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A Record of Loyalty

The last Sabbath of 1917 has come and gone, and throughout our churches the Mission Clocks and thermometers have made a final register of the mission pulse of the Sabbath schools for the year. We trust all have had the great pleasure of seeing raised the full amount of the mission fund quota.

It is too early yet to tell what the standing is for each conference for the entire year of 1917. However, all will be glad to know that at the end of November, 1917, five of the conferences recorded more than 20 cents per week per member, which made the average for the Pacific Union Conference 20.01 cents. We certainly appreciate the cooperation of our people in raising the full quota on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

No doubt all have learned that in order to meet the demands of the mission fields for the year 1918, our brethren and sisters throughout the United States have been asked to raise an amount equal to 25 cents per member per week. The work of the third angel's message in foreign lands is progressing with rapid

strides, and greater and more urgent demands for men and means are coming from all quarters of the globe, until the mission treasury is taxed almost beyond limit—nay, even beyond the limit.

The harvest is ripe, the laborers are ready, awaiting the gifts of God's people to send them to the lands abroad. Under the caption, "Shall we Curtail Missionary Gifts in Wartime?" editorial comment in the December, 1917, "Missionary Review of the World" says in part:

"Never in history has there been a time when the African and Asiatic races so needed the impact of pure Christianity. They, too, live in an atmosphere of war. They have been distracted, and are still, with the spectacle of so-called Christian nations in mortal combat. They have found it difficult, and even impossible, to interpret the history of the present hour in the battle fields of Europe in accordance with what they know of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. They are ready to listen to one who can interpret the true meaning of the Gospel as it applies to the life of the individual of society and the nation."

What a responsibility is ours to furnish the men and means to at all times "interpret the true meaning of the Gospel" to those in heathen darkness! Our greatest desire should be to make known to all the world the glorious coming of Christ, which will end the terrible conflict of sin and wickedness.

The mission board is calling for \$1,100,000 for missions during 1918, and it will mean unusual devotion and self-sacrifice to generously support this great missionary movement which has for its aim the preaching of the Gospel to all nations in this

generation. Dear brethren and sisters, what shall our answer be? As the Lord has blessed us, shall we not cheerfully give a thank-offering when we come to the house of the Lord each Sabbath and help to finish the great work committed to us? Again we thank you for your liberal support during 1917.

Barbers Push Sunday Law

The barbers' unions of California are actively engaged in pressing Sunday ordinances through certain city councils in this state. Failing in their efforts to secure a State law for Sunday closing, they have turned their attention to the municipalities. Evidently all the cities and towns from Del Norte County to the Mexican line, and from the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada-Arizona border are included in their program.

Already ordinances have been enacted in San Bernardino and Sacramento, placing a prohibitive license tax on barber shops which open on Sunday, and recently an effort was made to secure the passage of a similar ordinance in Los Angeles. We have learned that in a test case in San Bernardino, Superior Judge Dewhirst nullified the discriminatory and unconstitutional ordinance of that city, and a test case is also said to be pending in Sacramento.

The Sacramento ordinance requires of all barbers an annual license fee of \$1, except in the case of those who open on Sunday. The latter must pay an additional license of \$120 a year, which is probably a sufficient tax to drive them either to close on the first day of the week or go out of business.

Within the last few weeks the barbers' through their accredited representatives, appeared before a com-

mittee of the Los Angeles City Council and asked that the Sacramento ordinance be re-enacted in the Southern California city. The councilmen agreed that the shops should be regulated by law, and requested the city attorney to draft an ordinance in harmony with the City Charter. However, he found the Sunday closing feature of the Sacramento ordinance so radically at variance with the Los Angeles charter that he held the proposed law in abeyance for a time, and at last, Mr. J. S. Conwell, president of the council and one of the sponsors for the ordinance, having suddenly died, the matter was dropped without formal action by the law-making body.

Frank A. Coffin,
Cor. Sec., Religious Liberty Dept.

No Great Loss Without Some Small Gain

The war will have one beneficial result; it will teach people how to avoid waste. Civilized people have been too prosperous for their own good, and in almost every stratum of society there has been excessive eating and drinking, and unnecessary and inexcusable waste. If one doubts this statement, let him give some poor person a ten-dollar bill, and tell him to use it in the purchase of groceries. In nine cases out of ten, a considerable portion of the ten dollars will be spent unwisely.

