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Seek Ye the Lord

"I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful, and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain,' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight. O, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation, therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God." Early Writings, p. 71.

Thus the Lord addresses His people at this time, in order to lead them to prepare for the hour of trial that is just before us, and to stand in His presence. Again I quote:

"Satan is now using every device in this sealing time, to keep the minds of God's people from the present truth, and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people, to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth, and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty."

The prophet Isaiah was given a view of this land and of this people,

and by inspiration, he addressed them as follows:

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall not more cover her slain."

The fact that we are in the time of which the prophet speaks should be so apparent to all believers in this message that no argument to prove it should be required.

"I saw that none could share the 'refreshing,' unless they obtained the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle of the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence." Early Writings, p. 71.

We must now heed the injunction of the Lord, "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." There is no time for delay. Soon probation's hour will close, the Holy Spirit—the only agency God has for the transformation of heart and life—will take His final departure from the earth, and the "unjust will remain unjust still." Just now is the time to make our calling and election sure. "To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 3:15. Let us at this time repent of our sins, let us put away for ever from our lives everything that would grieve God's

Holy Spirit, and gratefully accept the robe of Christ's righteousness. Let us pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. In this way, and in this way only, shall we obtain power over sin, and be lifted above its dominion. Thus we shall obtain the complete victory, and dwelling in the secret place of the Most High, we shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I beseech both old and young to heartily join in the work of preparation to stand in the day of the Lord that is now so near.

E. E. Andross.

An Army of Volunteers

About fifty years ago the following instruction came to us through the spirit of prophecy:

"Those among Sabbath-keepers who have been unwilling to make any sacrifice, but have yielded to the influence of the world, are to be tested and proved. The perils of the last days are upon us, and a trial is before the young which they have not anticipated. They are to be brought into most distressing perplexity. The genuineness of their faith will be proved. They profess to be looking for the coming of the Son of man, yet some of them have been a miserable example to unbelievers.

"The prophecy of Isaiah 3, was presented before me, as applying to these last days; and the reproofs are given to the daughters of Zion who have thought only of appearance and display. Read verse 25: 'Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.' I was shown that this scripture will be strictly fulfilled. Young men and women professing to be Christians, yet having no Christian experience, and having

borne no burdens and felt no individual responsibility, are to be proved. They will be brought low in the dust, and will long for an experience in the things of God, which they have failed to obtain."

It must be clear to us all from these solemn words of warning uttered half a century ago that our present perplexing time was referred to. We have come to an hour when many of our young men are being "tested and proved." We have surely reached the trial for "the young which they have not anticipated."

There are hundreds of our young men today in the national army service. These young men are experiencing various tests and are being proved regarding their faith. Many hundreds more are in line for service, and if the present rate of draft be continued, will soon be inducted into the national army. Few of our young people have anticipated these tests, but it is certainly a time of extraordinary perplexity to them.

This is one of the strong reasons why there should be more definite Missionary Volunteer movement among our young people, a movement in which our youth will gain a Christian experience. The time and attention of hundreds of older members of the church should be given in helping to organize these volunteers.

By appointment of the General Conference, the very first Sabbath in 1918 is being set apart for the special consideration of our young people, their needs and their wonderful opportunities. A program has been prepared for the regular church service of that day which appears in the "Review and Herald" for December 20, page 17, now in the hands of its subscribers. This line of work is of sufficient importance to warrant every church in clearing the way for this service, Sabbath, January 5. Both the object and possible results are of sufficient importance to warrant every minister or other worker giving his full attention to this theme on that day.

We have in the Pacific Union Conference probably more than 5000 young people. Nearly 3000 are regular members of either our senior or junior Missionary Volunteer organizations. For the year 1918 we have set before these young people some defi-

nite goals. We are aiming at 537 conversions. This item we place first among the goals. Then as a means of encouraging our young people in proper studies and reading, we hope to be able to issue during the year nearly 200 Standard of Attainment certificates and over 500 Reading Course certificates. We hope to have 600 of our young people reading the Bible through during 1918. In financial lines these young people are planning to raise during this coming year nearly \$7000 for our work in the Philippine Islands. In all these lines our young people should receive the heartiest cooperation from older church members.

