent council held at Minneapolis, every cord limiting the use of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was cut, and we can sacrifice to our utmost to swell the offering on December 29 with the assurance that the overflow will be directly used for the specified needs.

How much better than \$30,000 can we do?

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer,
Gen. Conf. Sec. Sabbath School Dept.

The Conservation of Fats

Owing partly to the fact that the manufacture of high explosives of the nitro-glycerine type require the utilization of enormous quantities of fat in the production of glycerine,

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