Just now we are learning what it is to be on a short allowance of sugar. Stores are limiting sales to one or two pounds to a customer, and some stores have no sugar to sell. Other articles of food, notably the fats, will doubtless be much scarcer than they are at present. Such food shortages compel us to make observations as to what we can get along without, and higher prices suggest to us the advisability of limiting ourselves in the matter of certain foods which we have thought to be essential.

Some are awaking to the fact that even with scarcer foods at higher prices they can live about as well as before the food scarcity; for they are learning to substitute certain scarce and high-priced foods with lower-priced foods of equal value, and they are also learning to keep good wholesome food out of the garbage

can; and some are learning that they do not require quite so much as they have been accustomed to eat.

For the sake of the hungry of Europe, and for the sake of our own health, Americans should learn thoroughly the lesson of judicious economy in food consumption. While we conserve foods, we must at the same time conserve health.

G. H. Heald.

FIELD TIDINGS

ARIZONA

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Harvest Ingathering

According to our latest Ingathering bulletin, issued in the Arizona field, we notice that our conference goal has been reached. This has surely rejoiced the hearts of many, and we feel thankful to our heavenly Father for the impressions He has made upon hearts to respond with their means to hasten the message of truth to all lands.

Can we now afford to cease our efforts as long as we have a paper to exhibit? Let us reach out and press the campaign a little farther, and help our sister conferences in the union who are still working to reach their goals.

My son, Milton, and I set our goal at \$100, with four small towns in northern Arizona in which to work. The Lord is blessing the efforts put forth, as we lack only \$12.75 of reaching our mark, with two towns yet to work. To-day has been our banner day, the Lord blessing with an offering of \$36.75.

I. Parry Dillon.

December 21.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.
341 East Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.

Extract From a Letter

Our office enjoyed a nice, long letter from Elder C. L. Taggart, who for several years directed the work in this field, as its president. While he seemingly enjoys his new acquaintances in the East, as he has been

spending several months in Duquoin, yet I quote from his letter, "I love to think of my connections with the work in California, during the ten years I was there."

He mentions speaking in the Indianapolis union church Sabbath, December 1, and while he is surrounded by the interesting work that his local conference and the union is doing, he sends in a subscription with this letter, for the "Pacific Union Recorder" for another year.

Elder Taggart's present address is 1607 Sturm Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.
Verah MacPherson.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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

Elder J. D. Alder sends word that two were baptized at Eureka the evening of December 19.

Elder M. A. Hollister reports the baptism of one more at Healdsburg on Sabbath, December 22.

Sabbath, January 12, the second Sabbath offering will be taken for the relief of the Armenians. Let us liberally remember these unfortunate people.

January 5 is Missionary Volunteer Day in all our churches. The program will be helpful whether your church has a society or not. Encourage this important department of our work.

The price of the "Signs of the Times" weekly will be raised February 1. In view of this, a stirring "Signs" program has been prepared for Sabbath, January 19. Prepare to increase your missionary activities with an increased club of the "Signs."

The auditing committee has been called to meet at the St. Helena Sanitarium Sunday, January 13, at 11:30 A. M. The accounts of the laborers and other financial matters will be considered, and plans for the coming year's work will be laid by the conference committee at that time.

It has been planned for our church elders and conference workers to meet together in a workers' council to

be held at St. Helena, January 9 to 13. A program covering the practical side of our church officers' and conference workers' duties has been prepared and excellent instruction will be given. We feel sure this council will be a great inspiration for all of our churches in the coming year's activities.

The Eureka church gave an Ingathering program Sunday evening, December 22, and the offering amounted to \$41.26. This places the Eureka church well beyond their Harvest Ingathering goal. Sebastopol church also held their Ingathering service the evening of the 22nd, and received approximately \$20.00 to apply on their Ingathering goal. Present indications are good that the conference as a whole will pass the goal set by the North American Division Conference.

The year just closed was marked with encouraging progress in every line of our conference work. There have been 150 additions to our churches by baptism and profession of faith. Our tithe has made almost 25 per cent increase and we have gone far beyond our missions' goal. A more complete report will appear soon, but these definite evidences of God's blessing upon us in our efforts to carry forward the work should encourage us to greater things during the year just begun. The demands of the mission fields call for greater sacrifice than ever before. Let us begin at the very start of the year to hold up our missions goal to the full 25 cents per week per member in every church. December 28, 1917.