B. E. Beddoe.

Every Day

Several times I laid my fountain pen aside because it began to blot; it was so disappointing to have it bedeck the page with big splotches of ink. But I soon learned that the pen was not ruined; it was only empty and needed refilling. That was all, but that made all the difference between the useful and the worse than useless article.

This set me thinking. What if God should lay me aside when I blot the page for the day with mistakes? How often I have looked back over the record blotted with sins of commission and omission—with unkind words and neglected duties that filled the evening reflections with bitter regret! How often I have failed! How often I have disappointed God when He has tried to use my life for writing in another heart His message of loving care! And again and again an accusing conscience has whispered to my despairing heart: You failed to let God fill you to-day.

A new year lies before us! Its pages are still white. But they must all be filled as God turns the leaves. Now if we really desire to fill each page with a record of which our Master can approve, we must let Him fill us daily for service. If He does not fill us daily, we can not succeed; if He does, we can not fail. He must direct our feet and strengthen our hands for work. This is the spiritual law of cause and effect; and we can not escape it.

The psalmist knew this law, for he

declared, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." What he did, we must do in order to live right and to serve successfully. Our Master and Saviour when on earth followed the plan recommended by the psalmist. He studied the Scriptures; lived in perfect harmony with them; and He was an eminently successful worker—not one failure stained His wonderful record. He "spake as never man spake;" He knew how to comfort the sorrowing; He had power to heal the afflicted; He was able, through God, to finish the work He came to do.

So the real question you and I are facing is: Will we pay the price of success during 1918? Will we hide enough of God's Word in our hearts to serve Him acceptably? Every day we should study the Guide Book—eat this bread of life—for our spiritual life is as dependent upon prayer and Bible study as our physical life is on air and food. And we should study the Bible from Gen. 1:1 to Rev. 22:21, for it is all the word of God, and "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." From cover to cover the Good Book is filled with the help we need for living the victorious life. Do you desire to become a successful Christian worker? Then will you not join with hundreds of other young people in reading the Bible through during 1918?

M. V. Department.

"You who through unbelief have been spiritually poor will, through personal labor, become rich in good works. You will no longer starve your souls in the midst of plenty, but will appropriate the good things God has in store for you. When you begin to realize how destitute of means the laborers are to carry forward the work in foreign fields, you will do what you can to help, and your souls will begin to revive, your spiritual appetite will become healthy, and your mind will be refreshed with the word of God, which is a leaf from the tree of life for the healing of the nations."

Send the Morning Watch Calendar with your New Year greeting this year instead of a card.

FIELD TIDINGS

Honolulu

The Lord is blessing us greatly in our week of prayer. We have had a much better attendance than expected on account of rainy weather. The readings were just what we need in these times of perplexity.

There is an awakening on the part of our people here in Hawaii, and many who heretofore would have nothing to do with it are opening their doors to the truth.

It was my privilege to baptize two sisters a short time ago and there are several more ready and waiting. Pray for the work in Hawaii.

R. W. Smith.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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"The God of the Impossible"

Brother C. C. Crisler tells in the "Review" of December 6, the situation that faces our workers in the North China Union Conference. In the same paper Elder F. A. Allum shows the results of distributing literature on present truth. In the "Review" of October 25, 1917, is found an appeal from Brother C. E. Weak, who has charge of the publishing work in that division. He shows the dire need of help for our publishing work in that division. If you have not read these articles, please do so now.

In connection with the facts given out concerning this need of providing literature, the statement comes to mind: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." Testimonies, Vol. 7, page 140.

Facing difficult situations, in their perplexity our missionaries term their Leader, "The God of the impossible." But is He not our God also, and why should we not attempt the impossible in His name?

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the last Sabbath of this year will be given to answer the prayers of our mis-

sionaries. Why not begin to pray and to plan for what now seems impossible? Surely we shall not be content to give only a dollar or two unless the giving of that amount implies real sacrifice on our part.