J. Adams Stevens.

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.
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Week of Prayer

During the week of prayer the writer attended the meetings at the following churches: Monterey, Santa Cruz, Richmond, Martinez and Byron. We had good meetings in all these places. The Lord greatly blessed in presenting the readings that had been prepared. The people are waking up to the fact that the coming of the Lord is drawing nigh, and it

is high time to make haste, and get ready for the things that are coming upon the earth.

As the people sought the Lord, in confession of sins and repentance, He responded in pouring out His blessings in a rich measure. The week of prayer certainly proved a great blessing to our people. Four members were added to the Martinez church last Sabbath. They were baptized in the Oakland church in the afternoon of the same day.

December 24. Andrew Brorsen.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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

January 5 is Missionary Volunteer Day. Every church is supposed to observe the program given in the "Review" for December 20, whether there is a society in that church or not. We hope that every church will offer special prayers for our young people, that they may do the work the Lord has for them to do in these last days. The collection on this day will be credited to the young people, and will apply on their goal for the Philippines.

We have just received the goal cards, and are sending them out to the societies as rapidly as possible. They cannot be mailed very well, so must be sent by some one going to the church. If any society has not received one, send for it by some one coming to Fresno. We are sure these cards will prove a great help in bringing each society up on its goals for 1918. Our field for 1918 is again the Philippines. Plan for active work at once, and then start in with new courage and zeal with the new year. This might be our last year to work.

Four members of the Fresno society met last Sabbath evening for the examination in Bible doctrines for Standard of Attainment. One was a boy of twelve, in the eighth grade at school. He has been a church member only a few months, and never heard the truth until about two years ago. He passed 90 per cent in the examination. Surely our young people who have known this

truth all their lives and are much further advanced in school work, and are older by far, should feel ashamed that they are so afraid to try these examinations, and have so little definite knowledge of these truths for this time. If ever we are to be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us, it is now. We hope to see scores taking the May examination.

Alice Mina Mann.

Siftings

Remember the teachers' convention to be held at Hanford, January 4 to 6.

The writer met with the Lemoore church last Sabbath. Officers were elected for the coming year.

Elder E. H. Adams baptized five dear souls at Dinuba on Sabbath, December 15. We pray that they may remain faithful to the Lord.

A Sabbath school has recently been organized at Corcoran, and every family represented in the Sabbath school is taking the "Sabbath School Worker."

Excellent reports come to us of the meetings held during the week of prayer. The Lord blessed His people, and some were led to give their hearts to Him for the first time.

We are sorry to chronicle that Brother Henry A. Wolf, at Chowchilla, was killed in a runaway accident Thursday evening, December 20. He was a member of the Chowchilla church.

Three persons were baptized by the writer at Fresno on Sabbath, December 15. This was a fitting closing service to the week of prayer. Good meetings were enjoyed by the Fresno church. Two meetings were held each day.

A Sabbath school convention will be held at Visalia January 11 and 12. Announcements have been sent to the surrounding Sabbath schools, and we hope that there will be a good attendance from the near-by Sabbath schools.

We are glad to report that several persons have recently commenced to keep all of God's commandments at Exeter. This is an encouragement to our small Sabbath school at that place. May they remain faithful and continue to walk in the light.

December 28, 1917.

We understand that four persons have commenced to keep the Sabbath at Del Rey, where Brethren G. T. Vore and R. L. Shoemaker have been holding a series of meetings in a hall. Others are interested, and we trust that some of these may yet be led to take their stand for the truth.

December 28. N. P. Neilsen.

Twenty-Cent-a-Week and Tithe Statement to Nov. 30, 1917

Church	Amt Rec.	Tithe
Armona	\$ 860.23	\$ 2930.83
Bakersfield	820.04	3674.84
Barstow	1153.87	933.43
Barstow (Ger.)..	196.53	599.96
Burrough	122.92	313.01
Chowchilla	226.50	639.80
Conference	268.30	635.18
Clovis	36.74	79.23
Coalinga	84.61	128.07
Dinuba	835.46	2437.11
Dinuba (Ger.) ..	381.23	884.34
Dos Palos	170.67	1076.77
Exeter (Caplin)..	331.37	1254.45
Fowler	37.02	97.01
Fresno	2836.27	8923.36
Fairmead	43.93	118.01
Hanford	706.58	1071.29
Island	649.90	2250.73
Laguna	175.41	457.00
Laton	163.38	378.74
Lemoore	196.09	700.47
Le Grand	74.14	236.30
Lindsay	168.98	481.40
Merced	266.95	1056.81
Madera	62.84	109.09
Porterville	216.03	480.17
Rolinda	223.18	417.91
Reedley	78.24	279.00
Selma	185.81	2281.87
Shafter	438.88	1359.00
Tulare	188.40	442.42
Visalia	235.83	681.95
Winton	158.53	452.73
Miscellaneous	1141.53	291.27
Totals	\$13736.39	\$38163.45

G. A. Wheeler,
Treasurer

INTER-MOUNTAIN

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Salt Lake City Church Notes

Brother F. A. Lashier spent a few days here this week in the interests of his department work.

Elder H. F. Lysinger passed through Tuesday on his return trip from the union committee council.

Quite a number of our members are availing themselves of the opportunity to get the "Review and Her-

ald" for the next fourteen months at the price of a year's subscription. Every Seventh-day Adventist home should be reached by this helpful messenger.

The church has been working during the week to finish reaching the Harvest Ingathering goal. Many of those who were out on Christmas day report the people as more liberal than on other days. The spirit of good cheer and of giving seemed to have its effect in this work. It would be well for us to keep this in mind for future campaigns.

W. M. Andress.

Conference Items

Brother F. A. Lashier, our Missionary Volunteer secretary, is now visiting the churches in Utah.

Word just received from Elder E. A. Curtis states that he is gaining in strength, and is now able to do some work.

The writer has just returned from attending a meeting of the union conference committee, held at Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal.

We hope by the time this "Recorder" reaches you, our Harvest Ingathering goal for the conference shall have been reached. At this writing we are about \$140 short of our goal.

We have just received \$17.50 from Brother F. H. Jenks, one of our faithful colporteurs. This is the profit of one day's work, and is to go toward building up the publishing work in the Asiatic field.

December 26, 1917.

H. E. Lysinger.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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Conference Items

The two sanitariums in our conference are prospering. The Lord is blessing the medical work, and every little while we hear of some one who has accepted the truth through having come in contact with our sanitariums.

Brother H. E. Farmer, who for some years labored in the canvassing

work in this field, but for some time now has been working on a ranch, has again taken up colporteur work, and reports good success. He is canvassing in Imperial Valley.

Notwithstanding the fact that Elder W. L. Black, who had charge of the Harvest Ingathering work, has been laid up with an automobile accident, the Harvest Ingathering goes on. Nearly a hundred dollars was gathered and reported last week.

The workers in our tract society and conference office are very busy these days. Orders are coming in right along for our papers and books. This is as it should be. One pleasing feature of our tract society work is the large number of volumes of Testimonies which is sold. A great blessing will come to the people through reading the words of the spirit of prophecy.

Are you a subscriber for the "Review"? The record of "Review" subscriptions for the month ending November 30 has just come to the office. During the month our conference sent in 39 subscriptions, and 10 subscriptions expired. We are taking at present 390 copies. Our goal is 554. This leaves us 164 short. Our per cent is 70. Only one other conference in the union, the Northwestern, equals that. Can we not make it 100 per cent before the end of January? Every family in the conference should take the "Review." The price is to be raised after February 1. Send your subscriptions to the office, 310 Loring Bldg., Riverside, Cal.

Cheering reports come from different parts of our conference, saying that the week of prayer was a blessing to the people. The offerings were good. Some churches lifted themselves into the twenty-cent-a-week column for the year. We are encouraged to think that our conference will have more than 20 cents per week per capita. This is as it should be. Our tithe for 11 months was \$44,699.60. For the entire year of 1916 we received \$39,009.75. We are reaching up to \$50,000 for this year, which puts us among the strong conferences of the world. A number of people have been baptized the last few weeks, and reports indicate that sev-

eral more will be before the close of the year. We are glad that God is working on the hearts of men and women to accept this message.

December 23.

W. F. Martin.

EDUCATIONAL

Our Church Schools

The first period's report of these two conferences showed an enrollment of 293 children in our ten church schools of the Northwestern California Conference and 232 in the seven schools of the California Conference.