Let us ask ourselves, Why is this not a good time to attempt to do that which seems to be impossible? Would you not like to invest ten, twenty, fifty,—perhaps a hundred dollars in souls in Asia? Will you venture by faith to enlarge your gift? Will you not ask God to make it possible for you to do so?

The largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering yet given by the Northwestern California Conference is about \$700. What shall the figures be for the last quarter of the year? I would like to see them reach \$2000. Would you? "Impossible!" do you say? Not with "the God of the impossible." How much of the \$200 will you give?

Vesta J. Farnsworth,
S. S. Sec. N.W. Cal. Conf.

Mrs. Isabella Bishop, who has traveled much in Asia, writes of the effect of what she saw upon herself: "My journeyings in Asia have given me some knowledge of the unchristianized Asiatic world. In those years I have become a convert to the necessity of missions, not by seeing the success of missions, but by seeing the misery of the unchristianized world. From the sea-board of Japan to those shady streams by which the Jewish exiles wept when they remembered Zion, and from the icy plateaus of northern Asia down to the equator, I have seen nothing but sorrow, sin and shame, of which we have not the remotest conception." What she saw led Mrs. Bishop, when past middle life, to offer herself as a missionary.

V. J. F.

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Statement January to November, 1917

Church	Amt Rec.	Average per Mem. 47 weeks
Arcata	\$ 329.86	.2021
Calistoga	45.47	.0327
Conference	31.57	.1104
Eureka	455.64	.1006
Ferndale	0.00	.0000
Fort Bragg	205.57	.1874
Fortuna	54.47	.0952
Healdsburg	866.66	.1069
Kelseyville	61.16	.1425
McKinleyville	53.05	.0435
Napa	851.99	.1840

P. U. College	2354.57	2110
Pepperwood	120.17	.1574
Personal	2419.13	
Petaluma	87.42	.3668
Petrolia	125.43	.2024
Sanitarium	2583.22	.2202
San Rafael	109.80	.2558
Santa Rosa	608.79	.2322
Sebastopol	381.79	.1232
Smith River	212.14	.2963
Sonoma	618.97	.3018
St. Helena	595.28	.1686
Ukiah	427.51	.1692
Vallejo	471.74	.2910
Willits	72.82	.1002

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Comparative Tithe Statement January to November

	1916	1917
Arcata	\$ 568.53	\$ 464.76
Calistoga	189.86	340.55
Conference	189.86	93.50
Eureka	1422.86	1319.76
Ferndale	10.00	121.00
Fort Bragg	103.45	205.72
Fortuna	567.21	579.57
Healdsburg	1382.48	2095.83
Kelseyville	131.20	210.15
McKinleyville	90.46	39.20
Napa	1385.61	2485.81
P. U. College	3331.18	5578.80
Pepperwood	101.46	216.57
Personal	382.06	607.80
Petaluma	143.68	183.80
Petrolia		111.07
Sanitarium	7290.15	9298.22
San Rafael	170.28	250.00
Santa Rosa	626.10	994.83
Sebastopol	841.52	565.97
Smith River		202.72
Sonoma	615.15	584.44
St. Helena	1212.71	1277.09
Ukiah	913.20	665.91
Vallejo	346.97	1393.00
Willits	257.87	205.97

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S. Donaldson,
Treasurer.

Conference Items

At a recent meeting of our conference committee, plans were laid for a workers' institute to be held at St. Helena January 9 to 13. Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, B. E. Beddoe and others will be present.

The series of meetings at Ukiah has continued with a good interest. Present indications promise a good harvest of souls. The effort will close the evening of the 22nd, but some of the workers will remain for sometime to follow up the work.

December 29 is the THIRTEENTH SABBATH. The offering goes to help

the publishing work in China, Korea, Japan, India, Philippines, and Malaysia. They are asking us to make it a real DOLLAR DAY. The need is great, so let us do our best.

Elder B. E. Beddoe spent most of the week of prayer with the church at the St. Helena Sanitarium. Elder Meade MacGuire met with the church at Pacific Union College the last half of the week. The labors of these brethren were greatly appreciated.