To get in touch with the work of these schools and become acquainted with the children and their teachers has kept me more than busy the past few months. It was my privilege during the week of prayer to meet with six of these schools. To see the response of these children when asked to enlist in the Lord's army and the earnestness manifested in confessing definite sins and "getting ready to meet Jesus," surely makes one feel that God is in this work. He has made us as parents and teachers, as it were, officers in the training of these recruits. Let us do our work so faithfully now that there shall be no need for regrets or undue anxiety when we no longer have all these blessed opportunities.

The following names are those who wish to be especially remembered in your prayer as we endeavor to train our boys and girls "to help finish this work":

California Conference Church School Teachers

Oakland—Mr. Vernon Hendershot, 569 37th St., Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. R. S. Fries, 567 30th St., Oakland, Cal.; Miss Madge Moore, 2641 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, Cal.

San Francisco—Miss Hazel Wilcox, 916 Laguna St., San Francisco, Cal.; Miss Grace Jones, 916 Laguna St., San Francisco, Cal.

Mountain View—Miss Mary Clark, Mountain View, Cal.; Miss Winnifred James, Mountain View, Cal.

Alameda—Mrs. Emma Covell, 705 61st St., Oakland, Cal.

Berkeley—Miss May Holt, 2547 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, Cal.

Richmond—Mrs. M. D. Utt, 138 So. Third St., Richmond, Cal.

Honolulu—Miss Bertha Lofstad.

1151 11th Ave., Honolulu, T. H.; Mrs. R. W. Smith, 1151 11th Ave., Honolulu, T. H.

Northwestern California Conference Church School Teachers

Eureka—Mr. V. V. Wolfkill, 3012 E. St., Eureka, Cal.; Miss Irma Young, 3012 E. St., Eureka, Cal.

Healdsburg—Mr. Lyle Wilcox, 418 Brown St., Healdsburg, Cal.; Miss Margaret Cady, 500 University Ave., Healdsburg, Cal.

Sanitarium—Mr. J. K. Battin, Sanitarium, Cal.; Mrs. L. G. Stafford, Sanitarium, Cal.; Miss Anna L. Johnson, Sanitarium, Cal.

St. Helena—Miss Ella Nelson, St. Helena, Cal.

Ukiah—Miss Hulda Messick, Ukiah, Cal.

Sebastopol—Mrs. Viola Miller, Sebastopol, Cal.

Sonoma—Miss Ruth Leininger, Sonoma, Cal.

Napa—Mrs. R. H. Bowen, 1200 Oak St., Napa, Cal.

Pacific Union College Normal—Miss Hazel Carmichael, St. Helena, Cal.; Miss Mabel Swanson, St. Helena, Cal.

Vallejo—Mr. John Hart, 317 Arkansas St., Vallejo, Cal.

Esther Francis,

Edu. Supt. Cal. and N.W. Cal. Confs.

BOOK WORK

Does It Appeal to You?

The following lines are taken from a letter just received from one of our colporteurs, and we believe it will be of interest to all the readers of the "Recorder."

"Am so thankful to God that I can send such a good report. [The report was \$106.55 worth of orders for 37½ hours' work.] Words fail me to tell of the great goodness of God to me, and to those with whom I am working. Many days this week I could not help but come to my room and drop on my knees to weep and glorify our heavenly Father. If all the world is in the condition as are some of the people I meet, how sad that we have not more workers! I am not writing for the sake of writing; people are starving for our truth. O may God send more young people to feed these poor souls! Our people do not understand, or not an Adventist young man would stay at home in this age of the world. We are in the closing

days, and how can we look on and say, 'I can't'? Yes, it is true 'I can't, but God can.

"One home where I canvassed the lady was so glad she could hardly speak. She told me she had been praying God to send her a book that would explain the meaning of these wars and troubles. Several days ago, a young lady in the same house dreamed she saw Jesus handing her a book to read. She had told her grandmother of the dream, so when the old lady saw my book, she said it was the book that God wanted them to read, and she ordered it. One poor Mexican woman wept as she ordered the book. We are living in solemn times, when God is touching the hearts of many. Do you not think, Brother —, you should go before the elders, and ask them to come together to pray for God to send us more help? The harvest is ripe, but the reapers are far too few. If we could only realize how soon Jesus is coming, and the vast amount of work before us!