Reports continue to come to the office of good progress in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Already we are far ahead of last year's goal. One more faithful effort will put us past our goal for this year. Will you not do your part to insure success? Report money received before January 1, or it will not count on this year's campaign.

The week of prayer was a season of great blessing in all our churches. The attendance was better than ever before, and there seemed a genuine desire to be prepared for the finishing of the work. In different places some took their stand for the first time, and others who had backslidden were reclaimed. The offering was the largest we have ever had. We feel sure greater progress will be manifested in the churches in the near future than ever before.

Those who have been in the message longest seem to appreciate the "Review" most. We have just received the following:

"When I was just a child I was puzzled over the Sabbath question. Father told me some one would preach the third angel's message, including the Sabbath, before the end. It was after my marriage that I attended a series of tent meetings, and a copy of the 'Review' was given me before I had begun to keep the Sabbath. I accepted the truth then and have had the 'Review' constantly ever since. That was 44 years ago. I don't see how any one who believes the truth can get along without it.—Mrs. A. W. Mavity."

A year's subscription to "Present Truth" is given free with every subscription to the "Review" for 1918.
December 21.

J. Adams Stevens.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Barstow Colony Church

Our church is only a small band, but of good courage. We also have a very good church school, with Sister Violenta Ryder as teacher. There are now 20 pupils enrolled.

The week of prayer is just closed, and every one feels that God has been in our midst. Upon entering the new year we believe God will be with us and bless more abundantly than ever before. As we near the end of the conflict, we need the Lord to strengthen us.

Brother R. R. Breitgam is conducting a meeting here in a large hall. We expect to have baptism soon. Remember our meetings in your prayers that God may awaken the hearts of all at this place to receive the third angel's message.

Our Missionary Volunteer Society meets every Sabbath afternoon. This is proving a great success to the young people of our church.

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Pencilgrams

We are sorry to report that Lindsay Semmens has been out of the schoolroom for a week, owing to an operation for appendicitis, but is well on the road to recovery, and will take up his work again after vacation. His brother has been helping out in the school. Mrs. J. J. Hanley, of Calneva, has been teaching for a week or more for her daughter at Winton. Miss Carr has been ill, but will return to her work after vacation.

During the week of prayer I visited the Laton and Laguna schools. Laton but a small building, but it is fixed up very nicely, and now seats are needed very much. They are unable to buy any this year, so if any one would like to help this very worthy school, it would be appreciated. Two little children from outside families are attending, their seats being only dry-goods boxes. Sister Hanley, the teacher, is doing a good work spiritually for the children. Laguna is doing very well, and we were sorry not to be able to spend more time with them.

Our Missionary Volunteer goals for

1918 have been received and are as follows:

Conversions, 96.
Standard of Attainment, 31.
Bible year, 80.
Reporting members, 495.
Reading courses, 100.
Instructor subscriptions, 596.
Foreign missions offerings, \$1220.

It is time now for each society to plan to meet its share of this goal, and then keep the plan and goal in mind all through the year. It will be easy to reach if each one does his part.

The Central California church school teachers will have an institute January 4 to 6, at Hanford. We expect Prof. M. E. Cady with us at this time, also other workers. The Hanford church has agreed to entertain all teachers, and many of them will be able to reach the place by auto, so it will cost them very little. Some of the most perplexing problems that we have met thus far this year will be taken up at this time, and trust that our united efforts will help to solve them. We desire every teacher to attend.

Alice Mina Mann.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

H. E. Lysinger, Pres. J. H. Weeks, Sec.
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Items

The annual offering for the Palisade church amounted to over \$100. Surely God's people realize the need of liberal offerings as never before.

Brother F. A. Lashier has left for Utah, where he will spend the rest of this month in the interests of the young people's and educational work, also devoting some time to the Ingathering campaign.

Two new colporteurs, Miss Redah Casebier, and Miss Grace Pitcher, of Delta, Colorado, have placed orders for small Christmas deliveries. These sisters are handling "Easy Steps" and are having good success.