"On account of illness the minister of the Mexican Methodist church invited me to help with the Bible study at his church. Many questions were asked. One of the members of the church urged me to stay at their home, that they would not allow me to pay rent while in —, and that I would honor their home by being there. As they are poor, I thanked her, and said I would see how I came out this next week. I saw this lady again this morning, and with tears in her eyes she begged me to accept their offer. She pleaded with me to teach her sons at night some of the prophecies."

More of such experiences are given in this same letter. Dear reader, does the above "call for reapers" appeal to you? Are you satisfied with your present efforts to give the truth to the people in Southern California? Perhaps you have once had a good experience in colporteur work, but are now giving your time to secular pursuits. God needs you in the colporteur work. Perhaps you are among the class mentioned by your brother, who say, "I can't." But if you are willing to be used by God to reach souls in this work, He will help you to find the work you can best do and accomplish the most good.

May God grant that this plea for workers will appeal to our young men,—and older men too,—as well as to our sisters. There is a work for all to do. Are we doing it? Write or call and see us about it.

C. C. Morlan.

Selling Our Periodicals and Small Books

(This paper was read by Sister Stevens at a convention in South America.)

In this, our day, the Bible has been translated into more than four hundred tongues and dialects. Nevertheless, in spite of the Word of God being free for all, the world the woefully ignorant of what it teaches. Many read the words, but do not understand, their minds being darkened by false doctrines and superstitions. Many have the Bible in their homes, but its pages are untouched; it lies in an obscure corner covered with dust, or possibly in a trunk, as was the case with a family in Buenos Aires.

We once attended a meeting held at a brother's home. A little Catholic neighbor boy had been invited in and he listened with much interest to what the leader had to say to the children. The memory text was Psalms 119:11: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Turning to the little stranger the leader said, "Where should we hide the Word of God?" The boy answered immediately, "In the trunk. That's where mama keeps it."

And so it is in many thousands of homes. Although the Bible may not be hidden in the trunk, still its truths just as surely hidden from their minds. Now the question is, how are we to get the message contained in the Scriptures before the people?—by means of our papers, tracts and books. Not that these take the place of the Bible—never—but they simplify, explain and lead them to study it. Besides, many who are afraid or prejudiced against the Bible and would not read nor even receive one, would have no objection to buying a paper or book, and thus may be led to the Truth.

It is well to form small companies who can go to various places and devote a certain number of hours or days even, in selling our literature;

but there are also other ways of distributing our periodicals and books. Often in traveling, either while on business or pleasure trips, we have excellent opportunities for this work, if we just keep our eyes open and our ammunition bag filled.

The story is told of a famous hunter who one day decided to take a pleasure walk into the mountains to contemplate and study nature. During the day he saw many rare birds and animals, among them a deer and a mountain lion which he very much desired to shoot, but he had left his rifle at home. So it is often with us. We start on a trip and leave home without providing ourselves with literature, and suddenly we find ourselves face to face with some needy souls and we have not a paper or tract to offer them. It would be well to have a special place in our traveling bags for literature in different languages for just such occasions.

On one trip which my husband and I made up the Parana river a couple of summers ago, we had a bundle of "talayas" along to sell on the way. By chance we found Brother Sherman on the same boat. Never having sold papers on the boat, I asked if it would be permitted. "Surely," he replied. "Have you any along? I was just wishing I had some. Come, I'll go with you and we will sell them."

Before long there were people in all parts of the boat reading the "Atalaya." One educated gentleman from Asurcon, who sat at our table, liked the paper so well that he paid us at once for his subscription. Later a group of women asked me to play and sing some evangelical songs, and so we spent some time in the parlor around the piano. Through the same means we also became acquainted with an Anglican minister who asked many questions about our work. The selling of those papers brought all those opportunities for service and was well worth the effort.

Just at the close of the summer's trip, we found ourselves at the station in Urdinarrein, waiting for the train that would take us to Craspo. There were nine "Atalayas" still in our bag, and I felt I could not return to Camarero with those papers and a clear conscience, so I decided

to use the two hours of waiting in disposing of them. It was a struggle to start out, for I did not feel like canvassing; but in canvassing that is always the hardest part, starting out, you know. So I went to the first store in sight and began work. In fifteen minutes my papers were gone, and I returned to the station with my pocket-book a little heavier and my heart decidedly lighter.