Brother F. S. Chollar is spending the week of December 17 to 22 in Price (Utah) and vicinity in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Brother F. A. Lashier is also spending a few days with him.

A telegram just received from Elder H. E. Lysinger states that the general emetings for the winter are to be postponed until after the seventh of February. Please make note of this, and lay your plans accordingly.

Brother F. A. Lashier, who has just returned from Montrose, reports that the new church building there is progressing rapidly, that they have the building enclosed, and expect to have the roof on by December 20. Surely this is encouraging, and we are glad to hear of the good progress.

During this week several good orders for the home workers' books have been received. Among those placing orders are Mrs. A. W. Carpenter, of Rifle, Colorado; Mrs. A. M. Ellis and daughter, Durango, Colorado; Mrs. Joseph Bosen, Ephraim, Utah; Mrs. Emma Harris, and Wesley Address, Salt Lake City; and Georgia Miller, Magna, Utah. Sister Bosen has sent in three large orders.

We are sorry to learn that Brother and Sister Wallace, of Hotchkiss, are leaving this conference. They left for Boulder on account of Brother Wallace's health. He has been very poorly for some time, and it was thought best that he should be near one of our institutions, where he could receive treatments. We sincerely trust that his health will speedily improve, and that he will be able to return to this field in a short time. Let us remember Brother Wallace in our prayers.
J. H. Weaks.

Salt Lake City Church Notes

Our annual offering amounted to \$126.88.

The home of Brother Henry Hagan was badly damaged by fire last week.

Brother Ross Stevens has been in the city for a number of weeks, but left to-day for Lehi, Utah.

Only \$41.30 more to raise in order to reach our Harvest Ingathering goal! The receipts thus far amount to \$258.70.

Brother William Green has been ill during the past week, but was able to be in his accustomed place last Sabbath.

Brother F. H. Jenks, who has been canvassing in the southern part of the state, was here to spend the week of prayer.

After spending a few weeks in western Colorado, Brother J. L. Sauder returned Sunday. He reports the work prospering in that part of the conference, and a number of new colporteurs about ready to take up active service.

The church has greatly enjoyed the week of prayer. Many have made a new consecration of themselves and their all to the Master. The outlook is encouraging, and we are planning aggressive work for the winter months.

December 19. W. M. Address.

Here and There

It was the privilege of the writer to visit and work with the brethren of the Cache Creek church several days before and including the first Sabbath of the week of prayer. Several had planned to go to the White River country with Harvest Ingathering papers, but owing to weather conditions, and other reasons, it was thought best not to go. However, a number of us went to Grand Valley, others to Rifle and to Silt, and some to New Castle, gathering in funds to the amount of \$14.95, thus almost doubling the church goal of \$40.00.

Sabbath morning about fifty of our brethren and sisters, young and old, gathered in the church school-house, the building recently purchased for church purposes is not quite ready, to hold meetings in. We greatly enjoyed the Sabbath school and the first reading of the week of prayer. In the afternoon Brother N. A. Johnson motored me to the home of Brother Charles Studt of Grand Valley in time for the meeting there.

Monday I called on Brother Henry Galyean and family of De Beque. The next day he and I received \$2.50 for Harvest Ingathering from the business men of the village, after which I took the auto stage for Colbran; visited with the members of the Grove Creek church till Friday afternoon, and returned to Colbran to spend the Sabbath. On ac-

count of smallpox and other hindrances, the brethren of these two points had not done so well as they had hoped with the Ingathering papers, but they are still planning to get out and do as much as possible.

The room now used for meetings at Colbran is found to be too small for that purpose, and they are thinking seriously of erecting a building of their own. The Grove Creek brethren meet in private homes, and they are also planning on building.

J. L. Humbert.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Field Efforts

A report from the various efforts that have been conducted in and about Los Angeles the past few weeks will doubtless be of interest to our people.

Shortly after the close of the camp-meeting Brother W. H. Bradley, assisted by Miss Reathel Jenkins and Brother O. D. Kittle and members of the Long Beach church, conducted a series of meetings at Zaferia. As a result of the efforts of these laborers both at this place and in their follow-up work in Long Beach subsequent to Elder J. W. McCord's efforts, some fourteen souls have been added to the Long Beach church. Brother Bradley is now conducting meetings four nights each week at Compton, from which effort we are hopeful of encouraging results.

Elder P. L. Knox returned to the southeast section of Los Angeles, after the camp-meeting, where he and Brother C. E. Andross had held meetings previously at Forty-third Street and Central Avenue. The second meeting at Fifty-third Street and Central Avenue, in which he was assisted by Brother G. G. Brown and Misses Belle Shryock and Elizabeth Carter, was equally, if not better, attended than the Forty-third Street meeting despite the large "Sunday" meetings being held at the time in the city. Both efforts yielded good results. A third meeting is now in progress in a theater at Forty-seventh Street and Central Avenue with encouraging prospects. Sel-dom does a local district furnish

such a steady interest and attendance as has been secured within these eleven blocks on Central Avenue. Four baptismal services have been held by Elder Knox as a result of these meetings. The exact number received into the church we cannot give at this writing because of lack of information, but results have been very encouraging to the laborers connected with the efforts, and prospects are most promising.

Brother C. E. Andross, in company with Dr. V. H. Lucas and Miss Cora Rapp, has led out in a series of meetings at Vermont Avenue and Jefferson Street. Some are already keeping the Sabbath from this effort, although it is early to report definite results. A beginning has been made in this section of the city to which we hope to add by future effort and which we trust will result in a very material strengthening of the Vermont Avenue church. Brother Andross plans a second meeting to be begun early in the new year.

Elder A. Ritchie, with Brother J. L. Beane, Mrs. Edna J. Calkins and Miss Edna Reaser as helpers, has recently closed a series of tent meetings in Hollywood with very gratifying results. Just about four blocks away from the site of the tent meeting Elder Ritchie has secured a store building which he has changed into a very inviting meeting place,—Bethlehem Hall. It was my privilege yesterday to meet with the company of new Sabbath-keepers who worship there, and a most pleasant and happy occasion it was. About thirty were present, many of these being recent converts to the message. Their testimonies indicated the joy with which the new found truth has been received into their experiences. Elder Ritchie, assisted by the two Bible workers, is conducting three meetings a week in Bethlehem Hall, and expects to begin a nightly series after the beginning of the year.

Elder J. R. Patterson and Brother G. G. Brown recently began work at Orcutt, San Luis Obispo County. No report beyond that of the attendance the first two evenings has reached us. We feel confident, however, that definite results will be accomplished in this field.

In behalf of those mentioned in the foregoing and our other laborers, we would earnestly request a daily interest in the prayers of our people.

Of other results in the field we cannot write now. These we must report at some later time.

December 23.

M. M. Hare.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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Educational Items

Full reports of the week of prayer in the schools have not yet come in, but the few that have been received are encouraging. For my own part, the week brought a great disappointment. With plans all made for visits to several schools, I was compelled to spend the week at Loma Linda, taking treatments. However, there was time for meditation, the fruit of which is a more firmly fixed conviction that the cause of Christian education is a very important part of a very important movement.

As I visit the schools, and observe their effect upon the churches, I am sure the hearts of parents and children are being turned together toward a better world. God has a way to save our children,—one way: that is through education. Families whose children are not in church school have two safe courses to pursue—start a school or move to one. The citizens of the next world must receive their training in this one. Our church schools, ordained and organized under the direct command of God, give this training. I do not know how any parent will dare risk any other course.

This week before the holidays I have spent three days attending the Riverside City and County Teachers' Institute. It was a large gathering of teachers, and the speakers and instructors were the best to be secured, and many good things were said. Dr. A. F. Lange, University of California, advocated a movement back to the country to counteract the lure of the city.