One young man, seemingly moved by piety and curiosity, said to me, "Pardon me for asking, but do you really have to go around selling that ten-cent paper to make a living?" That gave me a good opportunity to explain to him that it was only because we wanted others to know about Christ's soon coming that led us to do such work.

A nice old white-haired man whom I met in a store talked very little Spanish, so I explained the paper in German and he showed great interest. "Ah, but it is written in Spanish," he said disappointedly as he glanced it over, "and I cannot read it. But you have been so good to tell me all about it I will buy it anyway. Perhaps some friend can explain it to me. Anyway, I can look at the pictures."

In a recent canvassing trip in the country we tried a new plan which worked very well. We had a good supply of "Zeichen der Zeit" and "Atalayas," taking three different numbers of the German paper, and two of the "Atalaya." We presented the two or three numbers together, and the people in every case bought both or all three. They will pay twenty cents about as quickly as ten, I believe, and where the journey is expensive or takes much time, it is easier to do that way than to go every month. I remember in particular one dear old Russian lady who wanted the "Zeichen" very much, but she told me she did not have a cent of money, and that they had just come from Paraguay and were very poor. I saw she wanted the paper, and so told her that if she had three eggs that would do just as well as the twenty cents. "O yes, yes," she eagerly replied, "I can let you have the eggs." So we made the exchange and both were very happy.

One German who seemed to be a great reader bought all three num-

bers of "Zeichen." We had a good visit about the meaning of the war and the times in which we live. This happened in the last house of that certain village we canvassed, and we had almost decided not to be conquered by them and went in, and were very glad we did.

The work of selling our literature is a sacred one, and never should we enter upon it without recognizing our great responsibility and asking God to give us wisdom to present it aright before the people.

It is so easy as we start out to sell our papers to have the mind filled with the money idea, of how many we are going to dispose of, and sometimes we even resort to methods not the best, to be able to sell more. The more we can sell the better, of course, but never at the sacrifice of principle. Then we depend too much upon our own ability or personal attraction in getting the people to buy, when we should in humility lean upon God. Oh, that each person that carries our precious literature to the people might go in the spirit of the following prayer: "I should be a representative of Christ to every home where I go today. God help us to take a message of love and hope to each longing heart. May I truly represent Christ in every word and act. Fill my heart with the message so that the people will want to buy the paper, and, O God, bless its reading to the salvation of their souls."

If as we go from door to door that prayer would ascend from our hearts, do you not think that much more good would result to the cause of God through our literature than at present?

Our young people are so likely to forget the sacredness of their work as they present papers to strangers. We little realize how we are studied and criticized by the people we meet. Do they see a marked difference between us and the young people of the world? As we go out representing this message, there should be no place for joking, frivolity, or a loud hoisterous manner. Especially around the Adventist young women there should be a wall of reserve and self-respect which no stranger dares to trifle with. We shall never win the world by becoming like the world.

One thing more: in all canvassing

let us strive to create a desire to buy so that they feel that they must have the paper or book, and not that they buy just to oblige us or to get rid of us. When we go to a store it is the business of the clerk to persuade us to think that a certain article is just what we want and need, and then we buy it, no matter what it costs. What would we think of a clerk who tried to sell us something by saying, "But it only costs twenty cents a meter and you might help me out that much. Here I stand behind the counter all day long, and if you do not buy, my work is in vain. Besides, you will never miss the twenty cents." Would you buy anything of a clerk that talked like that? I don't believe I would.

I have heard girls or young ladies canvass for our papers after this fashion: "But it is only ten cents, and surely you would not refuse a girl who has walked so far on this hot day, would you?" Now of course any man who had a bit of courtesy about him would hand out the ten cents at once after such a plea, but what kind of an impression would it leave upon his mind?

Let us try to forget ourselves as we canvass, and keep ever before the people the great message contained in our literature. To do that we must be first truly converted and feel it deeply in our hearts. Then whether we sell a paper or not we will at least have sown some seeds of truth which later may bring forth fruit. Mrs. Inez H. Stevens.

Correction

In the article, in the last issue of the "Recorder," entitled "Our Newest Mission," the expression "Navajo Indian" should have read "Navajo Indians" (plural), and "Mexico conference" should have read "Texico conference." G. W. Reaser.