Another speaker, Dr. Silas Evans, of the Occidental College, bewailed what he calls "the multiplicity of subjects and the painlessness of method" in the schools; meaning

that we attempt too many subjects and do not see that our pupils work hard enough to master the essentials. The latter part we must keep in mind. Parents and teachers, do see that your children do their work. If a home task or a lesson is assigned, hold them to it till it is mastered. If a child is called upon to recite, he should recite. "I don't know," or a vacant stare, should not be accepted as an answer to a question.

Parents can help in this matter. We must not be satisfied with a "painless method" in any line. It takes effort to master important matters; matters that take no effort are often of little value. Our schools may not do all the fancy work we see done in other schools, but we can do our lines well. We may safely leave some things to be learned in the high school of heaven—our burden is to get the children ready for promotion.

Another important point, made by Prof. C. E. Rugh, University of California, was that in view of the great drain being made by the war upon the men of the nation, the youth we are now training must soon step into leadership; and this demands greater effort upon the part of our teachers. And this, in turn, calls for conservation of energy by the teachers. Health and strength must be guarded by all. We should be leaders and teachers in this line, but we shall never be the leaders unless we make a definite study of principles and then religiously live them out.

Max Hill.

ARIZONA

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Safford

Mrs. Courter and I held some cottage meetings last summer. Some interest was shown at that time in the studies. Since then Elder M. Serna has been laboring with one of the Mexican families with whom we held several meetings. The father, mother and one son were baptized by him some weeks ago.

A short time before camp-meeting at Safford, we called upon a family with whom we had held readings on the various points of our faith. They

had declared their intentions of keeping the Sabbath more than a year before; but had not observed it, with the exception of the grandmother and an afflicted daughter. The entire family kept the next Sabbath after we were there, and seem to be of good courage in the Lord.

On June 9 I baptized three Mexicans representing as many generations: the grandfather, the father and his daughter.

The first day of the week of prayer, I baptized two persons who were received into the Safford church. Our little church is enjoying the week of prayer readings. The Lord is coming very near, and we dedicate ourselves more fully for finishing the work in this generation.

Our little company has been endeavoring to secure funds for the Harvest Ingathering, but there are many Mormons from whom it is impossible to get any donations, and it takes considerable work to get funds. I have been out two days among the Mormons in the country, and could not raise a cent.

Mrs. Courter has been doing some nursing. She was called to the home of a Mexican family where there were three ill with malarial fever at one time. The doctor said there was nothing the matter with the grandfather but old age. "He will soon die," said the physician. But with the blessing of God, Mrs. Courter soon had them all well. Another case was a lady who had dropsy. The doctor said, "It was Mrs. Courter's treatments that saved her life."

H. F. Courter.

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A WORD TO THE WISE

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And so it is with the "Signs Magazine." Singles will go from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for the year. Clubs of five or

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California*						
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Clyde House	B.R.	53	9	4.25	40.25	
Mrs. E. M. Dunbar	H.W.				13.00	
Mrs. Frye	H.W.				2.00	
Mrs. W. B. Dannels	H.W.				8.50	
Maybelle Kennedy	W.W.				5.75	
Olive Weeks	W.W.				33.25	
Mrs. Pratt	W.W.				6.25	
Dr. Barbour	W.W.				12.50	
9 Agents *2 Weeks		122	26	\$10.50	\$203.00	
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M. A. Reese	B.R., G.C.	78	21		\$ 71.50	
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Dora Brown	H.W.				8.90	
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Mrs. Carter	H.W.				2.75	
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Mrs. G. Frederickson	H.W.				12.25	
Mrs. Anna Klemp	H.W.				13.00	
Mrs. C. E. M. Robinson	H.W.				9.75	
Kathryn Waters	H.W.				11.75	
Mrs. H. M. Hansen	H.W.				9.00	
Mrs. Mary C. Burnham	H.W.				3.50	
13 Agents *2 Weeks		78	21		\$222.25	
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F. B. Desmarests	El Rey	37½	52	\$2.55	\$106.55	
Tillie Stiller	H.W.				40.00	
Mrs. W. Graham	H.W.	25			20.00	
Miscellaneous					33.50	
3 Agents		62½	52	\$2.55	\$200.05	
Inter-Mountain						
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C. L. Roberts*	B.R.	44	7	13.50	44.50	
Grace Pitcher	E.S.	11	4	1.50	18.50	
Redah Casebier	E.S.	11	1	2.75	12.75	
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1917

Brother E. G. Fulton, who for more than ten years has successfully operated the Vegetarian Cafeteria at 259 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, has recently sold out the establishment and will doubtless in the near future connect directly with our organized work. Brother Fulton's business ability should be a valuable asset to some department of our work.

Notes From the Mission Board

Let us spend a few moments with our missionaries out in the far-flung frontiers where the truths of the third angel's message are being given to those in need of the light of life. From recent letters we glean the following:

British East Africa: A. A. Carscallen, August 6 (received November 5).—"Gendia Mission is prospering. Brother and Sister Morse and Brother Lane are there. Brother Lane leaves for home in a few days. They have a fair school, with several out-schools. They have only grass houses as yet. Brother Lane has been using the printing outfit. Kisu Mission is entirely alone. Brother and Sister Matter are at Kanyadote doing well. Brother Phillips is at Karungu having all he can do. Brother Watson is at Rusinga and has a good school. Some were baptized from his mission, boys and women. Others were baptized from Karungu, Gendia, Wire Mill and Kamagambo." This is interesting news from East Africa mis-

sions we were unable to hear from for about two years after the war broke out.

China: J. E. Shultz, Shanghai, October 5.—"It is safe to say that ninety-nine out of one hundred awakened interests in China are due to the influence of the 'Signs.' The marvelous opening at Wen Djou was the work of the 'Signs.' Two delegations from there visited Shanghai and took back some of our books. When the brethren went down there they found more than two hundred interested people, some of whom had been keeping the Sabbath over a year." He then mentioned recent experiences among workers of a personal nature. "Two weeks ago I assisted at the funeral of Brother Brown's (we take R. J.) little boy at Nanking. Now word comes of the death of Dr. Davenport's younger child at Hankow, and the critical illness of Brother Gibson. We hear Mrs. Warren, in Szechuan, has been very ill."

Malaysia: F. A. Detamore, Singapore, September 27.—"We ordered about 3,000 Harvest Ingathering papers. Last year we received over \$2,000 from 1,950 papers. I think we have a good paper this year, and that we can pull for large gifts with it. We are trying to raise an operating fund for our printing work."

Burma: J. E. Fulton, August 28.—"From Maulmein we had a pleasant journey all day up the Salween River. About fifteen minutes after we reached Shewegon, my son-in-law, Brother Hare, arrived in our little mission launch. Greetings over, we started up the river eighteen miles to our Karen station. The Karen people in the immediate district seem very friendly, but have not manifested themselves very interested in the message. One or two of them that have been connected with the mission as servants are very bright young people, and if we are able to get hold of others of this kind I should feel very much encouraged if I were working in this place."

Africa: S. M. Konigmacher, North

Rhodesia, August 15.—"We now have permission to do evangelistic work on both sides of the Belgian Congo line. I have asked permission to build on a piece of land on the Musofu stream. I hope to get it in time to build a house before the rains come. We have had quite a time with sickness. My oldest boy was taken with black fever. When he was getting better our little baby, Joe, took sick and died. When his food came from Bulawayo, 800 miles away, it was rancid. This was too much for him. We buried him at the foot of a mammoth ant heap. Brother Bender made the little coffin in the night and we buried him early in the morning so Brother Bender could get his train. This makes three little boys waiting for Jesus in the heart of Africa. They are buried on the farthest outlying posts of our people."

T. E. Bowen.

A Word to the Wise

Thousands of dollars will be saved by our people between now and the first of the year, for many of them will wisely subscribe for our periodicals at the prevailing rates.

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Scarcely anything this side of the fullness of the outpouring of the latter rain, would cause all of our leaders in the Pacific Union Conference greater rejoicing than the settlement of all of the unpaid pledges to our Educational Fund. Who will contribute in creating the occasion for this rejoicing?