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By order of the directors.

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Arizona						
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I. D. Sanchez	P.G.	30	12		48.00	40.00
3 Agents		78	22	\$15.50	\$111.50	\$70.00
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James Sims	D.R.	14	1	\$1.50	\$ 5.00	
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1918

We wish each of the "Recorder" readers a Bright, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

Elder B. E. Beddoe returned from Phoenix, Arizona, the first of the week.

Elder and Mrs. Oscar Hill, of College Place, Wash., and formerly of Santa Ana, are visiting relatives and friends in Southern California.

Elder I. H. Evans, president of the North American Division Conference attended a board meeting of the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Silsbee, formerly students in San Fernando Academy, and who have spent a number of years in the mission field in South Africa, recently returned to California on furlough.

Brother Clyde Lowry, who for a number of years was secretary of the Southern California Tract Society, has recently connected with the Western Oregon Missionary Society, with headquarters in Portland, Ore.

Brother Ernest Lloyd recently returned from an extended trip in the East, where he has been in the interests of the "Signs of the Times." Brother Lloyd reports a large increase in the "Signs" circulation.

Mrs. J. S. James, who, with her husband, Elder James, has spent the past several years in India, recently returned to the States to spend the winter with her two boys who are attending the Pacific Union College. Elder James plans on attending the General Conference.

Dr. F. B. Jones, medical superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium, has left for the East, to take post-graduate medical work. During his absence Dr. W. A. George, of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, will be in charge of the medical work of the St. Helena institution.

Beginning with January 1, 1918, the advertising rates in the "Recorder" will be increased from 50 cents for 50 words or less, to \$1.00 for the first insertion, and 50 cents for each additional insertion if run consecutively. In the past we have unwittingly printed questionable advertisements; hence, in the future, persons unknown to the "Recorder" management must furnish references from a conference laborer or church elder before their advertisements will be allowed to appear in the columns of the "Recorder."

A meeting of the Pacific Union Conference Committee was held at the St. Helena Sanitarium and Pacific Union College, December 16 to 20. Considerable time was spent in prayer for God's guidance and His keeping power over His people in this time of great peril.

It was arranged for the auditing committees of the various conferences to meet early in January and February. Also meetings for church officers in some of the conferences were planned.

After careful consideration it was decided best to postpone the conference sessions until after the General Conference, which will be held in San Francisco, March 29 to April 21, 1918.

Requests were received for the release of a number of workers in the Pacific Union Conference territory to connect with the work in mission and other fields, and these were favorably considered, provided the workers are clear in accepting the calls.

Appropriations were made to the mission fields operated in the Pacific Union Conference; the union conference workers' accounts were audited for 1917, and other business transacted.

The four days of committee work were exceptionally busy ones, but we believe all have returned to their fields much encouraged and with a

deeper determination to see each department of their work make greater progress than ever before.

Continue Conservation

We have been asked to report the results of food saving till the end of 1917. But it is hoped that the habit of food saving, once begun, will continue during the war and after. Secretary McAdoo in his annual report says: "What is of superlative importance in the re-adjustment that must take place is that our people shall be impressed with the necessity of economizing in the consumption of articles of clothing, food, and fuel, and of every other thing which constitutes a drain upon the available supplies, materials, and resources of the country. Everything wasted now is nothing short of criminal. Up to the present there has been a relatively small denial of pleasures, comforts, and conveniences on the part of the average citizen. He is drawing upon the general store of supplies in the country with almost the same freedom as before America came into the war. This can not continue without serious hurt to the nation and to the world."

It was to encourage saving in foods, clothing, fuel, etc., that the secretary arranged for the sale of war-saving stamps, "so that the American people would have the opportunity as well as the direct encouragement to economize and save money by putting within their reach the opportunity of lending their savings, in such small amounts as 25 cents, to their Government." G. H. Heald.

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. God is the great Master-Worker, and by His providence He prepares the way for His great work to be accomplished. He provides opportunities, opens up lines of influence, and channels of working. If His people are watching the indications of His providence, and stand ready to cooperate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished. Their efforts, rightly directed, will produce a hundredfold greater results than can be accomplished with the same means and facilities in another channel where God is not so manifestly working."